

## Andrew Hicks

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My husband and I live at 4023 Mayne Lane - Sandy Point Shores. 1988 my parents (now deceased) recycled a home from Mercer Island which was scheduled to be demolished by moving it by barge to Sandy Point Shores through the mouth of the canal. Something that never could happen now due to the decreased depth and width.

We installed a dock in front of our home, which is immediately adjacent to the mouth of the canal. At the time of installation we had 20' of water under our dock.

Our dock has been used numerous times to assist the US Coast Guard as they rescued boaters. (The coast guard was able to access the harbor with very large vessels)

Lummi tribal members have found safe harbor at our dock after they were either broken down or blown off the water. Our son has even exited the canal in darkness to save a Lummi fisher and his young son (no PFD's or lights onboard) after an equipment failure in bad weather. Lummi fishers frequently use the canal to pull their nets and fix them and their crabbing gear.

Many times the canal has had boaters find their way in during inclement weather to anchor in friendly, calm waters. Disoriented boaters have moored here until they found their bearings. Many times on our dock.

As the depth of the water decreases the temperature must be increasing which should to be a concern for water reliant life.

Safe Sound has a very visible presence here and moors at the Sandy Point Marina. I can only imagine what would happen if they we not close by to attend to any accident. So being unable to leave the canal to attend to a spill could be catastrophic.

The canal provides boating pleasure and commercial access to large numbers of people both members of the Sandy Point Improvement Company, tribal members and other community members.

SAFETY, both environmental and personal is the most important reason to approve the dredging of the Sandy Pt Canal. Having a safe, accessible harbor for boaters, fishers, first responders and the Coast Guard is at stake, which equals LIVES.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ron and Sue Larsen