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POLICY and PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE 2006-03

JACKSON'S BEACH BARGE ACCESS

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PURPOSE: To set interim guidelines for the use of the newly acquired (July 2006) Jackson's Beach Property by mineral aggregate barges.

POLICY: Three landings per year are allowed at the beach. Each barge constitutes a landing. Every landing, whether public or private, shall follow the rules set out in this directive. This interim policy shall remain in effect until further notice.

This directive is intended to ensure that Policies and Goals set out in the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) Shoreline Master Program (Section 3.5.N) and the Transportation Element of the Comp Plan (Section 6.4) are met.

DEFINITIONS:

"Jackson's Beach" means property on San Juan Island owned and managed by San Juan County described in the legal description given below:

Those portions of Government Lots 2 and 3 in Section 24, Township 35 North, Range 3 West, W.M., in San Juan County, Washington, described as follows:

That portion of said Government Lot 2 lying East of the West line of Government Lot 2 and North of a line described as, beginning at a point where the center line of the existing County Road intersects the East line of Government Lot 2;

THENCE North 84°40' West to the Westerly boundary line of said Government Lot 2;

EXCEPT that portion of Government Lot 2 of Section 24, Township 35 North, Range 3 West, W.M., San Juan Island, County of San Juan, State of Washington, lying Northerly of the centerline of the existing Pear Point County Road, and Southerly and easterly of the following described line:

Commencing at a 1-inch diameter iron pipe found as described by instrument recorded under Auditor's File Nos. 873311 and 120204 records of said county, as marking the Northeast Corner of said Section 24, from which a 3/4 inch diameter iron pipe found as described by instrument recorded under Auditor's File No. 87330, records of said county, as marking the Witness Corner to the Southeasterly Meander Corner of said Section 24 bears South 0°11'04" West, THENCE from said Northeast Corner of Section 24 along the Northerly boundary of said Section 24 North 89°44'19" West, 1321.92 feet to the Northerly corner common to Government Lots 1 and 2 of said Section 24; THENCE leaving said Northerly boundary and along the common boundary of said Government Lots 1 and 2 South 0°13'39" West, 333.57 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING of said line, said point also being the Northwesterly corner of that certain tract described by instrument recorded under Auditor's File No. 2000 1113005, records of said county; THENCE leaving said common boundary and along said line North 89°31'45" West, 8.05 feet to a point marked by a 5/8" diameter rebar set in an existing fence line; THENCE along and adjacent to said fence line South 0°18'10" West, 228.73 feet to a point marked by a 5/8" diameter rebar; THENCE continuing South 0°18'10" West, 26 feet, more or less, to a point on the centerline of the existing traveled Pear Point County Road, said point being the Point of Termination of said line, said parcel extending Southerly to said centerline.

EXCEPT County Road rights of way.

AND that portion of said Government Lot 3 lying North of Pear Point Road; AND ALSO that portion of said Government Lot 3 lying North and East of the following described line:

Commencing at a point which is 229 feet North and 208 feet East (also of record as 209 feet East) of the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter in Section 13 of said township and range;

"Barge" is defined in the San Juan County Code at 12.08.020 as 'a vessel, to be distinguished from freight ferries by their practice of carrying bulk cargoes of single or aggregate materials, which may be piled loose on the deck, and which cargoes require ramp intermediate off-loading procedures.'

"Barge Landing" for the purposes of this directive only, means the arrival, unloading, and transfer of mineral aggregates from a single vessel/barge in the water to the land at a barge landing site.

"Barge Landing Site" is defined in the San Juan County Code at 18.20.020 as 'any location established for the purpose of landing a barge (including powered landing craft) for more than a single, temporary use.'

"Director" means the Department Director, Deputy Director or their designee.

"Property" means the same as Jackson's Beach.

"Public" means San Juan County, a Municipal Corporation in the State of Washington.

“Private” means any person, corporation, business, or other entity that is not ‘public’.

“Applicant” means a person, business, corporation or other entity that has applied for a barge landing.

“Year” means the calendar year beginning January 1st and ending December 31st.

PROCEDURES: The following procedures will be used for determining who may land a barge at the Jackson’s Beach Barge Landing site and the rules that must be followed when landing, unloading, and departing a barge.

Determining who may receive Barge Access

1. The Director shall determine the equitable use of the three allowable barge landings each year.
2. In accordance with the general policies of the Comp Plan Marine Transportation Element (Section 6.4) barge access shall “serve first the needs of island residents.” To this end, San Juan County reserves to itself the use of any and all available barge landings in a given year.
3. If in the opinion of the Director, San Juan County will not need all of the available barge landings he shall publish notice of availability of barge landings at least twice, in successive weeks, in the official publication of the County. The Director shall also add a category to the County Small Works Roster called “Barge Landings” and shall solicit applications from those who may be interested in using the barge landing. Small Works Roster vendors shall be notified directly by mail when a landing becomes available.
4. Any requestor interested in using the barge landing site shall make application, on forms provided by the County, for the specific landing(s) available and announced by the Director.
5. The Director shall assign the right to use the barge landing to the applicant who, in the opinion of the Director, has provided the best application based on the following criteria:
 - a. Need
 - b. Prior use of the barge landing
 - c. Willingness to share resources with others in need
 - d. Past record of barge landing rule compliance
 - e. Ability to use the assigned landing within 120 days of assignment.
6. All applications received will be kept on file for 12 months, at which time they shall expire.
7. Barge landing assignments shall be active for 120 days. If the actual landing does not take place within 120days of notice, the assignment shall be null and void and a replacement applicant will be chosen.

Rules for Using the Barge Landing Site

Rules apply to all barge landings at the barge landing site whether public or private. Failure to carefully follow these rules may result in disqualification for future barge landing assignments.

1. Hours of operation shall be 7 AM to 7 PM Monday through Friday. Operation includes all activities, including ground equipment and truck operation, which move aggregate from the barge to the beach and/or from the beach off the property.
2. No storage of materials will be allowed on the property.
3. Lights, other than those attached to equipment and/or vessels will not be allowed.
4. A traffic management plan must be prepared for review and approval by the County Engineer. The traffic management plan should include proper flaggers, signage and traffic routing to ensure safe ingress and egress at the property.
5. Dust control methods may be required by the County Engineer.
6. Barge operators are required to secure all necessary permits and show proof of proper permits acceptable to the San Juan County Department of Community Development and Planning prior to landing a barge.
7. The beach shall be restored to the pre-landing condition and shall be inspected and approved by the county engineer.

REFERENCES: