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In a meeting earlier in the year, the Director noted that the Hadlock floating dock required piling repairs and might need to be removed to prevent failure.

I have previously verbally requested that the decayed south end pilings be replaced as an emergency repair, which would allow the floating dock to remain in service. As near as I can determine, such replacement has not been commenced, certainly has not been completed.

Winter weather is now upon us, increasing risk to the floating dock. Also, there continues to be use of the dock by service vessels, including those of some large vessels that are assumed to be illegally moored in the Chimacum Creek area, based on their long residence times there.

I request that the Commissioners direct Port staff to proceed with appropriate emergency repairs to either replace the decayed south end piling without further delay or, alternately, to effect immediate emergency measures to prevent the floating dock from coming adrift, assuming that failure of the decayed south end piling is imminent. Under no circumstances should the floating dock be removed from service in lieu of repairs that can easily be accomplished with relatively light marine construction equipment. If temporary emergency moorings are installed, then appropriate signage should also be installed.