



On Water Resident Stakeholder Group Recommendations



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Introduction

The Stakeholder Group was tasked with two objectives:

1. Recommend possible regulatory or procedural actions that can be taken by the City to provide greater certainty, clarity, or procedural safeguards for on water residences.
2. Recommend possible legislative amendments to Shoreline Master Program (SMP) that the Department of Ecology (Ecology) agrees are sufficiently promising to merit formal review by Ecology if adopted by the Council.



Introduction

- 10 Stakeholders, 5 public meetings
- Consensus achieved on most recommendations to adopt regulatory/procedural changes
- Legislative amendments to adopted Seattle SMP are proposed



Introduction

Proposal	Consensus reached?	If no, was high-level consensus reached?
Houseboat Vessel Liveboard License (HVLL)	Yes	
Vessel Evaluation	No	Yes
Compliance Process	Yes	
Gray Water: Education, Outreach, and Technology	Yes	
Gray Water: Pilot Program	No	Yes
Gray Water: Proposed Regulations	No	No
Rules Going Forward	Yes	



Houseboat Vessel Liveaboard License (HVLL): **Consensus**

- Voluntary License creates certainty and clarity, allows time for compliance, if needed
- Why voluntary, not mandatory?
 - License not required of any other liveaboard type except House Barges



Vessel Evaluation Process:

High Level Consensus

- Requires Vessel registration, USCG vessel equipment and placards
- Requires method of propulsion, steering, and temporary hand operable shore connections
- Clearly distinct from Floating Homes, House Barges and Floating Structures



Vessel Evaluation:

Non-consensus on details

- Vessels must have visibility from the steering controls sufficient for safe navigation
- The difference of opinion was on self-certification
- If the City allows self-certification, owner must understand consequences of making false statements



Compliance Process:

Consensus

- The existing NOV process is unnecessarily adversarial
- DPD agrees that the proposed facilitative process benefits the City and owner
- DPD agrees that when homes are at stake, a LUPA appeal process better serves community interests



Gray Water: Education, Outreach, and Technology: **Consensus**

- BMPs encourage reduction of gray water volumes and avoidance of toxins (required in HVLL and SMP)
- Develop and fund outreach programs (e.g. Clean Marina) seeking to engage liveaboards/boaters and promote change
- Promote better understanding of options and technological solutions: reduction, collection, treatment, slipside sewage



Gray Water Pilot Program: High Level Consensus

- Recommend pilot that would lead to a better understanding of the options for reducing and improving gray water discharge
- Pilot would explore costs and feasibility of retrofitting existing vessels for gray water collection and removal, treatment, and/or slipside connection
- **No consensus on pilot proposals:** revised SMPs only regulate gray water via BMPs; outside SHG scope
- **No consensus on proposed regulations:** would build on pilot to require gray water collection where feasible



Rules Going Forward: Modifications to adopted SSMP: **Consensus**

- This is our 2nd objective
- Recommended changes to SMC 23.60A.214 do not alter legal conforming status
- Assures existing legal liveaboards remain conforming



Thank you!