

Save our Waves

If you love surfing Westport, we need your help. A plan to build a golf course in Westport Light State Park will destroy rare wetlands, lichen habitats, migratory bird resting places, and pollute our waters. The public is asked to comment on this project. We have until May 23, 2025. A sample letter is included. Scan the QR codes below to read the DEIS and articles about the opposition.

Email comments to:

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Article from The Drift



Article from The Standard



City of Westport
Attention: Tom Cappa, SEPA Responsible Official
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In Re: Westport Golf, LLC Proposal, Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Cappa,

As a surfer and frequent visitor to Westport Light State Park, I'm strongly opposed to the proposed Westport Golf Links development. (Project File Number: 25-COWEIS-01.) This park is home to one of the best waves in Washington-a wave that draws surfers like me from all over the region, year-round.

According to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS, page 3.2.1.2-8), building permanent fairways on the dune, relocating the paved trail, and undertaking future erosion control efforts to protect the golf course will alter natural sand flow. The U.S. Army Corps also proposes increased dredging and offshore sand disposal, all of which could threaten the wave itself.

Thousands of surfers visit Westport each year, drawn by the wave that this project would put at risk. Why jeopardize a thriving, sustainable surf economy for a private golf course? There are also real health risks. Golf courses use thousands of pounds of pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, and fertilizers-all of which could wash into the water where we surf. A clean, accessible break could become a health hazard.

Pesticide runoff could also harm the jetty and cove ecosystems that support lingcod, rockfish, razor clams, Dungeness crab, and mussels. These waters are more than recreation-they're a food source, cultural resource, and community anchor.

Water use is another concern. The DEIS estimates that the course and 14 cottages will require 400,000 gallons of water daily, putting enormous pressure on a local aquifer that may already be at capacity. While the DEIS mentions new wells, it offers no clear evidence that the aquifer can support this development and the proposed 470-unit Half Moon Bay subdivision. Water shortages affect every household, business, and visitor in Westport.

This park is a rare place where surfing, fishing, beach-going, and wildlife thrive together. Let's not throw that away for a private project that puts public health, natural ecosystems, and a whole way of life at risk. Protect the wave. Protect the park. Protect what makes Westport truly special.

Sincerely, *[Your Full Name]* *[City, State]*