

Let's Compare.

Consider These Facts...



Todd Shipyard in Seattle:

- 24/7 operating schedule
- Military vessels and WSF contracts
- Largest vessels built - Super ferries 440'
- 34 Acres
- Construction of multiple large vessels simultaneously
- Location - Industrialized Harbor Island
- Deep-water moorage - Compatible site

Nichols Brothers Boat Builders Proposes:

- 24/7 operating schedule *(The Record, p. A3, 11/6/04, Public Meet 11/15/04, MPA p.20)*
- Military vessels, including prototype X-Craft, and WSF contracts *(The Record, p. A14, 12/18/04)*
- Rail system engineered to accommodate 5,000 ton, 400' vessels *(Nichols MPA, p. 12)*
- Designated parcels of land in Nichols MPA includes most of 27 acres *(Nichols MPA, SEPA p. 7)*
- Construction of multiple large vessels simultaneously *(Nichols Public Meet, 11/15/04)*
- Location – Rural Whidbey Island
- To reach deep water moorage a 1/4-mile-long, rail launch system, elevated up to 7' above beach contour, is required on our shallow water harbor – Incompatible site *(Nichols MPA, appx. B, p. 10-13)*



Launch of Empress in 2003 destroys 1.4 acres of eelgrass and damages additional 2/3 acres, resulting in a \$93,000.00 fine (Nichols MPA, Appendix A, p. 17)

Did You Know?

- Our county commissioner, Mike Shelton – a former Nichols Brothers General Manager – fully supports this development on Whidbey Island.
- Nichols Brothers wants to be an industrial shipyard in a residential community by a pristine harbor on Whidbey Island. **If this does not fit your vision** for South Whidbey, let our county officials know (in writing) by January 14, 3PM.

Send letter to: **Planning & Development Department**
P.O. Box 5000 Coupeville WA 98239

Friends of Holmes Harbor has identified these facts and many more. We are very concerned about the future of our community. To learn more about how you can help, email fohh@whidbey.com or visit our website: friendsofholmesharbor.org

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