Working Waterfronts and Waterways
A National Network, a National Symposium and a Case Study in Tacoma

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Topics
• Setting the Stage – Nicole Faghin, Washington Sea Grant
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Aquaculture in OR

Yaquina, OR Floats

Historic Maritime Culture

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Historic Net Sheds, WA
Working Waterfronts: The Balancing Act

Three Competing Interests of Shorelines:
- Public Access
- Water Oriented Uses
- Environment

Defining Working Waterfront
- Key elements of a working waterfront:
  - Water dependency,
  - Commercial enterprise,
  - And a balanced diversity of successful businesses.

Working Waterfront Key Components
- Key Components:
  - Ship and boat manufacturing
  - Boat yards and shipyards
  - Boat and ship suppliers
  - Ship boat repair and maintenance
  - Marinas
  - Boat charter
  - Boat storage
  - Non-marina boat storage facilities
  - Aquaculture
  - Historic Maritime Community
  - Public Access Interests
  - Shellfish Industry
  - Sustainable Fisheries Community

Building a National Network to Support Working Waterfronts
- Caitlin Cleaver
  - Policy Analyst
  - Island Institute
  - Rockland, Maine

Creating Networks
- New Efforts with Working Waterfronts and Public Access
**Competing interests**

- Overcrowding due to population growth
- Displacement of traditional water-dependent uses by high-value residential and commercial uses
- Costs of maintaining water access
- User conflicts
- Loss of commercial and recreational access
- Loss of maritime heritage

**Coming together**

*Boston, MA, August 2011*

Objectives for a “network”

- Research, educate and celebrate working waterfronts;
- Provide access to historical, economic, financial and policy information, local to national;
- Maintain and strengthen a diverse network of partners.

**1st National Working Waterfronts and Waterways Symposium (2007)**

*Norfolk, Virginia, 2007*

2007 Symposium: identify and describe problems to find common ground between diverse water-dependent industries

**2nd National Working Waterfronts and Waterways Symposium (2010)**

*Portland, Maine 2010*

The Working Waterways and Waterfronts National Symposium on Water Access 2010 will help communities, organizations, businesses, and individuals address waterfront access challenges by showcasing successful models and tools from around the country.

**Themes of the 2010 Symposium**

- **PROGRESS** – From 2007 to 2010
- **OPPORTUNITY** – programs, policies, efforts
- **FLEXIBILITY** – evolving dynamics, adaptive solutions

**Evaluation Survey 2010**

Do you think another Water Access Conference would be of value? **YES!**

Would you like to see the program in another location? **YES!**

- Gulf or West Coast

What are the information needs?

- Legislation/regulation
- Planning/Strategies
- Funding
Sixth largest ocean economy in United States - $8.3 billion
• Almost 150,000 employed
• Home to nation’s largest fishing fleet
• Among top shellfish producers, with harvests of over 85 million pounds
• 4 of the 5 largest estuaries on the West Coast
• Over 2,000 miles of marine shoreline

Washington issues
Strong Maritime Economy
Need for infrastructure investment
Coastal crowding caused by a combination of population growth, property value increases, and sea level rise
Population in coastal counties increased an average of 48% from 1999 to 2003

Who we asked
Water-dependent industrial, including power plants
Edible and non-edible development and production (oil, gas, wind)
Coastal military/other government facilities
Cultural/tourism/education facility (museum, aquarium)
Market (local seafood, produce, etc)
County or municipal government
Navigation district or port authority
Harbor Master
Federal or state agency
Environmental or maritime consultant
Attorney
Marine and boating industry
Researcher or student
Recreational user
Commercial fishing processing industry
Tourism industry
Sealer
Non-profit
Sea Grant
Private

Themes for 2013
Theme I: The Economics of Working Waterfronts
Theme II: Financial and Other Strategies for Enhancing Working Waterfronts’ Economic Viability
Theme III: Public Outreach Strategies for the Working Waterfront
Theme IV: Strategies to Accommodate Diverse Uses
Theme V: Legislative Issues and Opportunities for Working Waterfronts and Waterfront Access
Theme VI: Design Innovations For The Working Waterfront
Theme VII: Social and Cultural Aspects of Working Waterfronts

Who should attend?
Local, regional, tribal and national decision-makers;
Members of the port, commercial fishing, marine, and tourism industries, developers and property owners;
Business owners, planners, advocates
YOU!
Why attend?
Sharing ideas and solutions (national, state, local)
Better understanding of diversity of users and those addressing waterfront issues across the country
Interactions with leaders from across the country
Connections to the NWWN
Awesome field trips!

Field Trips
Port of Tacoma Tour
Tacoma Waterfront Walk
Commencement Bay Boat/Kayak Tour
Port of Seattle including Fishermen’s Terminal
Gig Harbor Tour
Taylor Shellfish Aquaculture Tour
Overnight Tour to Astoria, Oregon
Overnight Tour to Portland, Oregon

Submit!
Submission Deadline: October 5, 2012 extended to October 19
Notification of Acceptance: November 30, 2012
Presenter Acceptance of Session: January 4, 2013
Should you submit?
- Individuals, groups and communities with experience in planning and implementing strategies for sustaining working waterfronts
Registration opens early November!

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Thanks!
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Tacoma’s East Thea Foss Waterway
- Planning Context
- Planning Initiatives
- Fitting the Pieces Together

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Planning Context: Regional Growth Centers
- Downtown
- Port/Industrial Area

Planning Context: Neighboring Districts
- Dome District
- UW Tacoma
- IFSA
- West Foss/Museum District
- Port of Tacoma

Planning Context: Foss Waterway Vision
- ABC’s of waterfront development: Access, Boating, and Character
- Mixed-use community
- Maintain working waterfront character and activity

Planning Initiatives: Public Access System

Planning Initiatives: Foss Waterway Design Guidelines
- Building Sites
- Public Spaces
- Site Details
Areas Subject to Design Guidelines

Planning Initiatives: Innovative Partnership Zone
- Urban Clean Water Technology
- Anchor: Center for Urban Waters
- Partnerships
  - UW Tacoma
  - Port of Tacoma
  - Economic Development Board
  - South Puget Sound Community College
  - Institute for Urban Environmental Education
  - Parametrix/Geoengineers/CH2M Hill

Planning Initiatives: South Downtown Subarea Plan
- SEPA Planned Action

Planning Initiatives: Container Port Element
- ESHB 1959 Growth Management Act Amendment (2009)

Planning Initiatives: Transportation Partnerships
- Tideflats Area Transportation Study (TATS)
- I-509 Slip Ramp
- Murray Morgan Bridge Rehabilitation
- Puyallup Avenue Bridge Replacement

Fitting the Pieces Together
- Efforts are mutually supportive
Thank you!

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