



# City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

## Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation

Kenneth R. Bounds, Superintendent

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Enclosed is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Central Waterfront Master Parks Plan. This document includes analyses previously presented in the Draft EIS that was issued June 27, 2006 as well as public comment on that document and our responses to such comments.

At this time, Seattle Parks and Recreation staff has recommended that the Multi-Use Pier Alternative serve as the basis for a master plan for parks on the central waterfront. This recommendation would include removal of the present Pier 62/63, redevelopment of a new pier nearer the Seattle Aquarium to support various civic uses, and creation of an intertidal bench along the Alaskan Way seawall. Structural repairs would be undertaken at Waterfront Park, which would also be modified to improve its appearance and use. In the long term, Waterfront Park would be removed to allow for an expansion of the Aquarium and for extensive intertidal marine habitat enhancement on the waterfront.

**This staff recommendation will be reviewed by the Board of Parks Commissioners at their meeting on the evening of October 26. Following a presentation on this staff recommendation, the Board will hold a public hearing to receive public testimony. This presentation and hearing will be held at the Seattle Parks and Recreation Administration Building in Denny Park, at 100 Dexter Avenue North, starting at 6:00 p.m.**

I expect the Board to comment on this recommendation at their following meeting on November 9 and I will then make my recommendation afterwards to the Mayor, along with draft legislation to adopt the plan. The Seattle City Council should take action to approve this master plan in early 2007.

Should you have any questions on this plan, please contact David Graves, Senior Planner, at 684-7048.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Bounds,  
Superintendent

