



## Tacoma Shoreline Master Program Workshop

### WATER-DEPENDENT USE ANALYSIS

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS – October 23, 2008

- A. Views of the shoreline from upland properties are need to be considered. While shoreline vegetation is important, attention should be paid to tree spacing, height, and bulk. This is especially an issue in the summer when foliage significantly obscures views.
- B. Point Defiance Park should be made to be more like Stanley Park in Vancouver, BC, especially how users of Stanley Park have expansive views in many directions.
- C. There is a need for facilities to hand launch boats. In addition to water access, such launching areas should include restrooms.
- D. The S8 shoreline district outside of 11<sup>th</sup> Street should be re-designated as S10.
- E. Explore ways to develop a public access trail past the Port of Tacoma Grain Terminal and Sperry Dock. The recreational trail running past the Port of Seattle grain elevator (north of Myrtle Edwards Park in Seattle) provides a good example of how that could be accomplished.
- F. Find another location for the Ready Reserve fleet ships than at the Sperry Dock. If Sperry Dock is privately owned, perhaps more lucrative uses could be developed. (Note: alternative sites are not available for uses like the Ready Reserve fleet since deep water sites along the Tacoma Waterfront are limited).
- G. Concern that paddling uses of the Thea Foss Waterway would be incompatible with the larger recreational boats that use the waterway; in particular that the waterway is not wide enough for rowing crews to co-exist with the other vessels.