

1.2 THE POOL BARGE EXPERIENCE

The pool barge is unique among the waterfront projects in both program and locale.

On the Bay, Looking Back at the City: While the Waterfront Seattle projects re-center the city around the bay, leading visitors to and along the water's edge, the pool barge allows visitors to leave the land and become part of the bay, removed from the waterfront to experience a unique vantage point back to the city.

A Catalyst Project: The pool barge is inherently mobile; while designed as an anchoring element of the waterfront experience, it can be completed in advance of many of the waterfront projects and moored at differing locations around the city. Accelerated completion of the project will create an exciting attraction with high visibility that encourages people to see the waterfront from a new perspective and builds anticipation and excitement for the emerging waterfront.

Programmed Recreation: The pool barge will bring a programmed recreation amenity to Seattle's central waterfront, serving residents of downtown as well as visitors, complementing the passive recreation and programmed events associated with other waterfront elements. As a programmed recreation facility and a maritime vessel, the pool barge is shaped by a highly detailed level of regulatory and operations detail that will continue to guide design decisions.



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