

# Prince of Wales Island Borough Study

## *Information for Prince of Wales Island Residents*

### What Is Going On?

The Prince of Wales Island Advisory Committee (POWCAC) hired Sheinberg Associates to provide objective and factual information to POWCAC and Prince of Wales (POW) residents, school districts, communities, and organizations on the implications of POW forming a borough.

POWCAC identified 10 Questions for the Sheinberg Team to research and answer:

1. Describe the types of boroughs and how are they different from one another.
  2. Describe the mandatory, and optional, functions and duties of a POW Island Borough.
  3. Determine whether POW Schools will gain or lose revenue if a Borough is formed, and explain why.
  4. Develop two realistic POW Borough budgets (one for a borough exercising mandatory duties only (schools, planning, taxation), and another for a borough that exercises a few additional duties.)
  5. Estimate the acres of State land that a POW Borough would be entitled to select.
  6. Describe legal options for Assembly apportionment on POW given the area's demographics.
  7. Prepare a table clearly describing how a POW borough will affect existing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class cities, school districts, and unincorporated communities in the study area.
  8. Describe the effects of a POW Borough on local tribal governments and Native Corporations.
  9. What are the options for raising local revenue to support a POW Borough? (including a tax on extraction of resources).
  10. Describe the implications of forming a POW Borough on land planning and permitting.
- **Are there other questions you want answered? What?**
  - **We need everyone's help**....the more accurate the information we have about current finances and development on the island, the more accurate our information can be about the impacts of forming a borough.

### Project Steps

NOW	Phase 1: Project Kick-off
Nov-Dec	Phase 2: Research, Data Collection, Interviews
Jan-April	Phase 3: Draft and Final Report
	▪ January 22 POWCAC meeting to present the DRAFT Report (mark your calendar NOW to attend)

### How to Be Involved or Follow the Project

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