

Fidalgo Bay Aquatic Reserve Citizen Stewardship Committee

Support for No Discharge Zone

We are the Fidalgo Bay Aquatic Reserve Citizen Stewardship Committee. We are one of several such committees that work, as volunteers, with the Washington Department of Natural Resources to help promote, study, and protect the Aquatic Reserves.

One of our duties is to provide comment on potential actions that could have impact on the Reserve, and this is one of those actions.

We wholeheartedly support the No Discharge Zone and look forward to it enacted and then even strengthened over time.

The Fidalgo Bay Aquatic Reserve is at the bottom of Fidalgo Bay and some of the busiest tourist and commercial boat traffic goes on around Anacortes at the top of the bay. Many large tankers and supply boats use that area. Any discharge pollution can easily find its way into the Reserve, which already receives a healthy dose from Anacortes storm water outfalls.

We have attended study groups and workshops and have provided previous feedback of support as this proposal has moved along. It has been a long time coming and the right thing to do.

Thank You.