

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY



VESSEL with Washington Registration #WN4154H

The Authorized Public Entity (Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission) declared the vessel with Washington Registration #WN4154H, as abandoned. The vessel is a brown and white, 33-foot motor pleasure craft moored on a Park owned moorage dock at Cornet Bay, WA, within Island County.

Washington State Parks, acting as an authorized public entity with the authority granted in RCW 79.100, intends to take custody of the vessel on **8/19/2024**. After taking custody of the vessel, Washington State Parks may use or dispose of it without further notice to the owner.

In order to keep the vessel, before the Custody Date, the owner must:

- Get authorization to moor or anchor the vessel in its current location, or
- Move it to an anchorage area, moorage facility, or storage location that authorizes the vessel.
- Remove the vessel from the water.

If the owner wants to reclaim the vessel after Washington State Parks has custody or wants to challenge Washington State Parks's decision to take custody, the owner must file a written appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) and serve a copy on Washington State Parks. Addresses are in the boxes below:

Pollution Control Hearings Board (send one original and one copy)Physical address:1111 Israel Road, Ste. 301		Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	
Mailing address:	Tumwater, WA 98501 PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903	Mailing address:	Olympia, WA 98504-2650
Phone:	360-664-9160	Phone:	(360) 902-8844

The appeal must include the following information:

- A copy of this notice or a copy of the notification letter to the owner.
- Your name and address (mailing and legal, if different) and, if applicable, the name and address of your representative.
- A daytime phone number.
- A brief statement why you are appealing.
- A statement of what you want the Pollution Control Hearings Board to do.
- Your signature or that of your representative. This signature certifies that the content of the appeal is true.

See <u>https://eluho.wa.gov/</u>or call the PCHB at the number above with appeal questions.

The owner may submit the appeal immediately, but the PCHB must <u>receive</u> it no later than **09/18/2024**. The owner waives the right to a hearing if the PCHB does not receive an appeal on or before the Appeal Date. The owner is then liable for any costs incurred by Washington State Parks in responding to the vessel.

These costs may include all administrative costs incurred by Washington State Parks, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel. If there is a law suit, the successful party may receive reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

Washington State Parks also may pursue any other remedies available under law. For example, Washington State Parks may take temporary possession of the vessel under the circumstances described in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 79.100.040(3). You can find a copy of this law online at http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=79.100 .

For more information, contact Nathan Anderson at Deception Pass State Park at 360-675-3767 or Nathan.Anderson@parks.wa.gov