

**PORT OF DEWATTO**  
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**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FORUM**  
July 27, 2019

Commissioners: Ray Mow  
David Haugen  
Ted Edwards  
Port Manager: Jeana Crosby  
Campground Coordinator: Joe Newman  
Volunteer: Kris Tompkins

**Forum started at 11:00 am and adjourned at 12:12 pm.**

12 other people in attendance

Listening to Community; discuss and take input for new Comprehensive Plan:

- Presented proposed Comprehensive Plan draft written by Dave Haugen
- New Comprehensive Plan will only be several pages, need to add factual demographics and some historical data
- Clearly state policy and goals in Plan
- Need to review Guidelines for Washington Public Ports
- Submit proposed Port Comprehensive Plan to Mason County
- Need map showing all three district boundaries
- Goal to have Comprehensive Plan ready to adopt at the September regular meeting
- Campground
  - Some people want campground closed permanently
  - During extreme fire danger close campground; it is posted reserve right to close during extreme fire danger; no open flames, period, at campground
  - During moderate/medium fire danger, ban fires
  - If fires are larger than fire rings, implement fines
  - Have 18 new fire rings, continue to purchase and replace old rings
  - Support from some for the campground; fires can start anywhere
  - Purchase extra insurance to cover fires on surrounding properties; Port meeting with insurance carrier on August 6
  - Have a Campground host for custodial entity at all times and enhance presence
  - Local property owner volunteer patrols; sign up for rotating weeks to help protect Dewatto's resources and feel safe
  - Working on brochure stating rules, to be handed out to campers as they do not always read the posted rules
  - Raise campground fees and limit length of stay
  - Change name of campground by removing the Phalen name
  - Playground at campground
  - Develop campground pros and cons list
  - River at campground is not public and should be posted; put up sign to respect private property

- Port Building
  - Community Response Team (CRT) training
  - Helicopter Emergency Landing Zone on Port property; Dave has this in place now
  - Volunteer to plant flower pots; set budget for flowers/landscaping
  - Developing Free Little Neighborhood Library
- Disaster Emergencies & Life Safety Issues
  - Emergency planning is good
  - Clear cut properties by DNR and Menke create fire hazards
  - Have DNR study under growth and fire hazard; to provide prevention
  - Port building being designated as emergency shelter
- Miscellaneous
  - Community trash pick-up along the roads; schedule in September
  - Promote educational opportunities
  - Look at other two districts for recreational opportunities; possible donation of property to develop
  - Access to Dewatto Bay beaches; when will stairs be replaced; property ownership still in dispute