



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY

### VESSEL unknown registration

The Pierce County Parks department declared the vessel *approx.. 30ft. powerboat*, and unknown registration an emergency because it meets the criteria for temporary possession described under RCW 79.100.040(3). Pierce County Parks will take temporary possession of the vessel and have it removed from the Purdy spit boat launch 7802 SR302 NW, *Pierce County*, in order to prevent it from breaking up, blocking navigation, or posing a threat to human health and safety or the environment.

Pierce County Parks intends to take formal and full custody of the vessel on **May 9, 2025 (Custody Date)**. After taking custody, Pierce County Parks may use or dispose of it without further notice. The owner is responsible for all related costs.

**In order to keep the vessel, the owner must take the following actions before the Custody Date:**

- Pay Pierce County Parks back for costs incurred to date, **and**
- Move the vessel to an anchorage area, moorage facility, or storage location that authorizes the vessel.

If the owner wants to reclaim the vessel after Pierce County Parks has custody, or wants to challenge Pierce County Parks decision to take custody, the owner must file a written appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) and serve a copy on Pierce County Parks. 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 Tumwater, WA 98501 <b>Mailing address:</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903 <b>Phone:</b> 360-664-9160	<b>Pierce County Parks</b> 9850 64 <sup>th</sup> St. West University Place, WA 98467
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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 of 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.

See <http://www.eluho.wa.gov/Board/PCHB> 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 **{June 10, 2025}** (**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 Pierce County Parks in responding to the vessel.** These costs may include all administrative costs incurred by **Pierce County Parks**, 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.

Pierce County Parks also may pursue any other remedies available under law. Pierce County Parks is taking this action under the authority of Chapter 79.100 RCW. You can find a copy of this law online at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=79.100>, or by contacting Pierce County Parks **For more information regarding this action, contact Pierce County Parks' Derelict Vessel Removal Program at (253) 405-8339 or [bret.burgess@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:bret.burgess@piercecounitywa.gov).**