

Resolution Defining the Port of Illahee's Missions

Re: COMMUNITY

Whereas the Port of Illahee was formed 92 years ago (May 20, 1922), primarily in support of the original Illahee dock (built in 1910), and

Whereas at that time the area was remote, without road access, and transportation and freight was via water by the Mosquito Fleet and steamships, and

Whereas when roads replaced the steamships in the 1930's, the primary use of the dock was no longer needed for commerce or transportation, and

Whereas the dock then became a local community asset, and continued as such, except for the 1940's during WWII when the dock became home for a Navy dequassing support group, and

Whereas the Port has been at the center of the community issues over the years and more recently supported community websites, first *illaheecommunity.com* and later their own, *portofillahee.com*, and

Whereas the Port was involved and supportive of the Illahee Community Plan process beginning in 2006 with final adoption in 2008, and continues to support the interests of the community, and

Re: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Whereas the Revised Code of Washington (RCW 53.08.245) requires Washington's ports provide and support economic development within the Port district, and

Whereas the Port district extends inland one to one-and-a-half miles and has only a limited area of commercially zoned property (along the east side of SR 303) that could support any meaningful commercial/industrial economic development opportunities, and

Whereas there have been major changes within the boundaries of the Port recently, which include:

- The transfer of the DNR's 352 acre Illahee School Trust Lands to Kitsap County in 2001 and the establishment of the Illahee Preserve in 2003,
- With additional lands added to the Preserve (90 acres in 2005) with more being planned in the future, and have become part of the Kitsap County Heritage Park system of regional parks.
- The 107 acre Rolling Hills Golf Course gifted to Kitsap County and the Illahee Preserve in 2010, and

Whereas the above major Illahee amenities (including the 75 acre Illahee State Park), representing over 600 acres, have become a local, area, and regional destination point for recreation, which is a recognized economic development category by the State of Washington, and

Re: WATERSHED RESTORATION

Whereas the RCW 53.08.060 allows for the improvement of waters and water ways by which the Port has funded hydrology studies of Illahee Creek, and

Whereas the Port of Illahee obtained a Department of Ecology grant to conduct watershed studies of aquifers and the storm water surges impacting Illahee Creek (and the Dock) (RCW 53.08.420), and

Whereas the Port of Illahee, the Department of Ecology, and the Illahee Preserve and Illahee Community supported the production of a documentary film "Illahee - Saving Puget Sound One Watershed at a Time" describing the actions of the Port and the Illahee Community to protect and restore its watershed, stream, and dock, and

Whereas these efforts resulted in Kitsap County obtaining additional grants and funding to start the ongoing implementation of restoration projects to help control the storm surges, and

Re: SHORELINE RESTORATION

Whereas the Shoreline Management Act of 1971 (RCW 90.58) requires Kitsap County to periodically update its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), and

Whereas the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) is a comprehensive document covering many shoreline issues affecting the shorelines of Illahee and the Port district (identified as being in drift cell 56), and

Whereas the findings of the SMP note that sections of Illahee's shorelines are degraded and in need of restoration, and

Whereas the Port, as a governmental agency, is able to apply for restoration grants to help identify what can be done to help restore the shorelines, and

Re: DOCK IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE

Whereas the Port has over the past 92 years taken care of dock facility and maintenance needs, and

Whereas the Port of Illahee recently acquired waterfront property contiguous to the tidelands and the access road to the dock supporting further recreational opportunities, and

Whereas the Port continues to assess current and future needs of the dock with respect to the community, economic development, watershed and shoreline restoration needs.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Port of Illahee officially acknowledges the following missions (recognizing a communication/educational component to each item):

Community. To support the Illahee Community -- the community that formed the port district giving it authority to levy taxes that benefit the community.

Economic Development. To recognize the Port District has become a local and a regional destination for recreation.

Watershed Restoration. To help promote restoration of the Illahee Creek watershed, a failing culvert (and possible road washout), and the sedimentation impacting Puget Sound and the draft at the Illahee dock.

Shoreline Restoration. To be actively involved with the restoration goals of the Shoreline Master Program.

Dock Improvements & Maintenance. To improve, support and maintain the community dock and surrounding area.

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