

ARGUMENTS TO STRESS:

1) ARGUMENT: These sites are not just palisades or military stockades, but were in fact larger self-stained complexes that include multiple resources and features "external" to the palisade.

- The Hudson's Bay resources cannot be understood without the full compliment of buildings, structures, trading areas, Native camps, cemeteries, and fields that historically accompanied them. Historical maps, historical accounts, and archaeological testing have verified the location of some of these elements, and reveal the potential for further discovery.
- The Mission site is also described as having buildings and features outside of the stockade that held the Mission building.
- The significance of the sawpit, cabin, etc., at the 1833 site is essential to the argument that both the 1833 and 1843 sites, and Mission site were not just palisades, but deliberate complexes of outbuildings, barns, stables, animals sheds, fences and cultivated areas. The 1974 NR nomination for the 1833 site includes in the narrative description of resources, the sawpit, a cabin, and outbuildings, as well as the palisade (at the time of nomination, the saw pit was previously marked by a wooden marker, which has since disappeared). The NR has advised that the nomination therefore includes all of these resources as contributing elements.

2) ARGUMENT: The importance of the agricultural component of both the 1833 and 1843 sites has been largely ignored.

- Historical accounts of livestock and crop production and historical sketches depict numerous agricultural buildings – barns, hay sheds, slaughter house, sheep washing station, pastures, fields – that are essential to an understanding of the HBC's agricultural contribution to the Pacific Northwest. In addition, no study of HBC agricultural buildings has been undertaken at other regional sites, making this site potentially rich.
- **ISSUE:** In recent years, OAHP has not considered the overwhelming significance of the agricultural component. Perhaps most importantly, the office has allowed Weyco to "piece meal" the evaluation of individual resources in the area, without considering the contributing potential of these resources as a district, or the agricultural history of the site. For example, in 1997 OAHP concurred that an HBC Fur Packing Shed site (45-PI-450) was not eligible. However, no formal evaluation or analysis of the site was supplied by Dr. Daugherty, just a verbal opinion to OAHP staff that "there is nothing there."

3) ARGUMENT: The contact period and subsequent exchange of culture and goods between native and EuroAmerican peoples has not been fully explored.

- At the 1833 site, much of this activity occurred outside the palisade in an a nearby building known as the Indian Hall. In addition, trading and camping areas are described in historical accounts as having been between the palisade and creek.
- At the 1843 site, a large Indian camping/trading area was located well outside the palisade to the northwest.
- The cemetery associated with the 1833 site existed north of the palisade and south of the creek. Burials have never been investigated or recovered, but would have the potential to yield information about culture, ethnicity, burial goods, and ultimately shed light on the affects of native contact with white culture, and vice-versa.

4) ARGUMENT: The DuPont factory remains (operations area) and Crystallizer are the only surviving resources to illustrate the enormous contribution of this regionally significant industry. Like its corporate predecessors (HBC, PSAC), the DuPont Company was a key player in the expansion and development of the Pacific NW and beyond.

- The significance of these resources and their archeological potential has never been considered. Archaeological investigation of the site can reveal much about corporate structure, production, labor and social history, and health issues that have not been recorded elsewhere.
- **ISSUE:** In 1993, OAHF concurred with Weyco that the Crystallizer (45-PI-75) is not significant. However, the letter of response indicates that this and other resources were only evaluated within the context of the Hudson's Bay period. While the Crystallizer would certainly not be significant in this context, there is no record that the structure was evaluated as a contributing member of the former factory site. The industrial context was clearly not explored as a basis for significance. Furthermore, contributing status in a district (as is the Crystallizer) does not require the same level of significance as a property evaluated individually. In other words, the Crystallizer qualifies as a contributing member of the district because it represents the DuPont factory era, however, it would not qualify as an individually eligible resource.

5) ARGUMENT: The use of a historic district approach is entirely consistent with other NR listings in the region:

- The Fort Vancouver Historical Reserve District has multiple HBC, military, industrial, and World War II elements; The American Camp and English Camp districts on San Juan Island are large (600-1,200 acre) districts that include HBC archaeological features, landscape features, building sites, historical markers, etc..
- In consultation with Nat'l Register staff in D.C., the Multiple Property Documentation approach at this site was not recommended for the following reasons: MPDs are usually appropriate for larger areas where resources are separated by great distances, modern intrusions, or intervening development. The sites around Sequelitchew Creek are historically united by the creek, are fairly concentrated, and relatively close in proximity. MPDs in the state embrace broad geographical areas and historical themes, such as "Maritime Resources of Budd Bay Inlet," "Historic Resources of the Milwaukee Road," "Carnegie Libraries in Washington State," "Depression Era Administrative Sites in the U.S.N.F."

6) ARGUMENT: Nominated areas have acceptable integrity for nomination.

- Even with the DuPont Company's tenure at the site, earlier intact archaeological deposits have been recovered – Men's Dwelling Houses site were found intact under rich deposits relating to the DuPont Company's Old Town.
- In addition, the 1833 palisade and evidence of external features was found intact, within the former DuPont Factory site.
- The nature of the construction of most DuPont Company buildings was not invasive enough to disturb earlier archaeological materials.
- Historical markers or formerly marked sites (Wilkes Observatory, Mission site, sawpit) have achieved historical significance in and of themselves – as historic commemorative sites.
- In spite of some recent clean up efforts, areas historically cultivated by the HBC still retain the open, undeveloped character of the historic period.
- In spite of recent overlaying of toxic waste on the Mission site, and removal in 1999 which caused some disturbance, archaeological material are sufficiently intact.

7) **ARGUMENT:** Weyco claims that the office has given an opinion that the DuPont Powder Works is not eligible. However, the private report prepared for them by Historical Research Associates is marked "draft," did not involve formal consultation with our office, and provides no formal written verification.

- The report states that, "In a telephone conversation with Greg Griffith (Nov. 26, 1997) staff indicated that the DuPont Powder Works is not eligible." However, Greg has no recollection of making this statement. He does, however, remember a conversation with HRA in which he told them that there had been no formal inventory and evaluation of the former DuPont factory site.
- Regardless, this citation is not supported by any formal written statement of significance.
- The vague statement does not identify how the factory site was evaluated, under what criteria, or whether it was evaluated for significance as a collection of buildings, for archaeological potential, or historic landscape values (NR criteria A, C, D).
- The minimal Lars Carlson report Weyco references was not provided to OAHP until after this alleged statement was made (as Greg noted to HRA on Nov. 26, 1997, OAHP had no documentation or evaluation materials to assess the significance of the factory site). The Carlson report was not provided to OAHP until December 10, 1997.
- !!!! The Carlson report, prepared for Weyco, actually identifies the DuPont properties nominated in the N-D district as significant: *"An analysis is included in this survey of buildings most significant historically and architecturally."* The list that follows includes, *the blacksmith shop, general storage building, change house, pulp dry house, and miscellaneous ingredients storage building. (pg. 13)*

NEED:

- Someone (Don?) to be available if there are questions about the function and operation of the Crystallizer or other buildings at the operations site.
- Archaeologist to testify about the integrity of areas, likelihood of further discovery, potential to yield arguments, etc..
- Someone to emphasize the agricultural significance of the HBC/PSAC. Point out that the boundaries encompass only a small part of the original land holding.
- Someone to state that the "open space" is not only significant for archaeological potential, but also as agricultural lands and landscapes that were historically held by the HBC/PSAC.

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES:

- The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation listed the N-S District as one of its Ten Most Endangered Properties. Why has the author (who is also the president of the WTHP) nominated just the 1843 fort?
- In the nomination for the 1843 Fort, the sawpit is identified as 45-PI-71. In another section of the nomination, Nisqually burials are also identified as 45-PI-71. This should be clarified and corrected.

A Petition to the Washington State Department of Ecology

In the interest of promoting a vibrant public discourse on matters relating to the cleanup of the "Former DuPont Company Worksite" (in DuPont, Washington), we the undersigned request that the Department of Ecology do the following three things:

- (1) Assure that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement be released for public review *after* January 1, 2000,
- (2) Hold at least one public hearing to allow for an educational dialog and a healthy airing of community concerns relating to the considered actions, and
- (3) Given the size of the toxic waste cleanup site, and the complexity of issues related to long term development of this property, allow for a sixty (60) day comment period.

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April 1, 2000

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Dear Mr. Blum:

These comments are being submitted in response to your request for input on the DEIS for the Former DuPont Works Site. I feel that additional archaeological survey is required to insure that the rich cultural resources in this area are protected. Specific requests are listed below. It is my hope that you will respond to my comments in detail as well as those of others who send comments to your office.

I have been a member of the Nisqually Point Defense Fund for the past year. The mission of our organization is to create a Historic District in The DuPont Works consent decree area at DuPont Washington. The Nisqually- Sequelitchew Historic District includes sites and areas that are considered premier sites in the State. Evidence of Native American habitation dating back to 3,200 BC has already been discovered in the area. Last year the area was named one of "The 10 most endangered properties in Washington State", by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. This property is being evaluated as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Nisqually Point region has been labeled the "Plymouth Rock" of Puget Sound. Nearly two centuries ago, fur traders from Hudsons Bay Company began settling the area. Two of the earliest Puget Sound Forts were built, as were the state's first road, first Methodist Mission, and first school.

Future generations deserve to have this area protected and properly researched prior to the area being logged and scraped and converted into an industrial complex .

Therefore, I am requesting that the following actions be taken. These activities are similar to the requests that Dr. Allyson Brooks, the State Historical Preservation Officer, made in her letter dated March 14, 2000, and are also stated in the letter Leland Stilson sent to your office on March 18th of this year.

The major requirement is to have a qualified, independent historic archaeologist provide a review of the work that has been done to this point and also conduct additional archaeological testing of the critical locations in the area prior to those areas being logged and scraped. Professional evaluation and assessment of the artifacts previously collected is essential prior to any survey or mitigation strategy.

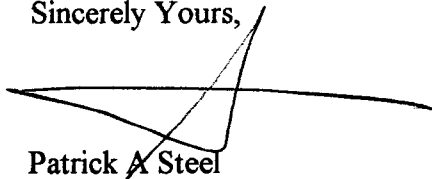
I endorse the five mitigation measures as mentioned by Dr. Brooks in her letter which is enclosed. I also feel that it is critical that Weyerhaeuser work closely during the clean-up activity with Dr. Brooks and the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Request that the Mitigation Measures listed at 3.3.3 on page 3-20 be changed to include additional review and survey work being done prior to clearing being initiated in the area.

My hope is that my comments along with those that I have referenced and the comments that were made at the public hearing on March 21st will be incorporated into the overall plan and that the cultural resources will be preserved.

Please let me know if I can provide any information that would assist you in making your decision about additional mitigation measures that will be adopted to preserve these sensitive cultural resources.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick A. Steel". The signature is written over a horizontal line that extends across the page.

Patrick A Steel
Nisqually Point Defense Fund

2 Enclosures: Letter to DOE from Dr. Allyson Brooks, dated March 14, 2000
Letter to DOE from M. Leland Stilson, dated March 18, 2000

We recommend that the proposal be rejected.
~~and~~ In the event that the proposal is not rejected, we are prepared to pursue every legal avenue to oppose the listing. But, ah, you know, my Dad hates it when I introduce myself as a lawyer, he always tells people I'm a logger for Weyerhaeuser Company. ~~(still does)~~ And the reason I think ~~is~~ he does is practical: litigation over these matters ought to be avoided. It prevents cooperation. It thwarts solutions. Litigation, like this proposal, is simply counterproductive.

Quote from Hx Dist hearing
Weyerhaeuser Attorney
Greg Tolbert

Instructor, who teaches, performs and records as a percussionist in the Seattle area, is also involved in Samba Olywa, a Brazilian drum-and-dance club in Olympia that performs in the Procession of the Species as well as other public events each year.

"I love drumming, and I just keep buying more drums," he said of his collection of instruments the students were using.

Jessica Havlak, 12, a sixth grader, said she was having great time playing the drums with the group.

"I was in the school at McLane Elementary School last year and enjoying the fun that to do this week. It's fun than home."

WHAT'S NEXT

A toxics cleanup plan for Weyerhaeuser Co. property in Dupont will be discussed at a public meeting at 7 p.m. March 21 at Dupont City Hall, 433 Barkside Ave.

Com... prefers golf

DUPONT — Weyerhaeuser Co. is up plan... a waste... a neighborhood.

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DuPont Works munitions complex in this historic town is the preferred option for cleanup of the old River.

WANT TO KNOW

Interested in transportation?

The Olympian is creating a directory of residents who are interested in the specific level of knowledge or training in this issue is required — just a health care willing to land your thoughts on this issue occasionally, please fill out the form.

Name: _____

Age: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Perception instructor Geoff J...

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take her place with the other drummers as Johns organized the group after the break.

"This is an interesting cultural experience," Frank said as the drumming began once more.

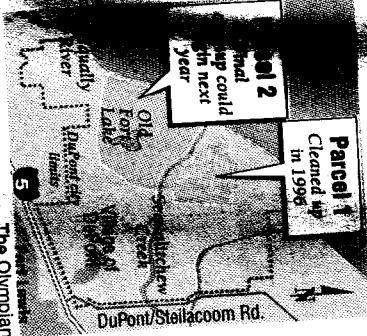
"I play the piano other-wise, but much more refined," she said. "But this is great. It's wild and spontaneous."

cover waste

18 inches of gravel and clean soil where the 19-hole, public golf course is built.

The community group all agree that is the best approach.

Weyerhaeuser abandoned plans to build about 800 homes on the so-called Parcel 2, most of the concerns about potential human exposure to lead and arsenic diminished, said Tom Skjervold of the DuPont Toxics Citizen



COMMUNITY

The Procession of the Species celebration organizers will offer a teachers' art idea exchange and dessert social at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Olympia World News, formerly Bulldog Teachers and classroom assistants are invited to come and share project ideas. Teachers and artists who have participated in the past will share their ideas. The Procession Classroom Resource Guide will be

MEETING TODAY

Port of Olympia Commission, 5:30 p.m., 915 Washington St. N.E., Olympia. 586-1084.

Tuwaiton County Committee, 8 a.m., courthouse Building 1, Room 280, 2000 Lakemidge Drive S.W., Olympia. 798-5440.

Olympia Hearing Examiner, 7 p.m., City Hall council chambers, 900 Plum St., Olympia. 753-8735.

Olympia Timberland Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Olympia Timberland Library west meeting room, Eighth Avenue and Franklin Street. 357-5873.

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DO THIS — Harry Hillier said, "The usual way a new church is started is at the governing body's instigation. They had limited resources and didn't think it was the right time to start a church in Shelton. The Rev. Lynn Long-Shelton, executive presbyter, did put us in touch with the Boneyes though, a couple who had approached them previously with the same request."

Underlined, the two couples met and defined a plan of action to form a church. In March 1998, they convened a meeting for those interested in forming a new Presbyterian church; 20 people attended.

"It didn't surprise me that there was so much interest in a new church," Harry Hillier said. "A lot of retired people

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Administrator's Friday Letter

January 29, 2010

1. Council Meetings On-Demand

Comcast has added current Council meetings on its on demand menu as a free service. It usually takes them five days to get the most recent taped meeting onto the on-demand menu. This is how to access the taped meeting: Select "On Demand" programming, and then select "Get Local", then Northwest TV and Radio, then PCTV. Under PCTV you will find the last taped DuPont City Council meeting listed. Click on that item and then be prepared to wait as it takes a few seconds for Comcast to deliver the video. The January meeting is currently available. Comcast will not archive meetings but this is a 24/7 option for citizens to watch the most recent City Council meeting. It is available until updated with the next taped meeting.

2. Joint Base Lewis-McChord Becomes Reality

A historic day for the major military installations in the South Puget Sound happens Feb. 1 when the long-awaited Joint Base Lewis-McChord will become a reality. "We sincerely believe that this is a natural step, the right thing to do," said Col. Thomas H. Brittain, the Fort Lewis U.S. Army Garrison commander who on that day will uncuse the colors to assume command of the joint base. "We've served side-by-side with the Air Force around the world — and now we are going to live and work together at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. In the process, we're going to become more efficient and effective. We absolutely think that the sum is going to be greater than the parts." Colonel Kenny Weldon, the Air Force officer who commands 62nd Mission Support Group at McChord Air Force Base, will become the JBLM deputy commander on the same day.

3. Update on Meetings with the Department of Archeology and Historic Sites (DAHS)

Representatives from Quadrant and the City met with DAHS on Wednesday to discuss the Methodist Mission site and Buffalo Soldier encampment. The properties on which both sites are located are slated for future development. The City and Quadrant have recently discussed installing historic interpretive signage on a parcel to be given to the City adjacent to the new section of the Sequelitchew Trail alignment. DAHS were generally supportive of the concept of interpretive signage but with certain conditions. They have requested that Quadrant develop a scope of work to organize the archeological record and field notes for both the Methodist Mission and Buffalo Encampment. The current records are not well organized and the field notes are not precise. There may be a requirement for some additional field work. DAHS also expressed a desire for Quadrant to immediately support listing of the Nisqually-Sequalitchew Historic District. A future product may be an MOU between Quadrant, the City, and DAHS which specifically establishes a plan for addressing archeological issues. Such an agreement would become a supporting document during any future SEPA process.

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Dr. James Edgren

April 7, 2003

Good Day Sir!

more than
After ~~over~~ a decade of process, the DuPont Toxics Citizen Oversight Project, (a.k.a. The DTox COP), is close to a final chapter in long and sometimes arduous epic. Such is the cleanup of a hazardous waste site. Happy to report that after meeting our adversaries on uneven fields, fighting boldly against a sometimes overwhelming force, and always charging for the things we believed in, we settled the conflict without firing a (fatal) shot or throwing [m]any (permanently disabling) blows.

I count with pride a fair number of undisputed victories spread over the long years of this struggle. I celebrate each victory and warmly recall the best. Far from the least of these is our settlement to establish a National Historic District along the banks of Sequatchew.

In that agreement I see a promise to honor the memory of ancestors and protect for generations a tiny slice of a great history. It warms my heart to think I had the chance serve with you in pressing for this triumph.

I feel very secure in the fact that we negotiated a settlement that clearly defines, at a minimum, the essential elements of a district. Generations of planning and development may flesh out dreams not yet fully dreamed, but the foundation seems good, and direction is clear.

I, for myself, am close to believing the work of setting our collective caravan moving on the great journey is very nearly complete. The essential logistical details seem to be pretty much in place.

However, there is one loose nut that is still rattling around (at least in the back of my brain), and the hour is getting short for taking a wrench to the problem. Or maybe my fear: if it doesn't get fixed now, the next time it will take a lot more than a much larger wrench...

Over the course of this public comment cycle, (on by now very cleaned up and absolutely FINAL documents), I have heard Mr. Mike Blum express uncertainty about the location of Mission site.

I asked him about it, and he rattled through a fair amount of historical, factual trivia. Some of the detail seemed to me to miss a bigger vision, and I was a little surprised by the sheer volume of information he had. Especially intriguing was his clear bias concerning the factual uncertainty about the actual Mission site.

Why does he think that? Who has he been talking to? And why does it matter to him?

Technically the Mission site is in "green space", outside of the Consent Decree area, (the legal area that has been a center of Mikes life for a dozen years or so).

Talked to you about it and you expressed confidence in the good will of the people who now man the parapets of the former enemy. I have met some of those fine people, and I concur with your judgment that there are a many fine sentiments and compassions amongst them.

I would like to rely on that. I would also like to believe that they, and the major market forces they represent, will always do the right thing and honor, *without question*, the gentlemanly agreement that we are a party to. I would expect that we can all agree to keep the site marked just exactly where it is now, and where it has been marked nearly a full century. Seems like a no-brainer to me.

So therefore I became a little depressed when I talked this over with a DuPont City Planner who told me they "hadn't decided yet where the mission was located" and that he "didn't think it mattered much". Okay, it doesn't matter much to him. Does it matter much to you?

I believe in trust. I also believe in verify. I notice that my map from the negotiation days is not necessarily "to scale", and locations are somewhat ambiguous. Is it possible that in someone else's planning that Mission site would work better somewhere else?

What do you say we go down there and check the best map we can get? How about we arrange a field trip to the site, and bring along a GPS unit, and make our own little mark? It would help me sleep a little better when the final truce is called. Plus it would be a great excuse to commemorate our own little mission.

Please let me know what you think. The comment period on these documents is on April 23, and would like to be all done with this by then. If we do something on a Thursday or Friday I could probably be able to get my lovely wife and bouncy boy to join the adventure, as they would get a chance to see you as a bonus!

I bet Pat would be up for the romp, and would love to help facilitate, if such help was called for. Call or write, and let's make this happen in the next ~~ten to twelve~~ ^{few} days!!!

In Peace and In Action,

Your Friend,

Tom

Tom Skjervold