

**Appendix C
Homer Spit Plan
1999 Update – Homer Comprehensive Plan**

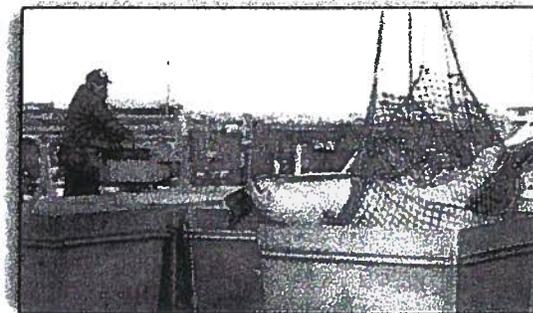
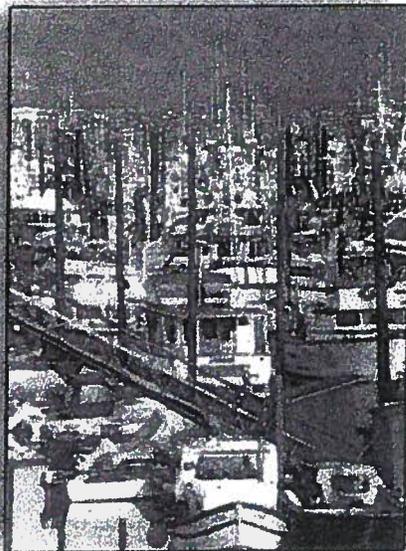
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MANAGE THE LAND AND OTHER RESOURCES OF THE SPIT TO ACCOMMODATE ITS NATURAL PROCESSES, WHILE ALLOWING FISHING, TOURISM, OTHER MARINE RELATED DEVELOPMENT, AND OPEN SPACE/RECREATIONAL USES.

- ⇒ Provide for public safety while achieving a balanced mix of water-dependent and marine-related activities on the Homer Spit.
- ⇒ Recognize and accommodate natural features and processes while providing adequate space for marine commercial and industrial, tourist commercial, transportation, recreation, open space, and traditional uses.
- ⇒ Priority for use of the Small Boat Harbor and distal end of the Homer Spit shall be given to marine commercial, marine industrial (fishing), industrial transportation, tourism, and day use recreation.
- ⇒ Transportation (including U.S. Coast Guard) and shipping and cargo handling activities are a high priority use of the Deep Water Cargo area and the Main Dock areas of the Spit.
- ⇒ Priority use of the west side of the Homer Spit shall be for open space/recreation.
- ⇒ Priority for the Mud Bay area of the Homer Spit shall be for conservation.

Action Items:

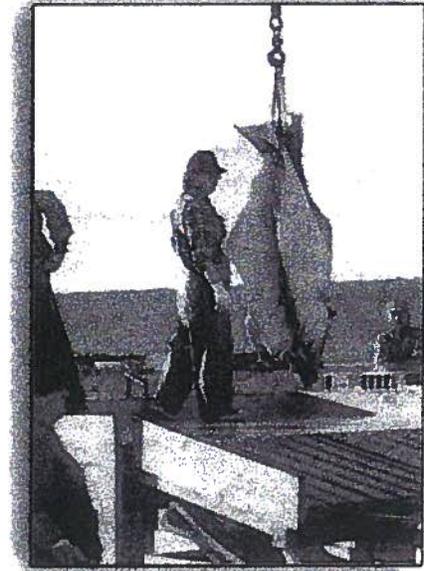
- *Obtain public ownership of land on the Spit.*
- *Similar land uses (such as charter offices, boat and gear sales, tourist activities) shall be encouraged to cluster to achieve a mix of related activities and minimize adverse impacts on other activities.*
- *Evaluate and develop a plan for non-boating access to fishing opportunities, such as the Lagoon "Fishing Hole".*
- *Maintain and protect traditional uses of the beaches along the Spit such as gathering coal, shellfish, and others.*
- *Construct an observation deck near the Fishdock.*
- *Develop sidewalks and walkways around the harbor and roads.*
- *Construct weather-protected picnic and outdoor meeting facilities*
- *Construct a new wood grid with improved access.*
- *Develop a program that advocates that one percent (1%) of new construction costs be spent on landscaping.*



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- *Encourage continuation of the Spit shuttle to transport day users to various locations on the Spit.*
- *Commercial fishing storage shall occur on the Spit only when there is no higher priority use for this area.*
- *Allow the natural transport of sediments along the west side of the Spit to continue uninterrupted. Proponents of bulkheads, groins, breakwaters or other devices shall demonstrate that their project will not adversely disrupt this sediment transport.*
- *Commercial extraction of sand and gravel from the Spit shall not be allowed.*
- *Commercial camping shall be encouraged to locate away from commercial and industrial activities at each end of the Spit, recognizing increased non-resident demands for camping, tent, and recreational vehicle usage. Open space camping shall be encouraged to locate in the middle area of the Spit.*
- *Continue discouraging motorized vehicle traffic in the critical habitat areas on the Homer Spit beaches. Encourage the build up of driftwood on Spit beaches.*
- *Open space recreation uses shall be encouraged on the east and west sides of the Spit, on public land, from the north end of the existing development to the uplands.*



- *Require appropriate engineer's approval for structural integrity for any large additions to existing structures.*
- *Promote a low impact use concept for the west side of the Spit in the update of the zoning code.*
- *Traffic congestion shall be alleviated by improving the organization of existing parking area, and encouraging of privately provided transportation services (for example, shuttle buses) that will shift parking off the Spit.*
- *City leases shall include land sufficient for businesses and minimal employee parking.*
- *The City shall reserve right-of-way for access to the east side of the harbor.*
- *The City shall reserve 15' pedestrian/safety rights-of-way around the periphery of the small boat harbor.*
- *Maintain and increase public access to the harbor and beaches on the Spit to improve opportunities for fishing and other recreational activities.*

