

1. Please select the choice that best describes your desired vision for Hat Island over the next 5-10 years.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Unincorporated county land subject only to Washington State and Snohomish County regulations with no "local" government.		15.0%	32
A recreational community with limited rules and regulation, and then only as needed to ensure the health and safety of owners and residents.		56.1%	120
A residential community (i.e. a suburb of Everett) with rules and regulations that mirror other residential neighborhoods in Snohomish county.		6.5%	14
A gated community with rules and regulations governing community behavior and use of common areas determined by a board (and where required by community vote).		18.7%	40
A retirement community with restrictions regarding ownership, guests, children and renters based on rules and regulations established by a board (and where required, by a community vote).		3.7%	8
		Other/Comment	20
		answered question	214
		skipped question	15

2. Please select the statement which most closely reflects your or your family's current use of the island

		Response Percent	Response Count
Hat Island is our primary residence.		8.1%	18
Hat Island is our seasonal residence (5 or more months out of the year.		10.3%	23
Hat Island is primarily our summer retreat.		13.9%	31
Hat Island is our year round retreat.		43.5%	97
Hat Island is an occasional retreat (3-4 visits per year.		10.8%	24
Rarely or don't visit the island.		13.5%	30
		answered question	223
		skipped question	6

3. Please select the statement which most closely reflects you or your family's anticipated use of your Hat Island property 5-10 years from now.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Hat Island will be our primary residence.		10.7%	24
Hat Island will be our seasonal residence (5 or more months out of the year).		20.1%	45
Hat Island will be our summer retreat.		10.3%	23
Hat Island will be our year round retreat.		37.1%	83
Hat Island will be an occasional retreat (3-4 visits per year).		5.8%	13
We will rarely or not visit Hat Island.		2.2%	5
Plan to sell my property in the next 5-10 years.		13.8%	31
		answered question	224
		skipped question	5

4. For each age group please indicate how many of your family (immediate and extended) and anticipate will visit the island in the next year.

Immediate and extended family

	None on this category	3 or fewer individuals	3-5 individuals	6-10 individuals
Age 0-10	34.3% (49)	37.8% (54)	22.4% (32)	4.9% (7)
Age 11-19	37.3% (50)	40.3% (54)	14.9% (20)	6.0% (8)
Age 20-50	11.8% (22)	29.0% (54)	30.6% (57)	21.5% (44)
Age 50+	8.6% (16)	46.5% (87)	24.6% (46)	16.0% (31)

Guests

	None in this category	3 or fewer individuals	3-5 individuals	6-10 individuals
Age 0-10	46.8% (51)	24.8% (27)	15.6% (17)	11.9% (13)
Age 11-19	39.3% (42)	31.8% (34)	16.8% (18)	8.4% (9)
Age 20-50	14.8% (21)	17.6% (25)	21.8% (31)	28.2% (40)
Age 50+	12.8% (20)	22.4% (35)	22.4% (35)	29.5% (45)

5. Hat Island's Covenants, Codes and Restrictions (CC&R's) are painfully outdated and cumbersome to manage. They were developed by Division over time as the island developed. As a result there are very similar, yet separate, CC&R's for each Division on the island, each with differing time frames for amending. The board is proposing that the CC&R's be updated and merged into one document governing the entire community and which can be amended in the future by the entire community at one time. This will be a significant project requiring passage by each Division via notarized signatures of owners. But we believe this is a worthwhile endeavor aimed at getting the entire community on the same page and working together. We would like to know how you feel about this project.

		Response Percent	Response Count
I support the goal of creating one island wide set of CC&R's.		68.3%	149
I don't want to see changes to the current system of CC&R's with each island Division operating under a different set of rules.		19.7%	43
I have no opinion on this issue.		11.9%	26
		answered question	218
		skipped question	11

6. Current Hat Island Rules are posted on our website and govern things such as dogs, marina use, ATV's, parking, fireworks, ferry, golf, building and construction and burning. Do you feel the current Hat Island specific rules as posted are:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Too many and/or overly restrictive		18.4%	40
Just about right		67.7%	147
Not enough rules and/or not restrictive enough		6.5%	14
I have no opinion on this question		7.4%	16
	Additional Comment		39
	answered question		217
	skipped question		12

7. There are multiple ways people get around our private island. These forms of transportation are largely unregulated. Some would like greater regulation while others believe island management should not be regulating on-island vehicles. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following sets of statements. These statements relate to regulation of cars and trucks.

	Agree	Disagree	Response Count
Car and trucks should be licensed and insured when on the island.	14.7% (31)	85.3% (180)	211
Drivers of cars or trucks on the island should be required to carry liability insurance.	52.6% (113)	47.4% (102)	215
Only licensed drivers who can provide proof of a valid drivers license should be allowed to drive a car or truck on the island.	71.9% (156)	28.1% (61)	217
Drivers under 16 should be allowed to drive with adult supervision.	54.0% (114)	46.0% (97)	211
The Hat Island board should not regulate who can drive cars and trucks on the island.	37.7% (80)	62.3% (132)	212
The Hat Island board should not regulate the insuring and licensing of cars and trucks.	64.6% (135)	35.4% (74)	209
		Other/Comment	39
		answered question	221
		skipped question	8

8. These statements relate to regulation of ATV's and Motorbikes.

	Agree	Disagree	Response Count
ATV's and Motorbikes should be licensed and insured in order to be used on the island.	19.6% (41)	80.4% (168)	209
Drivers of ATV's and Motorbikes should be required to carry liability insurance.	45.5% (97)	54.5% (116)	213
Only licensed drivers providing proof of a valid drivers license should be allowed to drive an ATV or Motorbike on the island.	50.5% (107)	49.5% (105)	212
Helmets should be required by anyone driving or riding on an ATV or Motorbike.	48.1% (101)	51.9% (109)	210
Children under 16 should be not allowed to drive or ride on ATV's or Motorbikes even with adult drivers.	33.3% (70)	66.7% (140)	210
Children under 16 should be allowed to drive or ride ATV's or Motorbikes with adult supervision and/or permission.	53.8% (113)	46.2% (97)	210
ATV's and Motorbikes should not be allowed on the island.	7.7% (16)	92.3% (193)	209
Hat Island Board should not regulate who can drive ATV's and Motorbikes.	48.3% (102)	51.7% (109)	211
Hat Island Board should not regulate the insuring and licensing of ATV's and Motorbikes.	65.6% (139)	34.4% (73)	212
		Other/Comment	48
		answered question	219
		skipped question	10

9. These statements have to do with the regulation of golf carts

	Agree	Disagree	Response Count
Golf carts should have a Hat Island specific license and be insured.	10.7% (22)	89.3% (183)	205
Any driver of a golf cart should be required to carry liability insurance.	29.1% (62)	70.9% (151)	213
Only licensed drivers providing proof of a valid drivers license should be allowed to drive a golf cart.	33.2% (70)	66.8% (141)	211
Children under 16 should not be allowed to drive a golf cart even with adult supervision.	33.6% (71)	66.4% (140)	211
Children under 16 should be allowed to drive a golf cart with adult supervision and/or permission.	65.2% (137)	34.8% (73)	210
The Hat Island Board should not be regulating who can drive a golf cart.	55.2% (117)	44.8% (95)	212
The Hat Island Board should not regulate insuring and licensing of golf carts.	74.9% (158)	25.1% (53)	211
		Other/Comment	31
		answered question	216
		skipped question	13

10. How do you think island rules should be enforced? (Mark any that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
The current system of warnings and self-enforcement with Snohomish County support where needed is sufficient.		56.0%	121
An escalating system of warnings and progressive fines applied to verified violations of island rules.		41.7%	90
An escalating system of warnings and progressive fines based on a set number of complaints regarding purported violations, regardless of whether or not the allegations can be proven or verified.		8.8%	19
A community funded marshall on the island to enforce Hat Island rules.		4.2%	9
A full time community funded Snohomish County presence on the island.		0.9%	2
	Other/Comment		23
		answered question	216
		skipped question	13

11. Currently there is a an "absentee" rule for our marina. Owners may keep their boats in the marina for up to 7 days during the summer while they are off island and 14 days during the winter. The purpose of this rule is provide room for other boaters in the marina who are traveling to and from the Island. Other than this exception, owners cannot moor their boats in the marina when they are not on the island. Some full time and seasonal owners have found this rule problematic. Please let us know if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

	Agree	Disagree	Response Count
Full time residents should be allowed to purchase full time dedicated moorage spaces.	42.6% (87)	57.4% (117)	204
Seasonal residents should be allowed to purchase seasonal dedicated moorage spaces.	41.1% (83)	58.9% (119)	202
The "absentee" rule should be waived for full time residents.	28.6% (57)	71.4% (142)	199
The "absentee" rule should be waived for seasonal residents while they are in residence on the island.	29.8% (59)	70.2% (139)	198
The "absentee" rule should be waived for full time residents during the winter months only.	35.1% (67)	64.9% (124)	191
Marina requirements should be applied equally to all owners regardless of their place of residence.	65.1% (127)	34.9% (68)	195
		Other/Comment	50
		answered question	212
		skipped question	17

12. If you have buildable property without a residence on it, which statements most closely match your current intention regarding that property?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I intend to build a residence on it within the next 5 years.		5.5%	11
I have already or intend to build out buildings on the property within the next 5 years (i.e. shed, garage, guest house, green house).		14.1%	28
I have already or intend to clear and/or landscape the property within the next 5 years (without plans for outbuildings)		4.0%	8
I don't intend to develop the property in the next 5 years		11.1%	22
I intend to sell the property within the next 5 years.		10.1%	20
I am unsure at this time what I will do with this property within the next 5 years.		20.6%	41
NA - I don't own a lot without a residence on it or my lot is unbuildable.		44.7%	89
		answered question	199
		skipped question	30

13. The island is currently authorized for 462 water connections of which 268 are consumed, leaving 194 connections available for future construction. Once these are all consumed additional construction will require an expansion of our water system and a special assessment to fund it. The alternative is to encourage limitations on new residential construction now so as not to exceed our current authorized capacity. Given this dilemma, please indicate which of the following measures you would support. (Mark all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Offer incentives to owners willing to purchase and/or combine adjoining properties who agree to not build additional residences on those combined properties.		52.4%	109
Offer incentives for owners to donate lots to a conservancy district to reduce the number of buildable properties available.		40.9%	85
Establish a two tiered assessment system which assesses developed properties (i.e. having a residential building on it) at a higher rate than undeveloped properties thereby discouraging unnecessary or speculative building.		27.4%	57
No growth restrictions or incentives. Building will just have to stop when we run out of water hookups and those who have not built will not be able to build.		22.6%	47
No growth restrictions or incentives. Community should vote to build an expanded RO system or any other infrastructure necessary to meet all building demands as they occur.		31.7%	66
	Other/Comment		26
answered question			208

14. Current building restrictions on the island are largely based on Snohomish county regulations. HIC has the authority to create more strict (but not more lenient) regulations. Please select the following statements which you would support. (Mark all the apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Require a second lot for septic systems for all new construction.		6.6%	14
Establish stricter rules for tree cutting or lot clearing		31.0%	66
Require off road parking areas.		19.7%	42
Increase the minimum sq. ft requirements for family dwellings (currently 900 sq. ft).		10.3%	22
Limit max size of houses.		24.9%	53
Require mechanisms for capturing storm water on all new construction.		36.6%	78
Should not impose building regulations stricter than those set by Snohomish County.		56.3%	120
	Other/Comment		17
		answered question	213
		skipped question	16

15. Approximately how often do you, your family or guests use Hat Express to get to or from the island?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Occasionally (2-3 times a year)		19.7%	43
Frequently (4-10 times a year)		28.9%	63
Regularly (approx. once a month)		15.1%	33
Very frequently (approx. weekly)		17.9%	39
Never use the ferry		18.3%	40
answered question			218
skipped question			11

16. How frequently do you, your family or guests visit the island by private boat which is moored in the marina while you are on the island?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Occasionally (2-3 times a year)		15.0%	32
Frequently (4-10 times a year)		17.8%	38
Regularly (approx. once a month)		15.0%	32
Very Frequently (approx. weekly)		15.0%	32
Live on the island and keep my boat here full time		7.0%	15
Rarely or don't come to the island by private boat		30.0%	64
answered question			213
skipped question			16

17. Are current Hat Express services and schedules sufficient to meet the needs of you, your family and guests? (Mark all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
I have no trouble getting to or from the island on Hat Express when I want to.		52.6%	113
I would like to see more trips on the weekends (summer only).		5.6%	12
I would like to see more trips on the weekends (year round).		12.6%	27
I would like to see more trips during the week (summer only).		12.6%	27
I would like to see more trips during the week (year round).		10.2%	22
I would like to see daily service (summer only).		8.8%	19
I would like to see daily service (year round).		4.2%	9
I don't use Hat Express.		21.4%	46
answered question			215
skipped question			14

18. Hat Express can carry 87 passengers and we are also limited by weight (baggage). Thus it is possible (and has happened) that the ferry becomes fully loaded before reaching 87 passengers. Additionally, even with our best planning, there can be more people wanting to get to the island at a given time than there are runs scheduled. Given these possible scenarios, which options would you favor? (Mark all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Give property owners priority over guests in boarding (would require a system to demonstrate who is a property owner). This may result in owners getting to the island while their guests are left behind.		15.0%	32
Establish a reservation system for peak travel days giving priority boarding to those with advance reservations, and understanding that those without reservations may get left behind.		37.4%	80
Limit the amount of baggage per person.		28.5%	61
Stricter rules about what types of items can be brought on the ferry.		22.4%	48
Add more runs anytime passengers and/or their baggage are left on the dock.		48.1%	103
First come first served, leave passengers behind when the number of passengers or weight limits are reached.		24.3%	52
		Other/Comment	26
		answered question	214
		skipped question	15

19. There continues to be a debate about the impact and rates of user fees vs. assessments to fund some of our basic island services (Hat Express, Elsie, marina, golf). Which of the following statement comes closest to describing your view of user fees for these services?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Property assessments should be set high enough to fund the majority of costs associated with island services so that user fees are kept to a minimum.		19.9%	42
User fees should be expected to cover no more than 50% of costs of island services. The other 50% should be covered by assessments.		32.7%	69
User fees (with the exception of Hat Express) should be set high enough that they are not subsidized at all by property assessments.		47.4%	100
		answered question	211
		skipped question	18

20. The practice for many years has been to subsidize the expense of operating the Hat Island ferry at about 50% (i.e. half of the operating expenses come from ticket sale and half come from Association fees). As the costs of operating the ferry has increased, ticket prices have increased, while maintaining the subsidy at about 50%. Please select the following statement which most closely reflects your feeling about financing the operating budget for Hat Express.

		Response Percent	Response Count
I agree with the 50% subsidy and understand that as costs increase ferry ticket prices will increase proportionately.		61.4%	132
Ticket prices should be lower even if that means that a larger % of the operating costs come out of association fees.		11.6%	25
The association should subsidize less than 50% of the costs even if that means that ticket prices increase.		12.6%	27
The association should not subsidize the operating costs of the ferry at all even if that means that ticket prices will double.		15.3%	33
Association fees should increase sufficiently to cover operating costs of the ferry which should be free to owners.		2.3%	5
answered question			215
skipped question			14

21. The growth of our community places ever increasing pressure on our Association to try to maintain, let alone improve our reserves, resources and facilities. Assuming that assessment increases are inevitable, and that residential owners place a larger demand on island resources than do owners of undeveloped land, more equitable alternatives to our current assessment structure are being considered. Please mark those statements which you would support. (Mark all that apply) For the purpose of this question "developed" land is property which has a residence built on it and "undeveloped" land does not, although it may have been cleared or have a garage, shed or other out building on it.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Annual assessments should be kept the same for both developed and undeveloped properties.		47.2%	101
Annual assessments should have two tiers differentiating only between developed and undeveloped properties.		27.6%	59
Annual assessments should be higher for developed properties as well as undeveloped properties with outbuildings.		15.4%	33
Annual assessments should be higher for full time or seasonal residents.		18.7%	40
Annual assessment should be based on assessed property value.		21.5%	46
	Other/Comment		24
answered question			214
skipped question			15

22. Were you aware of these events?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		93.5%	202
No		6.5%	14
answered question			216
skipped question			13

23. The time frame for Music in the Commons is typically 3-5:30 pm on Saturdays. Do you feel this is the right time frame for these events? (In no, please comment)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		86.2%	169
No		13.8%	27
Other (please specify)			34
answered question			196
skipped question			33

24. Currently neither food nor beer and wine are available for purchase at the Music at the Commons events, although attendees are encouraged to bring their own picnics and drinks. We would like to know if availability of food, wine or beer for purchase would attract more people to these events and would like your opinion. (Mark all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
I don't think food or beer and wine should be available for purchase at the Music at the Commons events.		39.9%	75
I would like to have food available for purchase at the Music at the Commons events.		46.3%	87
I would like to have beer and wine available for purchase at the Music at the Commons events.		45.7%	86
	Other (please specify)		37
		answered question	188
		skipped question	41

25. Music at the Commons has featured Jazz, Country, 50/60's, Country and steel drum (island) groups. Please let us know which are your favorite and what other music styles or bands you would enjoy.

	Response Count
	99
answered question	99
skipped question	130

26. For 5 years we have had between 200 and 300 people attend Oktoberfest. These have been highly successful events which we would like to continue. If you have not attended or volunteered for Oktoberfest in the past please let us know the primary reason. (Mark all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Date		47.6%	49
Time of Day		4.9%	5
Style of Music		10.7%	11
Food		9.7%	10
Other (please comment below)		46.6%	48
	Comment		82
		answered question	103
		skipped question	126

27. Should we continue the tradition of an Oktoberfest theme or should we rotate themes for our end of season community party each year?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Continue with the Oktoberfest theme		70.7%	118
Rotate themes and music		29.3%	49
		Suggested Themes	35
		answered question	167
		skipped question	62

28. The insurance risk management visit from our new insurance carrier revealed that the playground equipment near the marina needs some safety improvements. These are relatively low cost improvements, but the question was raised whether there should be a community playground on the island at all. Do you believe the community should provide a playground area for island children?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		72.9%	151
No		27.1%	56
	Other (please specify)		37
answered question			207
skipped question			22

29. Please feel free to add additional comments, concerns or priorities that you would like to communicate to the board.

	Response Count
	81
answered question	81
skipped question	148