

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Submitted by Andal Sridhar

Senate Vice Speaker



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

BOARD BILL 5.09 Resolution for the Repealment of the Current Proposal for the UW East Campus Dock Improvements

Sponsor: Aiden Reeder

Senate Vote: 31-0-15

WHEREAS, the Washington Yacht Club (WYC) is a registered student organization (RSO) of the University of Washington and a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; and,

WHEREAS, the WYC is one of the largest registered student organizations with over 300 members consisting of 40 UW faculty, staff, and alumni and more than 260 students in 2023, and over the course of its 76 year history, WYC has taught tens of thousands of members to sail; and,

WHEREAS, WYC has been deeply involved at the UW waterfront since the RSO's beginning, operating out the ASUW Shellhouse starting in 1951 and later the Waterfront Activities Center and East Campus Docks after their construction in 1976; and,

WHEREAS, the WYC uses dock B for dinghy storage and water access, and docks C-F for keelboats¹ and daysailers², which culminates in a total dock usage of 8302 square feet; and,

WHEREAS, the docks need to be renovated due to their poor condition; and,

WHEREAS, current SEPA documents have proposed a renovation project that will drastically alter dock location and usage [5]; and,

WHEREAS, UW Recreation, which is responsible for management, use, long-term care, and coordination with student clubs regarding dock renovations, is funded by the Student Activities Fund (SAF), which is student levied; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of UW Recreation is to provide "safe, accessible, and dynamic recreation experiences to engage students in growth and wellbeing." [1]; and,

WHEREAS, in official SEPA documents (#202304956) for Project 3041177-LU, UW stated that recreational and shoreline uses at the site would not be impacted [2]; and,

¹ Big sailboat (usually over 22 feet) that can be used for multi-day trips

² Small sailboat (usually 16-22 feet) that is bigger than a dinghy but not used for multi-day trips

WHEREAS, the removal of docks A, B, E, and F would displace nearly all of WYC's recreational sailing dinghy fleet and a significant portion of the daysailer and keelboat fleets; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the WYC is to introduce students to sailing and provide instruction and community; and,

WHEREAS, the WYC mainly uses their dinghy fleet to teach new sailors; and,

WHEREAS, in official SEPA documents (#202304956), it was stated that "the proposed project has been carefully designed to meet the current and projected demands at this facility." [2]; and,

WHEREAS, WYC, one of the most significantly affected stakeholders, was not consulted during the design process, which is contradictory to the claims of this document; and,

WHEREAS, as of March 26th, 2024, UW Recreation is still in progress of finalizing the master use permit with the City of Seattle to move forward with the proposed dock renovation plan [4]; and,

WHEREAS, over 500 comments have been left on this proposal, several of which express concerns of the negative impacts this project would have on WYC [3];

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

THAT, the ASUW recommends the University of Washington to repeal its Determination of Non-Significance in document #202304956 in order to prevent the loss of student recreational space; and,

THAT, the ASUW recognizes the WYC as an integral stakeholder in the waterfront and that they contribute a unique, educational and valuable experience; and,

THAT, the ASUW recommends that UW Recreation actively collaborate with waterfront RSOs like WYC and consider their needs when remaking their proposed permits; and,

THAT, the ASUW continues to advocate for the protection of student spaces on and around campus; and,

THAT, a copy of this bill be sent to:

Matt Newman, *Director of Recreation Staff*

Gregory Reinhardt, *Associate Director for Programs and Assessment for UW Recreation*

Julie Blakeslee, *Environment & Land Use Planner*

Anna Daeuble, *Account Manager for UW Recreation*

Union Bay Rowing Club

Canoe Family at UW

Concrete Canoe Club

Mitchell Klein, *Services and Activities Fee Chair*

Haley Chee, *Services and Activities Fee Vice-Chair*

Rick Young, *SAO Advisor*

John Pyles, *WYC Faculty Advisor*

Annemarie Kolinek and Dylan Wesen, *WYC Commodores*

Azaan Brown, *Director of Campus Partnerships*

Anastacia Mikaele, *Director of Community Relations*

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References

[1] UW Rec Mission Statement - <https://www.washington.edu/ima/inclusive-rec/>

[2] SEPA Documents for #2023044956 - <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/separ/Main/SEPA/Record.aspx?SEPANumber=202304956/>

[3] Public Comments to the Proposal - <https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/portal/Customization/comments/comment.aspx?proj=3041177-LU>

[4] Seattle Master Use Permit Application Project Page -

<https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/portal/cap/CapDetail.aspx?type=1000&fromACA=Y&agencyCode=SEATTLE&Module=DPDPermits&capID1=23SCI&capID2=00000&capID3=92698>

[5] SEPA Checklist File for this Proposal -

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/separ/Main/SEPA/Document/DocumentOpenHandler.ashx?DocumentId=166921>

APPENDIX A

Boats in red, blue, and orange are owned and operated by the WYC.

