## **City of Seattle**

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY

## **VESSEL** Bayliner with Washington Registration #, WN3837JS

The Authorized Public Entity (City of Seattle) declared the vessel *Bayliner*, with Washington Registration # WN383JS as derelict or abandoned. The vessel is 1979 Bayliner Washington Registration WN3837JS located at the 1<sup>st</sup> Ave boat launch in Seattle Washington.

City of Seattle, acting as an authorized public entity with the authority granted in RCW 79.100, intends to take custody of the vessel on 12/29/2023. After taking custody of the vessel, City of Seattle 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 City of Seattle has custody, or wants to challenge City of Seattle's decision to take custody, the owner must file a written appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) and serve a copy on City of Seattle. Addresses are in the boxes below:

**Pollution Control Hearings Board** (send one original and one copy)

Physical address: 1111 Israel Road, Ste. 301

Tumwater, WA 98501

Mailing address: PO Box 40903

Olympia, WA 98504-0903

**Phone:** 360-664-9160

City of Seattle Police Department Harbor Unit

P.O. Box 34986 Seattle, WA 98124-

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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.

See <a href="http://www.eluho.wa.gov/Global/Reader?title=PCHB%20Appeal%20Process&path=Procedure\_Appeal\_PCHB">http://www.eluho.wa.gov/Global/Reader?title=PCHB%20Appeal%20Process&path=Procedure\_Appeal\_PCHB</a> or call the PCHB at the number above with appeal questions.

The owner may submit the appeal immediately, but the PCHB must <u>receive</u> it no later than 1/14/2024. 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 City of Seattle in responding to the vessel.

These costs may include all administrative costs incurred by City of Seattle, 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.

City of Seattle also may pursue any other remedies available under law. For example, City of Seattle 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 <a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=79.100">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=79.100</a>.

For more information, contact Lt. GarthGreen at Seattle Police Harbor Patrol Unit at 206-684-4071 (3).