

PORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING – Wednesday, August 12, 2026

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met for a workshop session at the Point Hudson Pavilion Building, 355 Hudson Street, Port Townsend, and also online via Zoom.

Present: Commissioners Petranek, Hasse (Virtual) and Hanke
Executive Director Eron Berg
Director of Capital Projects Dave Nakagawara
Capital Projects Administrator Natalie Toews
Lease and Contracts Administrator Heron Scott
Port Recorder Joanna Sanders

I. CALL TO ORDER (Rec. 00:00:00)

Commissioner Petranek called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. BOAT HAVEN MARINA PLAN/C&D DOCK FUNDING PLAN (Rec. 00:00:30)

Director of Capital Projects Dave Nakagawara led the presentation regarding Commercial, C, D, and linear dock rehabilitation, planned funding, and the next steps/timeline. Staff recognized the cost of dredging would be addressed as contingency. They also fielded questions about fuel dock infrastructure, project estimates including current versus new design, engineering and maintenance capacity, the balance between in-house or contract work, and the potential for buying local cement and biochar as cement reinforcement with less toxicity. Follow up discussion is needed on funding with moorage rates versus the IDD.

III. SHORT'S FARM PLANNING (Rec. 00:28:10)

Lease and Contracts Administrator Heron Scott led a presentation of options, stakeholder outreach, and a request for proposal (RFP) process to secure commitments as well as actionable plans. Staff recognized the challenge with ensuring a return on investment and care in capital outlay. The Commission supported an RFP Process, a co-op model, as well as outreach to more stakeholders such as Chimacum Food Stand and Red Dog Farms, and those working on food resiliency. Additional discussion occurred about straightening the stream and consideration of agrivoltaics solar panels as shade.

IV. FUTURE IDD LEVY PROJECT LIST DEVELOPMENT (Rec. 01:13:08)

Executive Director Eron Berg asked for input on further developing the IDD projects before preparing a ballot measure. Projects are: supporting a Boat Haven rehabilitation plan, job creation at JCIA, and a third not-yet identified job creation opportunity. The Port might choose to delay use of any approved IDD dollars until the specific projects are identified. Next month, the Commission might have the authorizing resolution.

V. BOAT HAVEN GARBAGE (Rec. 01:30:00)

Deputy Director Eric Toews led a presentation on options to address the increasing volume and cost. This matter is part of Executive Director delegated authority, however Commission input was requested. There was support for eliminating the enviro centers, but offering a recycling option as well as staffing and charging for accessing the 30-yard dumpster. A pay by the bag system may be possible. A solution at the airport is still under consideration. Some smaller garbage receptacles will still be needed for hand trash.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (Rec. 01:48:34) - None

VII. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 01:58:41)

At 11:22 a.m., the meeting adjourned there being no further business before the Commission.

ATTEST:



Carol L. Hasse, Secretary