

Marination Welcomes New Partnership to Bring Year-Round Education, Recreation and Cultural Programming to Seacrest Park

Duwamish Tribal Services and Marination share a vision for the Duwamish Waterfront Education Center, a proposed community hub on the West Seattle waterfront*

SEATTLE — October 22, 2026 — Marination, the concessionaire at the City of Seattle's Seacrest Park in West Seattle, today welcomed a proposed partnership with Duwamish Tribal Services, tentatively called the Duwamish Waterfront Education Center*. The hub would bring together the Duwamish Tribe, environmental stewardship, maritime education and public recreation. It would expand opportunities for environmental exploration, shoreline stewardship, water-based workforce development and hands-on learning, and offer students, volunteers, visitors, residents and kayakers a welcoming gateway to Elliott Bay.

"The Duwamish Tribe and Duwamish Tribal Services are excited about the possibility of partnering with Marination ma kai at Seacrest Park to create a vibrant, welcoming community hub with year-round programming that honors the waterfront's past, celebrates its present, and helps shape its future," said

-Kristina Pearson, Executive Director, of Duwamish Tribal Services.

Under the proposal, the center would serve as subcontractor for Seacrest Park's boat and paddle operations and continue to offer kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals. The partners anticipate beginning as early as next spring, subject to final agreements and approvals.

Public programming under discussion includes:

- Kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals and guided tours
- Education on traditional canoe practices and seasonal cultural themes, including connections to salmon migration
- School field trips that bring Duwamish cultural and science learning to the water
- Shoreline cleanups and community science initiatives
- Water safety training

Programming would vary seasonally, from winter school visits and safety trainings to summer rentals.

**"Duwamish Waterfront Education Center" is a working title until a community-focused conversation about place and program names can take place.*

About the Duwamish Waterfront Education Center*

The proposed center is a partnership that would connect people to the Salish Sea

through canoeing, kayaking and paddling built on sustainability, respect, safety and inclusivity.

Duwamish Tribal Services, incorporated in 1983, promotes the cultural, social, political and economic survival of the Duwamish Tribe, and shares Duwamish history and culture with all.