



NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY

VESSEL with Identification # WN 2985 SW

San Juan County declared the vessel with identification number **WN 2985 SW** (Washington Registration # or USCG # or unknown registration), as derelict or abandoned. The vessel is a **Catalina 27', Serial #51, Blue Hull, White Body w/ Blue Stripe, no name visible. On the beach/rocks at Bouy Bay, off of Deer Pt. Road, Olga/Obstruction Pass, Orcas Island 48.606315N 122.802562W** This vessel has been reported by the public multiple times in 2023 & 2024 as drifted anchor and grounding. In April 2024 this vessel was reported as grounded in Obstruction Pass near Brown Island (NWR) and was reported on again on May 5th at the current location. When initially reported photos showed an outboard engine attached. However, at time of this posting the outboard had been removed.

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 **5/23/24 (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 from beach and move to a secure location.

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:

<p>Pollution Control Hearings Board (send one original and one copy)</p> <p>Physical address: 1111 Israel Road, Ste. 301 Tumwater, WA 98501</p> <p>Mailing address: PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903</p> <p>Phone: 360-664-9160</p>	<p>San Juan County 1609 Beaverton Valley Rd PO Box 729 Friday Harbor, WA 98250</p>
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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 **6/23/24 (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 lawsuit, 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