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### Report from the manager

#### Clam Harvest

"The Tulalip Tribes intend to conduct tribal harvests on July 29 & 30 and August 9, 2003. Harvests will be conducted only in accordance with duly promulgated tribal regulations and applicable orders of the Federal District Court. As stipulated in the Court's Implementation Order, the Tulalip Tribes are legally entitled to one-half of the harvestable shellfish on tidelands adjacent to our property, except those shellfish in staked and cultivated beds, as those terms were defined by Federal District Court."

#### Elsie M II

The barge repairs are progressing. The hole in the bottom is being repaired in the shipyard. The engines and transmissions appear to operating OK. We are keeping an eye on one of the turbo chargers. By the time you receive this paper the barge should be up and running again.

I would like to thank Mike Worthy, Jan Kaufmann, Steve Hesby, Will Gleason all from the fire department, Chuck Bright, Randy, Joe and Linda Ebner, Ken Baxter, Brad Tinius, Jim and Barb Conwell, Roger Thomas, Dave Younce, Bill Windsor, and Matt Surowiecki for helping get the Elsie unloaded, cleaned, pumped out, and ready for the mechanic to start up the engines. I would like to also thank all those people who asked to help but were not needed.

#### Thank You's'

I would like to thank Joe Ebner for painting the marina ramps with non-skid. Linda Ebner for weed whacking in the marina. Ron Near for cutting greens and maintaining the duck pond area. Dale Defoor, George Harmon, and Larry Bender for working on the golf course sprinkler system and to George Harmon for continuing to cut tee boxes and approaches.

#### Reminder

The ferry will run Friday July 4th as per the regular weekend schedule.

#### Cancellations

There will be no community meeting in July due the holiday weekend. The Fire Bunnies have cancelled the pancake breakfast on Sunday July 6th.

#### RO Update

The accountant has completed the audit as required by the state for the close out of the project. Total Project cost was \$810,346.99. The reason for the difference between the accountant figure and my figure is I included interest already paid on the loan.

#### July 4th Celebration

Fireworks will only be displayed on July 4th in the ball park area. The fire department will have the aid car and fire truck on hand during this event.

### ISLAND RULES

1. No Hunting or target practice with firearms on the island.
2. No children allowed to remain on the island without adult supervision. Children are defined as under 18 years of age.
3. Island speed limit 15 MPH – 5 mph in the marina.
4. Autos and trucks not to be operated by anyone not holding a valid Washington State motor vehicle operator permit.
5. Motor cycles and motor bikes limited to 90cc.
6. Motorized vehicles other than accepted standardly designed golf carts, are prohibited on the golf course.
7. Golf course users must sign in and pay golf course green fees as posted via sign in sheet/honor box envelopes.
8. Fires permitted in barbecue pit in the marina only, or by permit from Fire District #27

YOUR COOPERATION IS REQUESTED TO PERMIT OUR ISLAND TO BE ENJOYED BY ALL OF US.

## HIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was held on Saturday, June 7th, 2003 at the Hat Island Community Picnic Area. Board President Larry Petersen called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. All Board members were present.

Minutes: A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes from the May meeting as printed in the View Point.

Treasurer's report: Linda Ebner presented the Treasurers report. The report was accepted as presented. She also made the following announcement:

"As you all know, the LCM partially sank a week ago last Friday (May 30th) in the marina with a 45,000 pound truck on board. Through heroic efforts from our fire department, the owner, driver and mechanic of the truck, Chuck Bright and his equipment, Ken Baxter, Matt Suroweicki with his equipment, and Skip, the truck was removed and the LCM saved. Needless to say there was damage to both vehicles. We have reached an agreement with Cuz Concrete to pay for the repairs to the truck, pay the driver and the mechanics. The approximate amount to complete all repairs to the truck will be \$20,000.00. (Our deductible is \$10,000.00) It will cost approximately the same amount to tow and repair the LCM. There are only six insurance carriers that carry vessel insurance. At this time we have insurance through three different companies at 25%, 25% and 50%. We have already had a claim within this last year with pay out from insurance of \$68,000.00 to cover the dump truck that also sank in our marina. Our insurance coverage went up this year from \$12,000.00 to approximately \$20,000.00. ecause of this, we have not and do not intend to make a claim with our insurance company for fear of being cancelled."

She went on to explain that funds for this are available in part from the special assessment and also from the 10% reserve account.

Recommendations were made to install pylons to tie off the boat when at the ramp.

Golf: George Alecci reported that a group of volunteers were in the process of repairing sprinklers on the greens. It was noted that the size of the greens had progressively shrunk over the years to where some of the sprinklers that are normally along the edges of the greens were now as much as sixteen feet away. Work will proceed to reclaim the lost green sizes.

A request was also made to post a sign saying "Have you signed in and have you paid?" This is in response to people noticing that there are golfers on the course that have not signed in. It was suggested also that maybe there should be a golf marshal on duty to prevent this.

Vessels: Merrill Balanag noted that the Elsie M would be put in dry dock on the 12th and should be back in service by the 18th. She also related that the ferry schedule on Friday, July 4th would be run the same as the Saturday/Sunday schedule instead of the normal Friday run because of the holiday.

Maintenance/Equipment: Bob Cook stated that all equipment is operational.

Marina: Charlotte Maulsby announced that the ramps would be painted with non-skid paint next week. Also, ladders will be built for the docks. It was noted that the dock lights that are currently not working are being repaired.

Water: Melody Smith again sought a motion to accept the RO project as completed. The motion was previously tabled due to questions about the fines for the delay in delivery of the pumps. She informed that the fines could only go to cover actual costs incurred from the delay and we could not, as a publicly funded project, benefit from these fees. The fines that were paid by the manufacturer went directly to the contractors who had to reschedule and remobilize because of the delays.

The motion was restated, seconded and passed to accept the RO project as completed. A question was asked as to whether the water was chlorinated. It is not, but the system was installed so that in the future, when and if we are required to do so, we will be able to.

Old Business: There was a discussion about the need to permit for direct discharge of the RO system. It is not required because for now the discharge pond fulfills that function, but if we wish to ever direct discharge and remove the pond, it should be done now before regulatory requirements completely prohibit it. The first step is to obtain an eel grass study, which we also need to get for the marina dredge. We can save money by getting both studies done at the same time so we will proceed with that step.

The Division H road project will proceed with a vote to the Division H property owners to approve a special assessment to pay half of the costs to do the permitting and repairs needed on that road. This vote will be immediately followed by a vote to the entire community to approve paying for the other half. This project entails continuing the repairs to the block wall as previously done to the remainder of the road and adding a 6 foot high, 6 foot wide pile of rock at the base of the block to break wave action. The costs are anticipated to be between \$200,000 and \$300,000 for this work. Nothing will start until there is approval of a payment plan by the community, but these votes will be issued as quickly as possible so we can move forward with the project. In the event these votes are approved, the costs to Division H property owners would be between \$2,083.33 and \$2,604.17 per lot. The other half of the cost to the entire community (including Division H property owners) would be between \$105.26 and \$84.21 per lot.

New Business: A request was made to republish the rules relating to ATVs.

Announcements: The Tulalip Tribes will be harvesting clams. Dates are available at the office if interested.

The community board meeting on July 5th is cancelled.

Because of the extreme low tides on June 14th, and 15th, there will be no 10:00/11:00 ferry run.

It was decided to sell the community's lot C-14 to an interested party. We will still own two other C lots.

Because of the barge being out of service, there will be a 10-gallon per lot per week limit on gas. This will only last until we can get the gas truck to the mainland to refuel.

Fireworks will be allowed in the marina field area only on the 4th of July only. The community and the fire department appreciate your compliance.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merrill Balanag, Secretary

## **Your point of view**

### **A Big Thank You:**

The Island really came together as one during the mishap of the Elsie M 11 sinking. The fire Department, volunteer help and all the support from the on lookers. A special thanks to Matt Surowiecki and his equipment. Without his help the Island would have to spend a lot of money to American Construction to unload the Elsie and do the work Mr. Surowiecki did. Thanks Matt William and Zona Wyatt

## **What's the hurry!**

There have been a number of complaints about people on ATV's, and in cars driving much past the speed limit all over the island.

The island speed limit is 15 miles per hour. In the marina and on the beaches the speed limit is 5 miles per hour. The only exception is in the area below the gravel pit , from Sunset park to Division N. (North Beach).

It is now summer and the dust is high and children are every where.

**Obey the speed limits.**

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