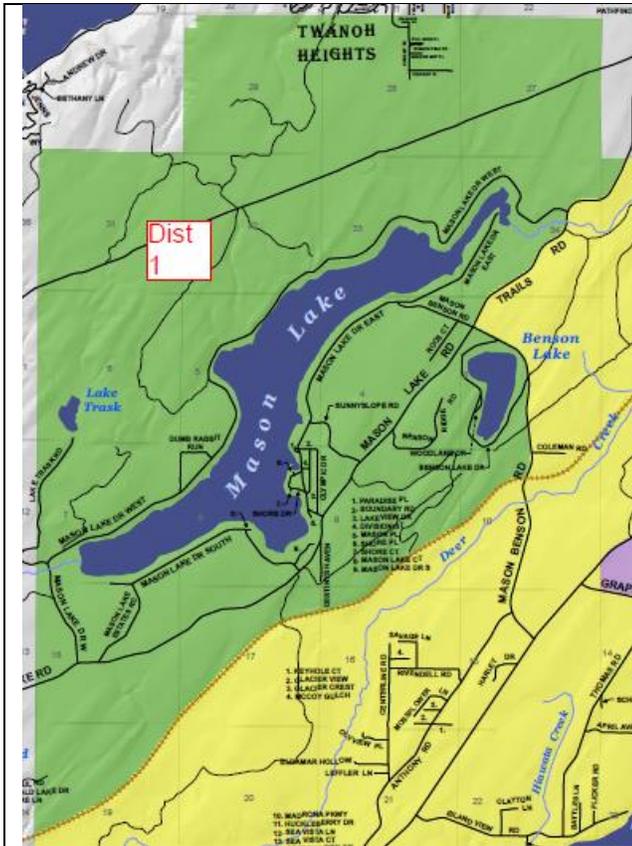


Port of Grapeview Commissioner Vacancy

As announced at the Port of Grapeview Business meeting, Commissioner VanderWal has resigned as Commissioner representing District 1. That district is primarily the Mason-Benson Lake area of the PoG.



The green area on the left is District One.

The remaining Port Commissioners must now vote to install a new commissioner to fill out Bill's term of office.

We are asking the Mason-Benson Community to canvas their members for an individual who would like to fill that remaining term. Simply send your willingness to serve to:

portofgrapeview@gmail.com

There are various State laws that tell us who is eligible and what we, as Commissioners, must do install that person.

We contacted both the Washington State Secretary of State and the Municipal Research and Service Center to decipher the laws. The MRSC is available to all Washington State governments with lawyers on staff to assist us in decision making to insure that we are congruent with the law.

Here is the direction from 53.12.010:

Commissioner districts shall be used as follows: (a) Only a registered voter who resides in a commissioner district may be a candidate for, or hold office as, a commissioner of the commissioner district;

We had a question as to what constituted a "registered voter."

Here is the interpretation by the MRSC:

In answer to your question, "registered voter" means a registered voter in the county in which the port district is located and in the particular commissioner district in which the person wishes to run for port commissioner. Being able to vote is based on residence and is not based on property ownership. You can thus be a registered voter only in the place where you have your primary residence, whether you own or rent that residence. People who own vacation homes within the boundaries of the port - and otherwise reside outside the port - are thus not eligible to run for port commissioner.

If your PoG home is a vacation home and you vote at your primary home, which is not in District 1, a person is not eligible to apply.

We will interview all applicants and make a decision at our August meeting.