



Public Boat Tour Reviews Waterway Cleanup & Waterfront Development Plans

The Port of Bellingham, RE Sources and the Whatcom County Parks Department hosted a boat tour of the Whatcom Waterway on June 30. More than 70 people turned out on a beautiful, sunny evening to learn about cleanup options in the Whatcom Waterway to deal with mercury contamination. The group also heard about the recommendations from the Waterfront Futures Group.

Presentations were made by Lucy McInerney, Department of Ecology's project manager for the waterway cleanup; Mike Stoner, port environmental director, Wendy Steffensen, baykeeper for RE Sources and Patrica Decker, director of the Waterfront Futures Group city/port project.

People aboard the boat had lots of great questions about the cleanup projects and waterfront redevelopment. The tour boat, Island Caper, idled alongside the Georgia Pacific Corp. property that the port is considering acquiring. For many people it was their first opportunity to take a close look at the property.

Additional bay tours covering other topics are scheduled for later this summer.

