



ENVIROSTARS

Success Story

Port of Bellingham – Blaine Harbor Marina

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“We’re taking care of our environment and our waters – it just shows that we care.”

- Pam Taft, Harbormaster

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Blaine Harbor Marina points to its “zero - discharge” policy as just one reason for its 5-star status.

The Port of Bellingham staff use many different methods to prevent hazardous chemicals from running into Blaine Bay. Some techniques include:

- Motor oil recycling stations for Port employees and boating tenants;
- Non-chemical weed control whenever possible: weeds are kept in check with trimmers or pressure washing;
- Careful monitoring of hazardous purchases: the Port buys the least-hazardous chemicals available for maintenance jobs;
- Many spill clean-up stations stocked with supplies, just in case they are needed; and
- A waste management reference center for visitors and tenants.

Blaine Harbor Marina acts as its own detective agency when any abandoned hazardous materials are found. If they can’t find the owner, Harbor staff properly dispose of the wastes at the local Disposal of Toxics facility.

It is more than hazardous waste management however, that inspires Marina staff.

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They are so dedicated to clean water in Blaine Bay that they have taken extraordinary steps such as distributing Washington State’s “Best Management Practices” to all boaters including those in moorage agreements. Blaine Harbor Marina also helped develop a “Clean Boating Pledge” program for all Port tenants.

In addition, staff have developed a unique project that helps keep bird droppings out of rainwater, since it is common for gulls and their feathered friends to perch on the fish processing warehouses near the harbor. The Marina helped install “bioplanters” on the downspouts of Port buildings. These act as filters that help remove seabird waste from the runoff that pours off warehouse rooftops.

For its commitment to community education, along with its efforts to safely manage hazardous waste, the Blaine Harbor Marina receives this