

# *News Flash from Lagoon Point*

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## **Dredging Update – Aaron Lowin**

Two dredge contractors along with a senior member of our engineering consultant firm visited Lagoon Point in December and January to look over our site and advise us on how they might bring in equipment, dredge our central basin, and dispose of the resulting dredge 'spoils' now on the order of as much as 24,000 cubic yards. For our permit applications we need to specify just how we would do our dredging and how we would dispose of spoils. The Lagoon Point site poses huge challenges for dredging and especially for disposal because our inlet channel to and from Admiralty Inlet is narrow and shallow. Whatever the preferred dredge and disposal method turns out to be, it will be costly.

Well over a dozen alternatives were identified and briefly discussed during these site visits. Some were immediately dropped as technically not feasible or too costly or very probably not acceptable to permittees. The others, still over a dozen, were sufficiently interesting to warrant engineering and cost review.

Within the next few days we expect to receive from our consulting engineer his analysis of the 'better' dredge and disposal options, and his estimate of all the various costs of doing each. We will present a summary of this report at the February 17 Board meeting, and we will then post a summary on the LPCA website.