

## PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND

**MEETING OF:** June 22, 2016

**AGENDA ITEM:** VII. Potential Immediate Action Items  
B. BIG Authorizing Resolution No. 647-16

### **BACKGROUND:**

In both 2014 and 2015, the Commission formally authorized staff to prepare applications seeking funding assistance for the Point Hudson Jetty Replacement Project through the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). The Port was notified in January of 2015 that \$1,102,811 of its 2014 requested \$1,455,000 in grant aid had been funded (i.e., approximately 22% of the estimated \$5,000,000 jetty replacement cost).

In September of 2015, the Port submitted a second application for BIG funding for the Point Hudson Jetty Replacement Project. Earlier this year, RCO staff encouraged the Port to formally withdraw its 2015 application and resubmit a substantially revised 2016 application focused exclusively on the North Jetty Wall.

Under 50 CFR Part 86, as amended, localities are permitted to submit BIG funding requests on an annual basis, which permits the Port to request up to \$1,455,000 in additional funding support in the 2016 grant cycle. BIG Tier II applications (i.e., those exceeding \$100,000) must be submitted by July 15, 2016. The RCO requires that a formal authorizing resolution be included as part of the application submittal.

Staff has prepared a draft of Port Commission Resolution No. 647-16, authorizing application to the State of Washington requesting BIG program funding for the Point Hudson North Jetty Replacement Project. Staff anticipates applying for an additional \$1,455,000, 32% of the estimated total project cost. The Port's source of matching funds is the Port of Port Townsend's Operating Reserves Fund.

After application submittal in July, RCO will conduct "technical review" in August and provide critical feedback to applicants. Final, revised applications will then be submitted by mid-August. Awards are announced in early 2016.

**Executive Director's Recommendation:** Approve the attached Resolution authorizing staff to submit a grant application to the State of Washington Recreation & Conservation Office for BIG program funding support for the Point Hudson North Jetty Replacement project.