



Shilshole Liveboard Association

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Re: Comments on the City of Seattle 2011
Shoreline Master Program (Second Revision)

Dear Ms. Glowacki:

As you know, the Shilshole Liveboard Association ("SLA") is the representative body of approximately 600 Seattle residents who make their homes at Shilshole Bay Marina. We write in response to the request for public comment on the City of Seattle's 2011 Second Revised Draft Shoreline Master Program ("SMP2"). The SLA wishes to communicate that it fully supports the revised definition of "liveboard," elimination of the 25% proposed liveboard cap at recreational marinas, and the requirement that marina operators adopt and facilitate the use of Best Management Practices ("BMPs") in every marina in the SMP area.

The SLA would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Department of Planning and Development ("DPD") for maintaining a transparent process for communicating with and seeking feedback from the communities affected by the SMP2. Posting notices on its website, allowing email users to subscribe to update notices, and providing complete documents for review have all contributed to a productive exchange of ideas and information between the DPD and the community. Your personal efforts to reach out to affected stakeholders also added immeasurable value to the process.

In connection with the DPD's requirement that marinas require all boaters to utilize Best Management Practices ("BMPs"), we appreciate the additional guidance provided in the SMP2. As we are sure the DPD recognizes, the SLA believes that there will be a "learning curve" associated with compliance with this requirement by Seattle area marinas. In this regard, the SLA is currently at

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work developing a training outline and general BMP guidelines for use by marinas with their tenants – both permanent and transient. In keeping with our educational mission, we will be posting this information on our website and making volunteers available to provide training upon request. We also welcome the opportunity to interface with the DPD in familiarizing its interested staff with the training and resource materials, and would welcome your feedback to ensure that the training meets both the letter and spirit of the new BMP requirements.

In conclusion, we understand that our concerns represent a small share of the issues confronting the DPD in revising the City of Seattle's Shoreline Master Plan. We nonetheless express our appreciation for the time and consideration given to these matters and offer our support for the revisions discussed above.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if we can provide any assistance.

Sincerely,

SHILSHOLE LIVEBOARD ASSOCIATION

By: 
Gail M. Luhn, President

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