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I am writing regarding private docks.

Private docks on Mayne Island are unique in as much as most of the larger gulf islands have marinas as an example Pender has four. Mayne Island has none.

Mayne Island currently has only two government run docks one in Miners Bay with very limited dock space and constantly exposed to ferry waves and Horton Bay which is soon to be dismantled and hopefully replaced with another dock in Horton Bay at Anson road . This dock replacement has been in process for over 16 years and when completed will have no where near enough space for the number of boaters on Mayne. This dock location is also a long way from the larger population centres on the island. Last winter a boat sunk in Village Bay only the quick action by a neighbour with a private dock enabled going out to the boat and removing the engine and fuel tank before a spill occurred. I had contacted the coast guard when the boat was sinking they would not respond unless a spill took place.

When the Queen of Nanaimo ran aground in Village Bay several years ago the people who would have responded if necessary would have all left from private docks in Village Bay. As it was the coast guard hovercraft responded an hour after the grounding.

Further there are no launching ramps on Mayne that are suitable to use at anything but a relatively high tide which means in the event of an emergency only boats on the water would be of assistance.

Eliminating private docks on Mayne would not only hamper any emergency rescues on the water but restrict the ability of residents to get off the island in the event of a major fire or other disaster.

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