

**Tabulated Results from Public Survey on Beach Conditions**  
*(April 29 – May 30, 2000)*

*Note: Reach abbreviations are as follows:*

*nc = North Central*

*sc = South Central*

*v = Village*

*c = Cottonwood*

*sb = South Bluff*

*pw = Pt. Whitehorn*

*nb = North Bluff*

*p = Park*

*Where comments are reiterated by more than one survey respondent, “✓” is used to indicate the number of times the same comment was given.*

<b><u>Different from 1980</u></b>	<b><u>Reach</u></b>	<b><u>Map marked</u></b>
big business (industry)✓		x
trend west, condos ✓✓	nc	x
Loomis trail	nc	x
Semi ah moo		x
development on beach✓		x
new buildings, houses		x
used to be: more tide pools	c	photo
little sea grass	c	
few broken shells	c	
sand was firmer	c	
no goose droppings	c	
accretion 2 ft. in 20 yrs	c	photo
tideflats are “dirty”✓		
cleaner now, with sewer		
“Trashier” areas		
(fewer families, more “troublemakers”)	nc , sc	x
building up areas		
washing out areas		
seasonal algae covering sandy flats		
kelp increase	sb	
dirt flow into bay from pw	pw	
eel grass increase at	v	
Birch Bay should be a wildlife sanctuary		x
fewer natural beaches		
better road		x
more bicycle, walk, runners, rollerblade		x
small neighborhood store gone		x
tall trees gone		
less sea run cutthroat		

**Birds/animals: current**

sea ducks( various) ✓✓✓  
mallards✓  
geese✓✓✓✓✓  
brant✓  
gulls✓✓  
robins  
starlings  
(gold) (rosy) finches✓

loon  
cormorants  
scooters  
otters✓✓ (T. Creek)  
  
crows  
sparrows✓  
muskrats

eagles✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ *c, nb*,  
blue heron✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ *c, nb*  
osprey✓  
whale (hump back, in park reach area)✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (2/00)  
grey whale, 1999 *p* (1980 *pw*)  
harbor seals✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓  
dabbling ducks ✓  
large increase Canada geese (weren't present 10 yrs. ago)✓  
"other"✓✓  
Pileated woodpecker  
deer✓  
raccoon  
skunk  
rabbits  
king Fisher  
sandpipers  
sanderlings  
dungeness crab are plentiful

**birds/animals: past**

used to have diving ducks  
fox  
parrot

**plants**

eel grass✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ *pw, v, nb*  
kelp✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ *sb, p, pw, nb*  
seasonal algae✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ (terrell creek)  
non-native plants✓: cork elm, napweed✓  
more algae✓  
more eel grass at Birch Bay Village  
more kelp *pw*  
tree planting by NSEA  
beach grass  
huge increase in slimy black seaweed (since 1940s)  
less beach grass

### **beach change**

sand *sc*, *nc*,  
“problem area” *c*  
silt/“stream of dirt” came around Pt. Whitehorn 1997-98  
eel grass tide dump dammed Terrell Creek, 1999✓  
built up two ft or more✓✓ *c*  
not as nice beaches as they were 50 or 20 yrs ago  
softer tide flats near beach✓✓  
more mud (silty) on near shore tide flats✓✓✓✓  
used to be hard, not any more✓✓  
“horrible changes” *nc* to *v*  
hard to access from cliffs  
still find agates  
seaweed creeping toward shore  
change (unspecified) *nc*, *sc*

### **erosion**

sb, *sc*,  
beach washouts at Terrell Creek mouth, Tide Flats Rest. *nc*  
erosion✓ *nc*, *sc*, *p*  
washing away everywhere✓  
less sand  
don't know  
south of park

### **buildings**

Fair (carnival)✓✓✓ *sc* *x*  
Palms restaurant, lounge, dance bar ✓ *sc* *x*  
Road house *x*  
used to be hunting resort where Birch Bay Village is✓ *v* *x*  
there never were docks on bay  
small boat launching pad at Terrell Creek  
torn down bath house at Beach Way *c*  
Sea Shore Inn✓ *c*  
Skating rink✓ *c*  
Dance hall *sc*  
Army piling for barracks

### **problems**

junk cars in yards *x*  
law enforcement for drug problem *x*  
motorcycle✓, vehicle speeding, traffic✓✓✓✓ *x*  
alcohol, DWI *x*  
noise, night disturbances *x*  
tide flats should be 'no hunting'✓  
building up salmon runs worthwhile✓  
industrial development = oil spills  
gas pipeline danger  
skyline changed by industry *x*  
pollution in bay measured in 1997 (sediment quality test)✓  
drainage  
dumping garbage/grass clippings on beach✓  
no adequate restroom facilities  
pollution threat to clams, crabs, eel grass✓  
no stormwater or surface run off management  
pollution/sludge in Terrell Creek 1999✓✓✓  
not enough buffer between road and beach  
raw sewage pumping into Bay at *sc /nc* boundary  
"saltwater, shallow, good for children, clean"  
truck traffic *x*  
keep ski boats away *x*  
Asian visitors raiding clam beds  
concrete bulkheads (groins) limit usage, ugly  
not enough land for parks  
developers move faster than County fiscal *x*  
preserve and protect resource, stewards,  
stench of sludge at Terrell Creek  
leaching septic tank from Bayridge *v*

### **beach enhancement priority**

high priority✓✓  
stemming pollution & erosion

### **promenade**

valid✓  
friendly for recreation  
less traffic danger

### **bicycle path**

still needed (in addition to road-side lane)✓  
already have it

### **concerns**

not willing to wait 25 years✓  
threaten to incorporate  
want County help✓  
no new buildings at Terrell Creek mouth  
want Port to help  
want federal monetary assistance✓  
purchase land Terrell Creek mouth for park  
erosion of beach  
discharge of raw sewage