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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tyler Schroeder, Planning Supervisor
FROM: Michael McFarlane, Director 
RE: Point Roberts Beach Club Trail Access
DATE: July 26th, 2010

We have reviewed the proposed trails and public access for the Point Roberts Beach Club development and offer the following comments.

The shoreline access and connecting trail eastward to Lily Point Marine Park are important public trail links in which the Parks and Recreation Department would consider for oversight and long term maintenance. The internal trail system appears to serve primarily the residents of the development and would best be served by a neighborhood association.

It should be noted that the bluff and shoreline access points are located in a very unstable area as this is a feeder bluff of record. Any trail development or maintenance agreement would need to be conditioned on the ability to maintain a safe usable trail route. We would also note that some public use would be expected to occur on the private trails. The County would not be responsible for trespass or enforcement issues which may arise as a result.

The trail easement should be a minimum of ten feet wide to accommodate a six to eight foot wide trail tread and necessary maintenance. A twelve foot easement is preferred.

Cc. Amy Keenan