

Greenbank Beach & Boat Club  
P.O. Box 75  
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January 10, 2015

Dear Members,

The Holmes Harbor Homeowners Association & Greenbank Beach & Boat Club have been investigating, studying & gathering information concerning our tidegate & outfall pipe which are located on our beach. *The structure is over 100 years old & is in need of maintenance & repair.* Therefore, in January of 2014, the Boards decided to form a committee of volunteers from our owner membership to collect data concerning this critical responsibility. The Outfall Committee, as they are named, gave a power point presentation & led a discussion with members in attendance at our January Annual Meeting. A questionnaire was distributed in order to collect the viewpoints of our members. **This questionnaire is extremely important for our Board in order to make responsible decisions concerning our aging structure.** PLEASE respond with your opinions on the included questionnaire, sign it, & return by mail to the listed address by January 30, 2015. Your comments/opinions are of value.

THANK YOU,

President Judi Moore(GBBC)

President Sally McAdoo(HHWC)

## Questionnaire from Outfall Committee, January 10, 2015 Annual Meeting

**Purpose of Questionnaire: to get community input before the Outfall Committee and Greenbank Beach & Boat Club/Holmes Harbor Water Company Boards consider next steps.**

### **Instructions:**

- 1) ***Please write name and address below.*** Anonymous questionnaires will not be considered. Questionnaires will be mailed to households that were not able to attend the annual meeting.
- 2) ***Everyone's opinion matters.*** If individuals in a household have different opinions to share, please indicate those opinions on one form (e.g. use different color ink or indicate with letters or numbers for different people) or copy your household form and submit multiple forms together.
- 3) If you don't want to hand questionnaire in on January 10 (or you didn't attend annual meeting), please ***mail completed questionnaire by January 30*** to: GBBC, PO Box 75, Greenbank, WA 98253.

Household name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Household address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Guidance to Outfall Committee from GBBC/HHWC Boards of Trustees:**

- Minimize GBBC financial involvement in whatever solution is recommended.
- Limit GBBC liability from the implementation of the recommended solution.

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### **Please respond to the following questions:**

**Draft goals (circle your top 3 priority goals and rank them from 1 to 3, with 1 being your highest priority)**

#### ***Community Interest goals:***

- Maintain private access/control of road, boat ramp, beach access and parking lot
- Maintain safe and convenient boat launch/parking
- Maintain safe and convenient beach access
- Reduce effort and cost to maintain GBBC private infrastructure; leverage funding from other sources

#### ***Watershed and Ecological goals:***

- Improve ecological conditions at lagoon and surrounding salt marsh
- Maintain or improve capacity to route stormwater runoff to Holmes Harbor

**Write here other goals you think should be added:**

**Options for actions moving forward (circle actions you support or could live with; cross out actions you oppose or can't live with; if you want to rank actions by your priorities, use 1 as highest priority action):**

1. *Explore community's potential liability related to: a) no action; b) other potential solutions*
2. *No action (this means do nothing, which will allow infrastructure to continue to degrade, possibly leading to unanticipated consequences such as failure of berm or tide gate)*
3. *Short term – repair and maintenance actions (circle or cross out any individual actions listed a. through d.):*
  - a. Annual maintenance – clear gravel from outfall pipe and sea life from vault
  - b. Repair or replace outfall pipe at beach end (\$80,000 WICD estimate)
  - c. Repair crack in vault
  - d. Replace tide gate only (\$40,000 WICD estimate)
  - e. **NOTE: possible Island County funding contribution for some repairs**
4. *Long term – explore feasibility of restoring tidal flow from Holmes Harbor (circle or cross out individual actions listed a. through b.):*
  - a. First step is to explore if there are partners who could lead, fund, provide technical expertise related to potential restoration at our site (e.g., Whidbey Island Conservation District, Island County, Salmon Recovery Funding Board)
  - b. Second step, if partners and grants are available to cover all of our costs, apply for a grant to pursue a feasibility study of a potential restoration project at our site. Study would include: 1) design alternatives; 2) potential impacts to neighboring properties and to stormwater system; 3) hydrology and hydraulics; 4) sediment movement; 5) biological issues.
  - c. **NOTE: feasibility study would be at no cost to the community, and there would be no commitment to implement a project.**
5. *Explore turning over ownership and/or responsibility for the stormwater infrastructure (berm, tide gate, outfall pipe, lagoon, freshwater wetland) to a different entity (e.g., Island County), while retaining ownership/control of road, boat ramp, parking lot, beach access. Would include determining whether or not such a transfer could occur, and how it would impact the community's liability.*

**Write here other actions you want the committee to consider:**