
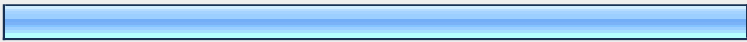

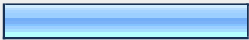

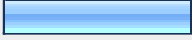
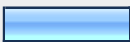
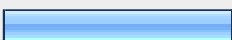
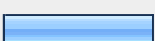
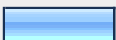


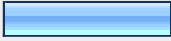


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1. Please select the following statement which best describes your situation.			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Members of my immediate or extended family were Hat Island property owners before me		18.0%	41
I am the first in my family to own property on Hat Island		82.0%	187
		<i>answered question</i>	228
		<i>skipped question</i>	7

2. Please select the following statement(s) which best describe how frequently you make visits to the island.			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Live on the island fulltime		5.7%	13
Weekend on the island year-round		26.6%	61
Occasionally weekend on the island		24.5%	56
Make day trips to the island		20.5%	47
Summer on the island and winter elsewhere		13.5%	31
Weekend on the island many summer weekends		24.9%	57
Spend one or two weeks a year on the island		16.2%	37
Rarely or don't visit the island		11.8%	27
		<i>answered question</i>	229
		<i>skipped question</i>	6

3. Please select the statement which best describes how you to get to the island.

		Response Percent	Response Count
I primarily use the Hat Island Ferry to get to the island		28.9%	65
I primarily get to the island by private boat		52.9%	119
I use both a private boat and the Hat Island Ferry equally for getting to the island		18.2%	41
		answered question	225
		skipped question	10

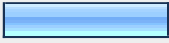
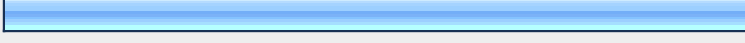
4. Please select the following statement(s) which best indicates your current building plans within the next five years and indicate the number of responses for each statement.

Division	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
I currently own a home on Hat Island	10.3% (16)	10.3% (16)	0.0% (0)	1.9% (3)	4.5% (7)	5.8% (9)	11.6% (18)	14.8% (23)	3.9% (6)
I plan to build a home on Hat Island in the next five years	10.3% (4)	17.9% (7)	0.0% (0)	2.6% (1)	5.1% (2)	15.4% (6)	10.3% (4)	5.1% (2)	0.0% (0)
I do not plan to build on Hat Island in the next five years	13.2% (5)	10.5% (4)	5.3% (2)	0.0% (0)	2.6% (1)	7.9% (3)	5.3% (2)	2.6% (1)	5.3% (2)



5. Please select the statements that best describe the golf course usage for members of your household.

Frequency of Use					
	Frequently - At least 1x a month	Regularly - 6-12x a year	Occasionally - 6x a year or less	Rarely - 1-2x a year	Do/does the golf
I use the golf course	12.8% (23)	11.7% (21)	23.5% (42)	22.3% (40)	26.8%
My spouse/significant other uses the golf course	8.3% (13)	12.2% (19)	16.0% (25)	19.2% (30)	36.5%
My children or other members of my household use the golf course	1.3% (2)	2.6% (4)	17.8% (27)	33.6% (51)	29.6%
I bring guests to the golf course	1.2% (2)	4.2% (7)	19.3% (32)	46.4% (77)	21.7%


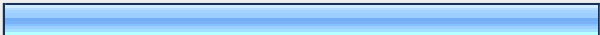
6. The recent ferry rate increase combined with last year's golf rate increase has once again raised the philosophical question of how we fund the island and the services provided. Historically funding decisions have favored the application of user fees as a means to keep assessments low. Which of the following two statements come closest to describing your view on how we should fund the basic operations and services of the island?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Property assessments should be set high enough to fund the majority of the costs associated with island services so that user fees are kept to a minimum.		18.0%	39
User fees should continue to be used to cover most of the cost of individual services to homeowners thus keeping general property assessments as low as possible.		82.0%	178
		<i>answered question</i>	217
		<i>skipped question</i>	18

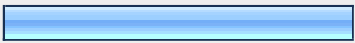
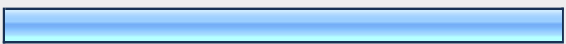
7. Owners of multiple adjoining lots currently pay full assessments on each of those lots. Should owners of those lots be offered an incentive through a discounted assessment rate (i.e. somewhat less than the combined rate that they currently pay for each lot individually) if they choose to legally combine those lots into a single property? The advantage to the community is the ability to decrease future density and the potential number of homes built on the island.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		52.7%	116
No		47.3%	104
<i>answered question</i>			220
<i>skipped question</i>			15

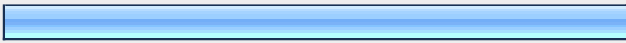
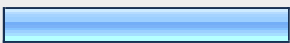
8. The community recently approved an assessment increase which was long overdue because the assessments had not kept pace with inflationary costs. In the future should the Board be given the authority to increase/decrease assessments in an amount not to exceed the CPI (Consumer Price Index) for the Puget Sound area without soliciting a community vote? This would allow the island to be able to pay for operations in the future without requiring a vote for an assessment increase. No assessment change could occur without prior Board approval. (Changes in assessment which would exceed the CPI would still require 2/3 affirmative community vote as is currently required).

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		34.2%	76
No		65.8%	146
<i>answered question</i>			222
<i>skipped question</i>			13

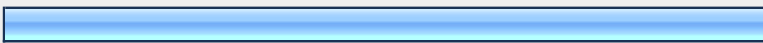
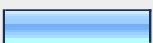
9. We are considering major upgrades to the picnic pavilion. We need to replace the posts which hold up the roof as they have failed and the entire structure is in jeopardy. We envision also repairing the floor, installing a stainless steel gas grill, under the counter refrigerator, new counter surface and quality speaker system into which you could plug your own CD or PA system. This would open opportunities for rentals to Hat Island owners which we believe will pay for the improvements. If these improvements were made, would you be willing to use this facility for family and group functions (i.e. picnics, family reunions, companies parties, etc.) at a rental price of \$100 per day? (Current price is \$25 per day for up to 25 people plus \$1 per person for each additional guest)

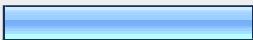

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Yes		38.5%	85
No		61.5%	136
<i>answered question</i>			221
<i>skipped question</i>			14


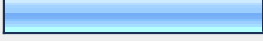
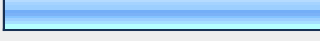
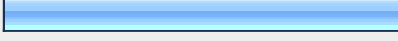
10. Combined with our new ferry and the greatly improved quality of our golf course, we believe we could bring in a fair amount of money with Wednesday Golf tournaments which would have little impact on the island. This would be done on Wednesdays only with groups of no more than 40. This additional income will benefit the general fund and help keep our future cost increases down. Would you favor HIC offering this opportunity to outside groups?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		68.8%	152
No		31.2%	69
<i>answered question</i>			221
<i>skipped question</i>			14

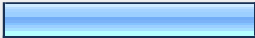
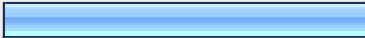
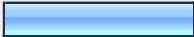
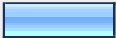
11. Should we actively pursue options for outside charters of our new ferry when not in service to the Island to help reduce overhead and keep operating costs as low as possible?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		84.0%	184
No		16.0%	35
<i>answered question</i>			219
<i>skipped question</i>			16

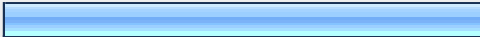
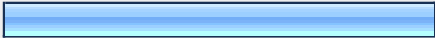
12. We have guest rates for golf and moorage. Should there be a higher guest rate for the ferry?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			27.1%	60
No			72.9%	161
			<i>answered question</i>	221
			<i>skipped question</i>	14

13. Which of the following methods for enforcing guest rates would you favor?			Response Percent	Response Count
An honor system where we do not require lists or ID checks			1.7%	1
An honor system where we would ask names and check a list of owners			28.3%	17
A system where owners need to provide the office with a list of their authorized guests			35.0%	21
A system of ID cards fo owners and their families			43.3%	26
			<i>answered question</i>	60
			<i>skipped question</i>	175



14. How much should be added to the standard ferry rate to establish the guest rate?

		Response Percent	Response Count
\$1.00		27.6%	16
\$2.00		39.7%	23
\$3.00		20.7%	12
More		12.1%	7
		answered question	58
		skipped question	177


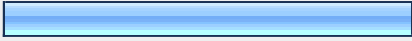
15. Outside of Architectural Control issues, (set backs, design approval, etc) should Island Management (Board, committees, staff) have a role in enforcing the provisions of your CC&R's (restrictive covenants?). As an example, the CC&Rs say that no one shall do anything on their property that is a nuisance. Should Island Management have a role in determining what is or is not a nuisance or should this be treated as an issue between neighbors?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		52.6%	112
No		47.4%	101
		answered question	213
		skipped question	22

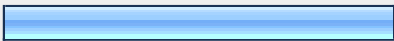
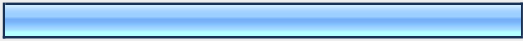
16. Should Island Management (Board, committees, staff) have a role in enforcing State and/or County rules and regulations? For instance, should it be the role of Island management to call the county or state and report owners for violating state or county rules and regulations?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		42.9%	93
No		57.1%	124
		answered question	217
		skipped question	18



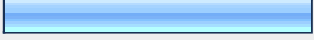

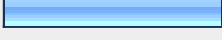
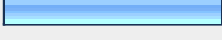
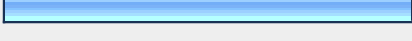
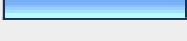
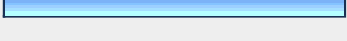
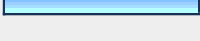
17. Should the Island have a system of peer governance? That would be a committee of Island owners (separate from the Board) to hear and make decisions on violations of community rules and/or neighbor disputes.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		55.0%	120
No		45.0%	98
<i>answered question</i>			218
<i>skipped question</i>			17

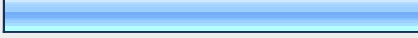
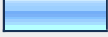
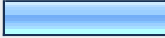
18. Volunteerism has always been a foundation of our island's success and ability to sustain our quality of life while managing costs. An important addition to volunteer opportunities on the island in recent years has been the establishment of standing committees which research, review and make recommendations to the board on a variety of concerns. These committees typically meet 3-4 times a year and are a vital factor in effective governance of the island. Would you be willing to make a 1-2 year commitment to serve on one or more of our standing committees sometime in the next five years?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		42.9%	91
No		57.1%	121
<i>answered question</i>			212
<i>skipped question</i>			23

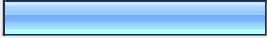

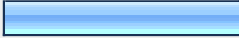
19. Please indicate which committee(s) you would be willing to participate in. (Contact Becki Snellenberg @beckisn@hotmail.com or the Hat Island office to sign up or for more information on committee participation)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Vessels and Transportation		30.0%	24
Water		3.8%	3
Architectural control		33.8%	27
Water		3.8%	3
Governance		23.8%	19
Finance		23.8%	19
Residential Growth		45.0%	36
Safety		20.0%	16
Marina		37.5%	30
Golf		21.3%	17
		<i>answered question</i>	80
		<i>skipped question</i>	155


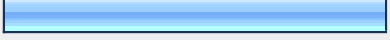
20. There has been discussion about adding additional runs to the ferry schedule all year long. We are examining adding a Friday evening run from October to Memorial Day. We could pay for extra crew time and fuel by delaying the Sunday morning Everett to Hat run to 3pm (October through Memorial Day only). That would mean if you wanted to come up on the ferry on Sunday during the winter, you would not be able to get the ferry until 3pm, rather than the current 9am. However, you would have the option to come to the island by ferry on Friday evening during the winter which is an option not currently offered. Please select the following statement which best reflects your opinion on this proposal.

		Response Percent	Response Count
I'd like to have the Friday run all year and I'm willing to have the Sunday morning Everett to Hat Island run delayed to 3pm to cover the costs.		45.8%	99
I'd like to have the Friday run all year but I don't want to delay the Sunday run. I would be willing to pay a higher ferry fees to add this option to the schedule.		11.1%	24
I don't think we need a Friday run all year		17.6%	38
I don't have an opinion on this matter		25.5%	55
		answered question	216
		skipped question	19

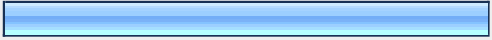
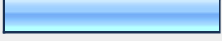
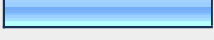
21. Managing marina parking has consistently been a challenge on the island. With the completion of the new marina, we will lose 20% of the current marina parking spaces. To accommodate owners and decrease the reliance on long term marina parking, should HIC provide reliable on-island transportation to and from the marina which could be used by both owners and guests?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, only if it is covered in our assessments		28.6%	61
Yes, but there should be a nominal user fee to cover the costs		45.5%	97
No		25.8%	55
		answered question	213
		skipped question	22



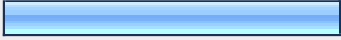
22. The initial cost of adding Durasoil (dust control agent) to the Marina parking area was about \$4,000 with an annual cost of about \$1500 to maintain and has resulted in significant improvement in both appearance and dust control. Should the Island continue to apply Durasoil in other high traffic common areas?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, I think it would benefit the community to do this		57.9%	124
No, I think it would be an unnecessary community expense		42.1%	90
	<i>answered question</i>		214
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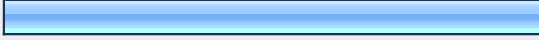


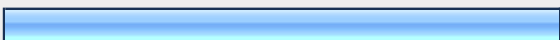
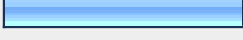
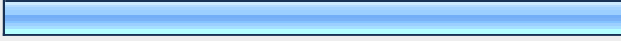
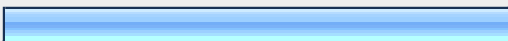

23. Should the Island provide a recycling station for Glass, Cans, Plastics and Ferrous Metals in a central location on the island?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, but only if it is free		53.5%	115
Yes, even if the cost is passed on to owners through assessments or user fees		23.7%	51
No		22.8%	49
	<i>answered question</i>		215
	<i>skipped question</i>		20

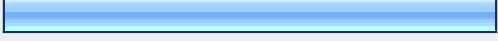

24. Do you favor some sort of active program to control rabbit, squirrel and other rodent populations on the island?

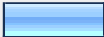
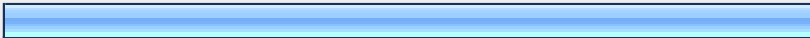
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, but only using natural means		19.9%	42
Yes, even if it means killing them outright		43.1%	91
No		37.0%	78
	<i>answered question</i>		211
	<i>skipped question</i>		24

25. If there were no additional cost to you (i.e. no increase in property taxes) which of the following County services/benefits would you like to see available to the island?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Ferry subsidies which could increase the number of runs		59.0%	128
Public school services		7.4%	16
Library or library services of some kind		10.6%	23
Road maintenance subsidies		61.3%	133
Greater police or sheriff availability		26.3%	57
Medical emergency and evacuation subsidies		68.2%	148
Increased fire department subsidies		55.8%	121
I would not be interested in any of these services from Snohomish County		7.4%	16
		<i>answered question</i>	217
		<i>skipped question</i>	18

26. Would you be willing to have the community donate a small parcel of common land for Snohomish County to plan a large native growth area (trees, shrubs, grasses) for the purpose of improving water quality and salmon support?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		54.2%	116
No		45.8%	98
		<i>answered question</i>	214
		<i>skipped question</i>	21

27. Have you requested services from Snohomish County in the last five years?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			10.7%	23
No			89.3%	192
	<i>answered question</i>			215
	<i>skipped question</i>			20

28. If you have requested services from Snohomish County in the last five years, please describe the services you requested and results you received.			Response Count
			27
	<i>answered question</i>		27
	<i>skipped question</i>		208