

*Sandy Point Dredge Committee*  
*4693 Sucia Dr.*  
*Ferndale, WA 98248*

In May of 2014 a group of Sandy Point residents began working to improve the entrance to our harbor which has become very difficult and dangerous to transit at all but high water. The Sandy Point Dredge Committee was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation with a six-member Board of Directors operating under our bylaws.

We are moving forward with an interior maintenance dredge plan. A major step was the March 2016 submission of a JARPA (Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application) to the Army Corps of Engineers. The JARPA outlines the need for dredging and how it will be carried out. The proposed dredge area is entirely within the harbor on privately owned land held in fee and will not include tideland or exterior dredging.

Preparing the JARPA involved surveying, sampling, biological assessment, and a substantial amount of engineering work. We met all the Corps requirements and they approved our application for submittal to the other governmental bodies. **This was a major milestone in moving the dredge project forward.**

We have submitted permit applications to Whatcom County Planning and Development for their approval. These applications involve SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act), and various shoreline permit applications. Whatcom County will ultimately be the governmental body that issues the dredge permit.

The dredge project is an expensive undertaking and can only be completed if we have the continued financial support of the community. The Sandy Point harbor is a valuable resource for the entire community. The condition of the harbor entrance affects everyone's property values and we are asking all property owners and harbor users to contribute to the project. The Board has established a suggested minimum initial contribution, based on property value, of 0.2% of assessed value for properties in the harbor and canal system. This contribution would be only \$800 on a \$400,000 property. We are requesting 0.1% of assessed value from all other properties. If there are excess funds remaining after completion of the project they will be reimbursed to contributor on a *pro rata* basis. We also expect to recoup some of the costs of dredging from the expected sale of the dredged gravel material

As a contributor, you will become a member of the Sandy Point Dredge Committee. The Board of Directors will share all financial information with the membership to show you that your funds are being spent responsibly. We will also make the donor list public so those who are in support of the effort will be properly recognized. We will withhold the names of those who wish to remain anonymous.

When making your contribution please include the information we will need to keep you up-to-date on progress.

Thank you,  
Sandy Point Dredge Committee Board of Directors  
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Jim Kolbo,  
Ron Jepson,  
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My contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Please make checks payable to: **Sandy Point Dredge Committee**  
**4693 Sucia Dr. Ferndale WA 98248**

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