

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, January 24, 1996**

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Discussion - Washington State Fish and Wildlife and
Skagit County Public Works Personnel Regarding Boat
Launch Maintenance.**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 24, 1996, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present.

Discussion - Washington State Fish and Wildlife and Skagit County Public Works Personnel Regarding Boat Launch Maintenance.

Cliff Butler, County Road Superintendent, reviewed the history of maintenance by Skagit County, and the uncertainty of who is responsible for each launch. Mr. Butler advised that there are at least 23 boat launches in Skagit County. Mr. Butler briefly reviewed the location of each of these launches and who has historically maintained the boat launches.

A gentleman from the audience identified two additional boat launches. Mr. Butler noted that some of these launches are private, others belong to the State Fish & Wildlife Department. Mr. Butler further described the problems involved with the permitting process along the Wild & Scenic River designation of the Skagit River.

Chairman Anderson reviewed the language in Agreements reached with the Department of Fish & Wildlife in 1989, 1965, and 1953 for maintenance of various boat launches.

Todd Martin, Maintenance Person for State Fish & Wildlife, confirmed that the procedure has been as stated by the Agreements in that the State would reimburse the County for maintenance work performed at the specific boat launches, if the State requests the maintenance.

Chairman Anderson requested Mr. Martin to prepare a letter to the Board giving them direction to do the needed maintenance, and providing billing information to the State, and possible limits. Mr. Martin indicated that he has permits to do this type of work.

Chairman Anderson asked Mr. Martin to work with Cliff Butler to improve communication in this regard.

Several individuals from the audience stated their concerns for various boat launches, most specifically the Gardner Road launch, including such things as illegal garbage dumping, proper methods of grading, control of speeding boats and excessive wake, and the willingness of volunteers to perform much of the maintenance.

George Smith, the Sheriff's Office Sargent in charge of Search & Rescue, noted the need for boat launch maintenance to allow quick access in rescue situations.

Howard Miller, former Skagit County Commissioner, reviewed some of the history of the maintenance of the various boat launches previously discussed.

Dave Rohrer, former Skagit County Commissioner, cautioned the Board that oftentimes the cost of maintenance was not heartily embraced by the State in the past.

Chairman Anderson reconfirmed with Mr. Martin that Mr. Martin would work with Mr. Butler and initiate a letter detailing the proper procedure for billing the State for maintenance of the boat launches as discussed.

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ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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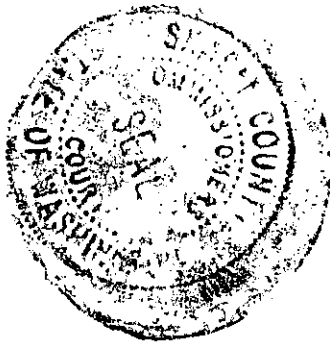
Ted W. Anderson, Chairman



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



Robert Hart, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Debby Sifos, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners