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January 22, 2013

Mr. Don Hoch, Agency Director
Washington State Parks & Recreation
PO Box 42650
Olympia, WA 98504-2650

Subject: Port-owned Property at Fort Worden – Parking Fees

Dear Mr. Hoch,

The Port of Port Townsend Commission has directed me to write this letter requesting a dialogue to find a way ahead for allowing the public free access to the Port of Port Townsend-owned property at Fort Worden.

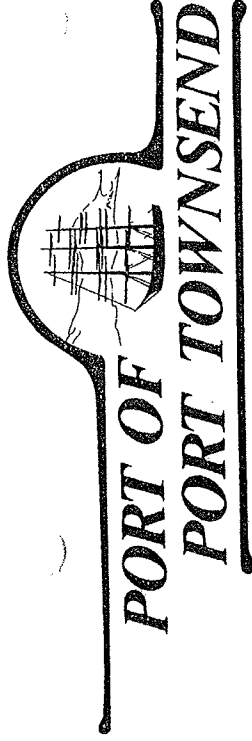
I wrote a letter on December 16, 2002 (see attached) to Rex Derr regarding this same issue; however, we never received a response. Recently, we have read in our local newspapers that the new Public Development Authority (PDA) is negotiating an agreement with State Parks to allow visitors free access to that portion of Fort Worden under PDA control. Given this information, the Port Commission asked, "How can our beach have the same protection?" We have made this issue known to the PDA officials over this past year, so combined with our 2002 letter; this is not a new topic.

The attached 2002 letter shows the property (Parcel 137) which the Port retained after selling the rest of the Fort to the State. We would appreciate an opportunity to open up a discussion on how to move forward. Please have someone contact me – we are most interested in your thoughts. I can be reached by phone: (360) 385-0656 or by email: larry@portofpt.com. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Crockett
Executive Director

cc: Dave Robison, Peninsula Development Authority
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December 16, 2002

Mr. Rex Derr, Director
Washington State Parks & Recreation
P.O. Box 42650
Olympia, WA 98504-2650

Reference: Fort Worden Parking Fees

Dear Mr. Derr:

At our December 11, 2002, Port of Port Townsend Commission meeting, I was directed to write this letter concerning the impending "parking fees" at the Fort Worden State Park. The issue, which concerns the Port of Port Townsend, is the public's ability to have access to our beach without paying a fee.

The Port of Port Townsend at one time owned all of Fort Worden. We sold the facility to the State but retained title to 1600 feet of beach (see enclosed). This beach runs from the existing Marine Science Center dock west to a line consistent with the State's property. As a public entity we have made every effort to keep this beach open to the public for their free use. It is a sandy, prime recreational beach and heavily used, especially during the summer months. We have also made this beach part of the Olympic Discovery Trails system for kayaks. The beach is land-locked and can only be accessed by vehicle through Fort Worden.

Our intention is to keep this beach available, at no cost, to the public. No one from the State has contacted us regarding this matter, so we felt we should write this letter to encourage a dialogue, before plans are finalized. We would like to know your plan for allowing the public to have ready and convenient access to our beach, again, without being charged a fee. Please feel free to contact me at (360) 385-0656 or email: larry@portofpt.com. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Larry Crockett
Executive Director

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CC: Commissioners ✓

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