I am a homeowner at OBOA. Attached are comments for the hearing today.

Lynn Wolfe
Comments in opposition to permit request in Case No. PH-2021-PUB-10-001

My name is Lynn Wolfe. I purchased my lot in OBOA in 1996. I live in lot 38, one row off of Outlet Bay Road and border on Lake Street.

Over the years I have seen the amount of traffic brought into our association because of the launch ramp. There is only Outlet Bay Road that is public and goes straight into the launch. The 3 short roads that go off Outlet Bay are private roads and should not be used as turn arounds. The public still uses them, sitting there getting ready to launch and blocking access to our homes and our parking in front of our homes.

When the resort turned into a private Association in 1995, there was a huge amount of traffic launching and a lot of confusion. Over time, traffic began to slow a bit because there is nowhere to park on our property, no bathrooms, no garbage, and no place close to turn around to back into the launch ramp. The launchers still leave garbage or use our private dumpsters located around 4 corners and more than a block away, walking on our private property. Their kids run unsupervised. They let their dogs run, poop, and intimidate people on the beach and near their homes. They use our private docks to load their passengers, ignoring the signs that say private marina.

There is congestion on Outlet Bay Road when multiple boats try to back down in line from Lake Street. Many people are not skilled at backing and end up in the middle of the road completely blocking access to homes on the Riverside of OBOA. Boaters take their time getting things out of the car and into the boat and preparing to launch or cleaning the boat when the leave.

We have a private marina with boat slips. While launching they run into our boats in the slips. There should be enough room that this does not happen but many people are not skilled boaters. I know one neighbor who had his pontoon boat hit 3 times in 2 summers. In the spring the runoff is fast and tricky as the launch is positioned where it goes directly into Priest River and the current is strong. This can last sometimes into the end of June. It is difficult to hold onto a boat and not safe while putting in or taking out the boat. Even in the summer during normal flow it can be a challenge. Also, the slope of the launch is shallow and makes it a difficult launch.

Over the years, things calmed down a bit after the Outlet Bay ramp was taken off the public map distributed to boaters. We had a more respectful group of boaters who backed down from Lake Street, launched, and parked up the road off our property. They understand the limitation related to this launch ramp making it difficult to maneuver. They spent only the time to launch, not load and fiddle around, haul away their garbage and most have their dogs on leashes and an eye on the kids to keep them safe.

If the county wants to continue with this launch ramp, I would hope they can respect the private owners of OBOA by:

- Having boaters turn around on Lake Street and backing down from there.
- One boat at a time launching (this is not a double launch) and waiting on Lake Street.
- No parking on our property
- Limiting launch hours to reasonable hours, such as 8 am to 8 pm.
- Leaving the Outlet Bay launch ramp off the public maps to help reduce the traffic
- Proper signage indicating the launch limitations and recommending the Coolin launch.
The Coolin County launch is off the public road, no fee, has room to turn around, has parking, garbage, bathrooms, a dock, and a much easier slope for launching. It does not create a safety hazard for the kids and dogs running while the parents are launching.

We have a lot of pedestrians who are our neighbors using Outlet Bay Road and OBOA internal roads for running, walking, and biking. The launch traffic is dangerous even to our neighbors along Outlet Bay Road, especially those who have kids.

This is a huge SAFETY issue with this launch in such a private location. I know everyone misses the old resort, who put the launch in with their own money, maintained it with their own money and gave the public access by letting the County Road have access to the launch. But the resort is gone and the launch cannot operate the same as when it was a resort.

Respectfully,

Lynn Wolfe