



July 24, 2023

PenMet Parks  
5717 Wollochet Drive NW #3  
Gig Harbor, Washington 98335

Re: Support for Cascadia Marine Trail Sites

Dear PenMet Parks managers,

On behalf of The Mountaineers, please accept this letter of support for Washington Water Trails Association's effort to maintain public recreational access to Cascadia Marine Trail sites managed by PenMet Parks, including Narrows Park, Fox Island Fishing Pier, DeMolay Sandspit, and Sunrise Beach Park.

The Mountaineers, based in Seattle, Washington and founded in 1906, is a nonprofit outdoor education, conservation, and recreation organization whose mission is "to enrich the community by helping people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond." 1,200 skilled volunteers lead 3,200 outdoor education trips and courses annually for more than 16,000 members across our seven Puget Sound area branches. We are a passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable community that cares about the outdoors, and protects the outdoor experience for current and future generations. We are also committed to ensuring equitable and sustainable recreation access to the Northwest's public lands and waters.

Mountaineers sea kayaking trips often use these Washington Water Trail Association (WWTA) and Cascadia Marine Trail (CMT) sites across all seasons for overnight camping on multi-day paddling adventures, as well as for breaks on day trips. These sites are usually mentioned in our pre-launch talks and are pointed out along the route. These sites also offer aesthetic value as natural shorelines, provide opportunities to view marine wildlife, and provide paddlers solace and connection to nature.

Sea kayakers from our Kitsap Branch have also participated in stewardship activities at marine recreation sites around Puget Sound, and paddlers across our branches care deeply about the unique opportunities offered by the Washington Water Trail and Cascadia Marine Trail.

Our community will continue to value and support WWTA and CMT sites through use on our sea kayaking trips, giving back to these places through stewardship, and by tracking our visits. Thank you for considering our full support of the effort to maintain public access to these special marine recreation areas.

Please let me know if there is anything else The Mountaineers can do to support the continued management and stewardship of these sites.



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MOUNTAINEERS

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy Robblee".

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