

News from the County Administrator

A warm hello is extended to all of you in Port Ludlow. I trust you're all enjoying the early signs of spring.

As you know, on February 8th, 2007, Jefferson County Hearing Examiner Irv Berteig delivered a 50-page decision that approved the Port Ludlow **Resort Build-Out and Marina Expansion Project**. This approval was essentially what the County's Department of Community Development (DCD) had recommended in their staff report. The complex application was first heard in a public hearing on January 17th and 18th, 2006. Its three primary components consisted of 1) the Major Resort Plan Revision; 2) the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit; and 3) the Boundary Line Adjustment.

Thirty conditions were set in the decision. One that you might find of interest is that the artificial lagoon or pond has no Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) and that no fence, wall or hedge will be placed "waterward" of it. Another condition states that the "applicant shall provide amenities...." These can include things like a shoreline trail system, relocation of the restaurant, and waterfront commercial facilities like a retail store for the marina or space for a yacht club. It's also worth noting that the applicant initially proposed a 100-slip expansion, but then reduced it to no more than 64 slips to "improve the setback and scenic views from the Scott Dock."

For more information on the decision approved by the Hearing Examiner, a full copy of the decision is available at the DCD office at 621 Sheridan Street.

In early March, Michelle McConnell, DCD's project coordinator for the **Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update**, will be doing a "Road Show" around Jefferson County. The purpose of the Road Show is to bring Jefferson County residents up-to-date on the activities being done for the SMP Update. A full assessment of shoreline features is part of the work Jefferson County, technical and policy advisors, and the County's consultants - ESA Adolfson and Battelle Marine Sciences Laboratory - are doing in coordinating a multi-year project to update the County's Shoreline Master Program. Both technical and policy advisory committees are meeting as needed to assist staff in recommendations for the update.

Dates and locations for the Road Show are as follows: *March 12 – Chimacum*, at the Tri-Area Community Center; *March 13 – Port Ludlow*, at the Beach Club; *March 14 – Brinnon*, at the Brinnon School in their gym; and *March 15 – Queets/Clearwater* at the Queets/Clearwater School in the cafeteria. The times for each location are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. More information is available by calling Michelle at 379.4484 or on the County's Web site at www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/ShorelinePlanning.htm.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at 385-9100 or via e-mail at jfischbach@co.jefferson.wa.us if you have questions or comments.

--John Fischbach, County Administrator