



WELCOME TO 2016

2015 was an exciting year for the Office of the Waterfront, and we're looking forward to even more in 2016!

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Below are some highlights from 2015:

- Celebrating the groundbreaking of a great partner project last June – Pike Place Market's [MarketFront](#).
- Hearing your feedback on the [Draft Environmental Impact Statement \(Draft EIS\)](#) in July.
- Working with the Seattle Aquarium Society on the [Seattle Aquarium Master Plan](#) – approved by City Council in August.
- Supporting our partner, [Friends of Waterfront Seattle](#), as they launched pilot projects on the promenade and Waterfront Park, activating the area with music, cultural events and other free community programs. Check out [Friends 2015 Annual Report](#) to learn more.
- Joining [The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.](#) for a blindness simulation tour to gain a better understanding of the best sidewalk and street designs for the new waterfront.
- Presenting our shared vision for the waterfront by land and sea as a part of the [American Planning Association](#) National Planning Conference in April.

- Participating in over 30 days of fairs and festivals across Seattle, including Festival Sundiata, Pista sa Nayon Filipino Festival, Bumbershoot and many more.

Thanks to our partners for a great year.



Meeting friendly faces at the Waterfront Seattle booth during the Beacon Hill Festival in June.

2016 LOOK AHEAD

Check out the Office of the Waterfront's [2016 Work Plan](#) to learn about our plans and goals for 2016 and beyond.

SEATTLE AT WORK

“Seattle at Work” is a series organized by the [Seattle Office of the Mayor](#) that highlights different communities and topics around Seattle. On January 26 from 5 – 7 PM, join Mayor Murray and department directors at City Hall for a [“Seattle at Work” event](#) focused on housing affordability. City departments will have information on the various projects they are working on – stop by and visit the Waterfront Seattle table to learn more!

SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The next phase of seawall construction is now underway between Pine and Pike streets, near the Seattle Aquarium. Current activities include sidewalk and rip rap removal and sheet pile installation. Work is also progressing in the south, between University Street and Yesler Way. The Seattle Aquarium, Waterfront Park and other waterfront businesses will remain open and accessible throughout construction. For more information, visit the [Seawall construction page](#) or [sign up for construction updates](#).



Sidewalk removal in the north end of the project, just south of Pier 62/63.

SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The City of Seattle will complete a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Alaskan Way, Promenade, and Overlook Walk (AWPOW). The Supplemental Draft EIS is expected to be released in spring 2016. It will be accompanied by a 30-day public comment period, including a public meeting and opportunities to comment online. The AWPOW Final EIS is expected to be released in fall 2016. Visit our [environmental review webpage](#) to learn more.



Members of the public leave comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) at the public meeting in July.

FRIENDS OF WATERFRONT SEATTLE

[Friends of Waterfront Seattle](#) is the not-for-profit established to work with the City of Seattle to ensure the project's long-term success. [Sign up](#) to stay informed about Friends of Waterfront Seattle events in 2016, which will include more free fun at both Waterfront Space (1400 Western Avenue) and on the waterfront.

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