



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY

### VESSEL *BONNIE* with Identification # WN 2765 MC

San Juan County declared the vessel **BONNIE**, with identification number **WN2765MC**, as abandoned. **The vessel is a white hulled sailboat with lite blue trim currently on anchor near the Roche Harbor marina dock on San Juan Island, WA. This vessel was reported by the public after it drifted anchor in January 2024. After repeated drifting events, a concerned party moved it to a mooring buoy not owned by the vessel owner. It was moved off the buoy by the buoy owner and anchored out nearby. The vessel has remained unattended and is thought to be abandoned. Owner information was provided via social media but no contact has been made.**

San Juan County, acting as an authorized public entity with the authority granted in RCW 79.100, intends to take custody of the vessel on **6/15/24 (Custody Date)**. After taking custody of the vessel, San Juan County may use or dispose of it without further notice to the owner.

#### **In order to keep the vessel, before the Custody Date, the owner must:**

- \*Move it to an anchorage area, moorage facility, or storage location that authorizes the vessel.
- \*Remove the vessel from the water.
- \*Contact the San Juan County Derelict Vessel Program with your plans for addressing this vessel.

If the owner wants to reclaim the vessel after San Juan County has custody or wants to challenge San Juan County's decision to take custody, the owner must file a written appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) and serve a copy on San Juan County. Addresses are in the boxes below:

<b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> (send one original and one copy) <b>Physical address:</b> 1111 Israel Road, Ste. 301 Tumwater, WA 98501 <b>Mailing address:</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903 <b>Phone:</b> 360-664-9160	<b>San Juan County</b> 1609 Beaveron Valley Rd PO Box 729 Friday Harbor, WA 98250
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The appeal must include the following information:

- A copy of this notice or a copy of the notification letter to the owner.
- Your name and address (mailing and legal, if different) and, if applicable, the name and address of your representative.
- A daytime phone number.
- A brief statement why you are appealing.
- A statement of what you want the Pollution Control Hearings Board to do.
- Your signature or that of your representative. This signature certifies that the content of the appeal is true.

Visit <https://eluh.wa.gov/content/11> or call the PCHB at the number above with appeal questions.

The owner may submit the appeal immediately, but the PCHB must receive it no later than **7/15/24 (Appeal Date)**. **The owner waives the right to a hearing if the PCHB does not receive an appeal on or before the Appeal Date. The owner is then liable for any costs incurred by San Juan County in responding to the vessel.** These costs may include all administrative costs incurred by San Juan County, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel. If there is a law suit, the successful party may receive reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

San Juan County also may pursue any other remedies available under law. For example, San Juan County may take temporary possession of the vessel under the circumstances described in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 79.100.040(3). You can find a copy of this law online at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=79.100>. For more information, contact San Juan County's Derelict Vessel Program Coordinator at 360-370-0555 or [dvprogram@sanjuanco.com](mailto:dvprogram@sanjuanco.com)