



MEDIA STATEMENT

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The following statement should be attributed to:

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Several kayakers and other boats were physically interfering this afternoon with the work of the crew building our new dock at Maury Island.

This activity is not only unsafe for the people in the boats, it is also unwarranted and designed solely to attract media attention for repeatedly discredited and inaccurate statements about the environmental impacts of our project.

Let me make this very clear. The truth is that our dock project has been intensely scrutinized for more than 10 years. Every local, state and federal environmental agency, administrative body and court to review the project has unanimously concluded that the construction and operation of the barge-loading dock will not harm Puget Sound, any endangered or threatened species or their habitat. Nor will it harm the island's aquifer. Any statement to the contrary is simply untrue and unsupported by the facts.

Project opponents are now desperate to attract media attention for their inaccurate and untruthful claims because they have failed to convince the regulatory agencies and the courts. We expect these desperate attempts to attract media attention will continue.

In addition, we believe these tactics are the result of the participation of one or more members of the Ruckus Society. The Ruckus Society trains groups in taking "direct action" such as this protest and two others recently conducted at our site. One or more members of the Ruckus Society was also involved in preparing many of the organizations that took "direct action" in the streets of Seattle during the WTO riots. We do not think their views or tactics reflect the views of the citizens of Washington and it is highly unfortunate that their actions are interfering with a project the state needs for its public and private infrastructure.