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MEMORANDUM

TO: DAVE SOMERS, SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
FROM: TOM TEIGEN, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: KAYAK POINT GOLF COURSE
DATE: 6/14/2019

After thoughtful consideration, lengthy negotiations with the previous golf course operator, two Requests for Proposals, community meetings, and numerous conversations with golf professionals from across the country, the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department is recommending the closure of the Kayak Point Golf Course property and returning the property to its original intended use as a 270 acre public park.

Reaching this decision has been a multi-year process that included: researching the local, regional and national trends in golf, showing the significant increase in number of golf courses in the region; assessing the condition and playability of the course; and determining the financial and environmental sustainability of the property as an 18-hole public golf course. It was determined that to maintain an 18 hole course at Kayak Point Golf would require a near term capital investment of \$7-9 million and additional millions over the long term. This level of investment of tax dollars is not possible. The Department will release a new RFP in the coming weeks to solicit ideas/proposals for the adaptive re-use of this important public asset.

We are committed to working with elected officials, neighbors, community groups, and citizens across Snohomish County throughout this process as we reimagine the future of Kayak Point County Park.

Cc: Ken Klein, Executive Director
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