

NEWS RELEASE

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**TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,
SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL, THE SUN.**

RE: Latimers Landing Boat Launch Project

The Mason County Board of Commissioners would like to announce that Mason County Parks and Trails Department and the Mason County Community Development Department were recently granted a Shoreline Substantial Development permit by the Mason County Hearing Examiner to proceed with the renovation of the boat launch and pier, ramp, and float (PRF) at Latimers Landing. The Shoreline Substantial Development permit is currently under review by the Washington Department of Ecology.

During the winter of 2005, a storm destroyed the facility at Latimers Landing to the point of requiring replacement of the existing dock. After the storm of 2005, the dock was removed due to safety concerns and the planning for the replacement facilities was initiated.

The County still must secure a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers before final designs can be completed and the project can commence. This project can only be completed during a specific timeframe from July through February. The County is hopeful that the remaining permits that are required can be obtained and that the renovation of the Latimers Landing Boat Launch can commence this summer/fall.

If you have any questions about the Latimers Landing project, please contact John Keates at, (360) 427-9670, ext. 669.

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