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**Jefferson County requests public comment for the proposed Blackpoint/Pleasant Harbor Master Planned Resort in Brinnon**

**Port Townsend, WA**—Jefferson County’s Department of Community Development (DCD) is requesting public comments to determine what direct, indirect and cumulative impacts should be analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Master Planned Resort in Brinnon at Blackpoint/Pleasant Harbor. This formal process, or “scope” as it’s referred to, begins Wednesday, April 19, 2006 and concludes on Friday, May 19, 2006.

The Statesman Group of Companies, Ltd., and Black Point Properties, LLC, have requested that roughly 250 acres in the Pleasant Harbor/Black Point area of Brinnon, be designated as a Master Planned Resort (MPR) called the Pleasant Harbor Marina and Golf Resort. It would consist of a marina with 290 slips; a planned maritime village with about 180 units and a 10,000 square-foot new commercial village replacing current facilities; an 18-hole golf course with conference, food service, and meeting capabilities; and approximately 1,090 residential units intended primarily for resort use and not as permanent residences.

“The proposed MPR is being reviewed as part of the 2006 Comprehensive Plan Amendment cycle,” said Al Scalf, Director for DCD. “Part of that process requires an Environmental Impact Statement since we’ve determined that the proposal may have a significant impact on the environment. To that point, DCD has identified areas for public discussion in the EIS and is using an expanded scoping process.”

An Open House will be held on Monday, May 8, 2006 at the Brinnon School, located at 46 Schoolhouse Road in Brinnon to review the project and discuss issues in the EIS. From 5-7 p.m. there will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions of the DCD staff and consultants addressing issues such as water systems and supply, drainage, wastewater collection and treatment, transportation/traffic impacts, site design, ecological impacts, emergency services, and archeological, economic and social impacts. From 7-9 p.m. a public meeting will be conducted by Stacie Hoskins, the Responsible Official for SEPA and the Development Services Manager for DCD.

The public is encouraged to attend the Open House and the public meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> and to provide written comments to DCD via e-mail at [planning@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:planning@co.jefferson.wa.us) or mailed to Brent Butler, DCD, 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368. All comments must be received by 5 p.m., May 19, 2006. For further questions, feel free to call Brent Butler at 360.379.4464 or go to the County’s Web site at [www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment](http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment).

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