

# A Snapshot of Boothbay

Update of the Comprehensive Plan

July Community Forum

# Background

- Much of the data is taken from published sources – Census, state, etc.
- Only goes through 2010
- We don't really know what will happen as the economy improves

# Year-Round Population

- Boothbay experience steady population growth between 1990 and 2010
- 1990 = 2,648      2010 = 3,120
- Boothbay Harbor declined during this period
- Rate is faster than Lincoln County and the state

# Year-Round Households

- Number of households increased by almost a third from 1990 to 2010
- 1990 = 1,048    2,010 = 1,386
- But the average size of households is decreasing
- 2.52 in 1990    2.25 in 2010
- 1 & 2 person HH increased by over 50%

# Driver of Population Increase

- All of the population growth is the result of net in-migration
- More people moving in to Boothbay than moving out
- Over past 20 years, more Boothbay residents died than children were born to Boothbay residents

# Age of the Population

- Boothbay's population is getting older
- Median age increased from 38.1 years in 1990 to 51.7 in 2010
- Boothbay is older than the county and the state – but BBH is older
- And is getting older faster than the county or state

# Younger People

- While the total population has grown, the younger population has declined
- Number of people under 25 dropped by almost 15% between 1990 and 2010
- Number between 25 and 44 dropped by over 31% in this period
- 2010 Census showed a big drop in children under 10

# Household Income

- 2010 median household income was almost \$53,000
- Higher than the county and the state
- But almost 20% of residents under 18 lived in poverty in 2011
- This was more than double the rate in 2000



# Housing

- According to the 2010 Census, Boothbay has just under 2,500 housing units
- Of these about 64% are year-round and 36% are seasonal
- Of the year-round units most are owner occupied – almost 87%

# Housing Growth

- Between 2000 and 2010 the number of housing units grew by over 400
- The number of year-round units increased by about 250 or 19%
- The number of seasonally occupied units grew by about 180 or 25%
- Most units are single-family homes

# Local Economy

- Boothbay is both an employment center and a “bedroom community”
- Almost 800 residents commute out of town to work
- Over 400 people commute into Boothbay to work

# Local Employment

- Local businesses provide employment in a wide range of industries:
  - Science/research (Bigelow)
  - Manufacturing/boatbuilding
  - Construction
  - Hospitality
  - Marine

# Labor Force

- Boothbay residents are employed in a wide range of occupations
  - Management/professional 31%
  - Service 8%
  - Sales and office 28%
  - Natural resources/marine 18%
  - Production/transportation 16%

# The Future

- What should the future of Boothbay be?
- Will the trends of the last 20 years continue?
- We are in a period with lots of unknowns