

Public Comments for the May 25, 2022 Commission Meeting.

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**Subject:** Port Haul Out Waiting List

Dear Commissioners,

Last week I received two phone calls from a customer about twenty minutes apart. The first was to inquire if I rented vacuum sanders for a potential upcoming haul out. The second was to see if I'd mind if they rented the sander and took it to Everett. In only twenty minutes the customer discovered that he could not haul his boat in Port Townsend and found a place that could.

It was recently stated that the current Port waiting list is job security for the marine trades. This couldn't be farther from the truth. Many customers that have traditionally hauled here have been turned away the past two years. The effect this has had on my business has been sizeable. Commercial fishing fleet vessels that are accustomed to call in March and April have been told the earliest they can haul is July, after their seasons start.

It took just twenty minutes for myself and the Port of Port Townsend to lose a customer. The caller incidentally was a Port Commissioner from Poulsbo. I got his name and phone number and had a short talk with him concerning our current situation.

As it stands the discount has expired. It has not been needed during the recent economic boom as evidenced by a haul out waiting list of over 50 boats. If the need arises in the future, a similar measure can be reinstated. The hangover of the yard rate discount into the busy spring season must be fixed before another season is impacted!

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** In-person Meetings During a Pandemic

Hello Commissioners, and Mr. Berg,

After tuning in to your latest in-person commission meeting I felt compelled to write you and communicate what I think is bad behavior on the part of respected people that are leaders in our community.

I had just finished reading an article in the Peninsula Daily News, quoting Dr. Berry on the extreme number of newly infected people with COVID-19. Reported cases in Jefferson County are at 537 per 100,000 and are likely double what is being reported. **Berry strongly recommends masking in indoor spaces.**

Why were there only (3) people in the room wearing masks? The state is again starting conversations about mask mandates, but we don't need the state to tell us when it is a good idea to mask, do we?

My neighbors had to cancel their trip to Hawaii, because they tested positive (3) days before their flight. This was to be a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party for her...they don't know how they were infected.

I believe our elected officials should be held to a higher standard, and set an example. That would include wearing masks without a mandate, because it is the right thing to do, and is respectful of other people.

Please set an example for the rest of us, and wear your masks during in-person meetings, or go back to Zoom. Please include my comments as part of the meeting packet.

Be Safe!

Respectfully,  
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