

NEWS RELEASE
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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: Mason County Parks and Trails Department offered grant to develop plans for motorized recreational boating facilities.

Mason County Parks and Trails Department has been awarded a grant of \$75,000 from the Boating Facilities Program, Local category. The grant was awarded by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB), and will be used for the following:

Mason County will use this grant to complete the architectural design, construction drawings, and engineering, and acquire permits to develop a parking lot next to Latimers Landing Park. The County purchased the 2.34 acres in 2008 next to the Latimers Landing boat launch with Boating Facilities Program Funding to provide additional boat and trailer parking. Latimers Landing is a busy boat launch on Pickering Passage at the West Side of the Harstine Island Bridge. The County will contribute \$40,000 in cash and staffing support. This grant is from the Boating Facilities Program.

There were eleven applications submitted for consideration in the Boating Facilities Program, Local Category. Each project went through an evaluation process prior to being recommended for funding. The RCFB Board approved funding for the projects on Thursday, November 20, 2008.

Funding for the Boating Facilities Program, Local Category comes from a portion of the motor vehicle gasoline tax paid by boaters and not refunded by law. Mason County will leverage local contributions totaling \$40,000 with grant funding to implement the project. Total estimated project cost is \$115,000. If you have any questions about the RCFB Grant please contact John Keates at Mason County Parks, 427-9670 or 275-4467, ext. 669 or Myra Barker, RCFB Grants Manager at (360) 902-2976.

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