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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN.

RE: Latimers Landing County Park Dedication

The Mason County Board of Commissioners would like to extend an invitation to the public to help Mason County celebrate the re-opening of Latimers Landing County Park, located at **3291 Pickering Road**. The site is at the West End of the Harstine Island Bridge. Mason County recently renovated the boat launch and dock and acquired 2.35 acres of property adjacent to the boat launch/park with the assistance from the Cascade Land Conservancy and a grant award in the amount of \$363,750 from the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

The original dock at Latimers Landing was destroyed in a storm during the winter of 2005. The County subsequently began the process to renovate the dock and launch and was fortunate to acquire the adjacent property with the funding assistance from the Recreation and Conservation Office and the technical support of the Cascade Land Conservancy. The new property will be used in the future to provide additional parking for boats and trailers and additional water access to the public.

The dedication is scheduled for **Thursday**, **June** 5th, **2:00** p.m. at the park. A short dedication ceremony will be conducted and refreshments and snacks will be available.

If you have any questions about the Latimers Landing County Park dedication, please contact John Keates at Mason County Parks, 427-9670, ext. 669.

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