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To: Whatcom County Planning and Development Commission
5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226

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Subject: Sandy Point harbor entrance dredging.

My wife and I have kept our boat in the harbor for 36 years. In that time, we have seen the entrance narrow and fill in a lot. As of today, our 35 ft. powerboat can only travel the entrance at a plus 4 tide or better.

We have towed a few boats through the entrance. We towed our son's 32 foot powerboat through at 10:00 at night with a ruptured fuel tank. It was extremely dangerous.

We purchased a lot at Sandy Point 4 years ago and hope to retire on it.

The harbor is used by all sorts people and vessels. The refinery crew come in every day. The tribal fishers use it. Many people from the surrounding communities use the boat launch. The marina also has the only pump-out station in the area.

Please approve the dredge work, as the narrow and shallow entrance is an extreme risk to all who use it.

Thank you for reading this letter, and considering the dredge.

Sincerely,

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