

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

ELECTORAL AREA 'B' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

2 J. Andersen, Mudge Island to E. McCulloch, RDN, **RE: Flat Fish Public Barge Ramp**

Motion to receive Correspondence/Communications

From: [McCulloch, Elaine](#)
To: [Harvey, Ann-Marie](#)
Subject: FW: Area B POSAC Minutes June 2, 2015
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 8:53:02 AM

Hi Ann-Marie,
Could we please add this item as late correspondence for the Area B POSAC meeting tomorrow?

Thanks,
Elaine

-----Original Message-----

From: Jes Andersen [mailto:jes_andersen@telus.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 4:21 PM
To: McCulloch, Elaine
Cc: Howard Houle; Trudeau, Dennis
Subject: Area B POSAC Minutes June 2, 2015

Hi Elaine,

I want to comment on the item in the minutes for Area B POSAC under Business Arising from Delegations regarding the construction of a public barge ramp and boat launch facility at Flat Fish Road, the water access identified as MI-06.

You will recall that I am the original applicant to MOTI for a permit to construct public barge ramp and boat launch facility at Flat Fish Road water access. It was suggested at the POSAC meeting that if the Flat Fish site was determined to be too expensive to develop, it might be possible to make arrangements with Moonshine Yacht Club, who currently use the beach in front of their lot at the head of the bay for barge landing and boat launching. This is currently available to members and on a pay per use for non members. While this would reinstate the access that the owners of the adjoining Coho Cove Subdivision had as part of their original property purchase, it would not address the issue of the tides which limit the times when this beach can be used. For barges, the current minimum tide is 10 feet or higher and high tides are best for boat trailers since the beach shallows at lower tides. At times of the year, these higher tides occur in darkness. Other issues exist with unloading heavy vehicles at this site due to angles and load overhang.

The object of seeking an alternate location for public use was to extend the tide duration when the ramp would be usable and to provide an alternative to crossing private property to access the public beach. If a professional engineering assessment determines that Flat Fish MI-06 would be cost prohibitive to develop by the RDN, a better solution, previously identified, exists at MI-08, where limited excavation will be required at the bank and the beach slope lends itself to the desirable 20% maximum slope for trailer boat launching. A precast concrete plank surface would complete the below high tide ramp surface, placed directly on the beach surface.

Regards,

Jes Andersen
Mudge Island