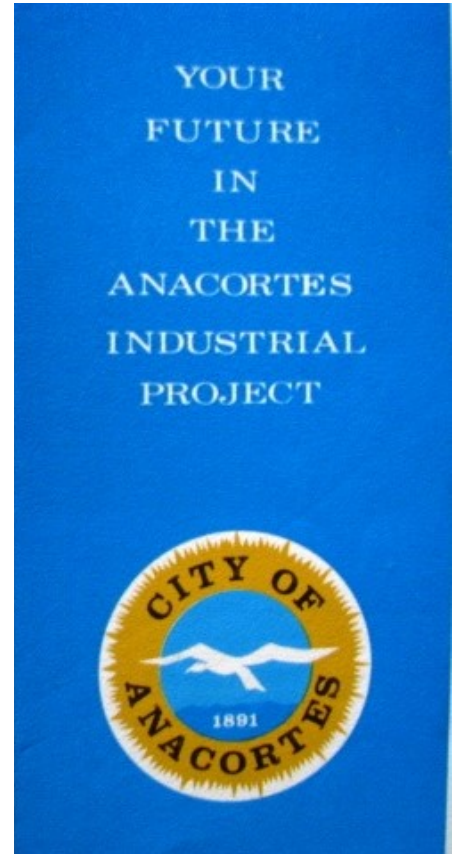


The City of Anacortes Seal



The City of Anacortes Seal (or logo) was designed by Paul Carlson circa 1972, according to former City Councilperson Erica Pickett. Paul initially had a sign shop in Skyline, and was also a founding owner, with his brother Bruce, of the original Cannery Row tavern located in the Wilson Hotel Building during the 1970s & 80s. Pickett noted that Carlson had voiced some frustration at the time that logo design was expected as a free component of graphic design projects, be it sign or brochure.

By 1973, Paul was operating American Graphics at 1814 Commercial Avenue, offering commercial art and design work. The city seal may have been designed specifically for the cover of the City of Anacortes 1972 Annual Report, which was “our first attempt to establish a yearly report to the citizens using the newspaper,” wrote Harold Wyman, City Manager of Anacortes at the time.



The seal may also have been developed in conjunction with a federally funded brochure titled: Your Future in the Anacortes Industrial Project, which was published in this same era.