Port Orchard Police Department
(August 4, 2026)
NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY

VESSEL _*(No Name) WN0398NC* with Washington Registration WN0398NC

The Port Orchard Police Department has declared the vessel _WN0398NC_, with Washington Registration WN0398NC, as derelict or abandoned. The vessel is described as 10-Foot Dinghy with Mercury Outboard_ located at Dekalb Street Pier in The City of Port Orchard.
The Port Orchard Police Department, acting as an authorized public entity with the authority granted in RCW 79.100, intends to take custody of the vessel on **Date**: **August 18, 2026.** After taking custody of the vessel, The Port Orchard Police Department 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:

- Get authorization to moor or anchor the vessel in its current location, **or**
- Move it to an anchorage area, moorage facility, or storage location that authorizes the vessel.
- Remove the vessel from the water.

If the owner wants to reclaim the vessel after The Port Orchard Police Department has custody, or wants to challenge The Port Orchard Police Department's decision to take custody, an appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) electronically through the Case Management System (CMS), except as identified in WAC 371-08-361 (3)(e). If a party does not have the technological capacity to file electronically through the CMS, a party may file by personal delivery, commercial delivery, fax, electronic mail, or first-class, registered, or certified mail and serve a copy on The Port Orchard Police Department. Addresses are in the boxes below:

Pollution Control Hearings Board **Physical address:** 1500 Jefferson Street S.E. Olympia, WA 98501 **Mailing address:** PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903 **Phone:** 360-664-9160	**Port Orchard Police Department** 546 Bay Street Port Orchard , WA 98366-5339

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 telephone number and email address.
- Identification of the agency whose decision is being appealed.
- Proof of service.
- 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.

See https://eluho.wa.gov/boards/pollution-control-hearings-board/file-appeal 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 **Date**: **September 18, 2026.**
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 The Port Orchard Police Department in responding to the vessel. These costs may include all administrative costs incurred by The Port Orchard Police Department, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel. If there is a lawsuit, the successful party may receive reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. The Port Orchard Police Department also may pursue any other remedies available under law. For example, The Port Orchard Police Department 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 Sgt. Holden at The Port Orchard Police Department at (360) 876-1700.