

Exhibit Script: Sound People, Sound Visions

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Panel 1

SOUND PEOPLE, SOUND VISIONS

People have lived in the Kitsap County area for thousands of years.

These **people** have come to the Kitsap County area from all over the world, drawn by its many **natural resources**. Their **hopes** for life changed over time, but were all realized in **industries** built on the local resources. These industries were made possible by systems of sea trade and transport that continue today. **People, resources, and industries** have made Kitsap County nationally important and shape its future.

[Graphic: Panel Background, G-1-01]

[Graphic: Kitsap County Cram Map, G-1-02]

Panel 2

Who *are* Kitsap People?

FIRST PEOPLES.

The first people to live in Kitsap County were Native Americans.

The **Suquamish** had the largest population in what is now Kitsap County. They depended on local natural resources, such as salmon, cedar, and protected waterways. These same resources later drew people from the **Eastern US, Europe, and East Asia.**

[Graphic: Panel Background, G-2-01]

[Graphic: Suquamish at Neah Bay, G-2-02]

EXPLORERS AND SETTLERS.

Europeans came to Kitsap first as explorers in the 16th century, then as businesspeople and settlers in search of a new life.

Captain **George Vancouver** and Lieutenant **Charles Wilkes** both led surveys of Puget Sound and named important parts of the area. On **July 13, 1857**, the area was named **Kitsap County.**

[Graphic: Chart of Admiralty Inlet, Puget Sound, and Hoods Canal, G-3-01]

BUSINESSPEOPLE AND LOGGERS.

During the 1849 California Gold Rush, a building boom resulted in the need for wood from the Northwest.

Businesspeople opened several lumber mills in the 1850s. **Loggers** moved to the area, working to make the county the richest on Puget Sound.

[Graphic: Loggers and Oxen at Gilberton, G-4-01]

SHIPBUILDERS AND MARINERS.

The busy timber industry increased the need for shipbuilding and sailing to transport lumber and people.

Shipbuilders and **Mariners** came to Kitsap County to build on a longstanding shipping tradition.

[Graphic: Shipbuilding at Hall Brothers' Shipyard, G-5-01]

FARMERS AND FISHERMEN.

As mariners arrived on trade ships from other parts of the world, many jumped ship to claim inexpensive land.

Many of these settlers became **farmers** and **fishermen**. They started a booming **food trade**.

[Graphic: Petersen Children with Eggs, G-6-01]

SAILORS AND SOLDIERS.

Starting in the 1880s, the US Navy built shipyards and ports along the safe waters of Puget Sound.

Sailors and **soldiers** came from all over the country to work at the Naval Stations. They played a vital part in **national defense**.

[Graphic: Contest Winners on Armed Forces Day 1955, G-7-01]

Today, Kitsap County celebrates over 150 years as a diverse community. Kitsap people continue to proudly build their future in national defense, water transportation, and agriculture.

Why did you come to Kitsap County?