

## **PORT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING – March 9, 2007**

A SPECIAL meeting of the Port of Port Townsend Commission held in the Commission Chambers at the Port Administration Office, 375 Hudson Street.

Present: Commissioners – Beck, Sokol, Thompson  
Executive Director – Crockett  
Deputy Director – Pivarnik  
Auditor – Taylor –  
Senior Accountant/Recorder – Hawley  
Absent: Marine Facilities Director - Radon  
Absent: Attorney – Harris

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Single topic Special Meeting relating to the Public Infrastructure Fund - Quilcene.  
**Commissioner Sokol made a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

None

### IV. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUND - QUILCENE:

Mr. Crockett informed that the purpose of the special meeting was to request authorization from the Commission to direct staff to complete, and submit, an application to Jefferson County requesting \$150,000 from the County's .08 Infrastructure Fund for a proposed project in Quilcene. The proposed project involved moving the fresh water intake for Coast Seafoods from the present location, (which was close to shore and in shallow water) to further out into the Bay. Mr. Crockett advised that the .08 Fund would be a perfect match for the proposed Quilcene project and would show a creative partnership between government, environmental and private enterprise. The total project cost would be, approximately, \$400,000, Coast Seafoods and the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group planned to contribute to the project but a shortfall of approximately \$250,000 would exist. Mr. Crockett advised that the remaining funds would be sought from the State.

Mr. Crockett briefed the Commission, via a Power Point presentation, on the fact that that the Quilcene River had changed course from 1883 to the present and how the Bay was slowly being filled in. He clarified that an increase in sediment would prove detrimental to Coast Seafoods. He informed that oyster farming required the correct mixture of fresh and salt water, correct temperature and consistent volume of water for the intakes. He reminded of the Port investments so far to the area which included the purchase of the Fish and Wildlife building, the enhancement to the septic system which not only benefited Coast but also the entire area and the well upgrades. He stated that both Coast Seafoods and the Salmon Enhancement Group had invested in the area. Jefferson County, and especially the Quilcene area, he noted, was an economically depressed area and Coast was the main employer in the South County region.

Discussion followed which included the long term lease between the Port and Coast Seafoods, an explanation of how sediment increase would be detrimental to Coast, that oyster spat, not actually oysters, were farmed, the investment made by the Port to the area as well as those investments made by Coast and the Salmon Enhancement Group, the .08 County Fund, that the Port would facilitate the permitting process but would incur no direct costs (aside from staff time) and would act as the Grantee for the proposed project but that it would be a "pass-through" in much the same way as was the DNR Waterfront Pile Removal Project.

**Commissioner Beck made a motion to authorize Staff to prepare and submit the application to Jefferson County requesting \$150,000 from the County's .08 fund for the Quilcene Bay Restoration and Aquaculture Project. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Discussion followed which included how the proposed project would benefit the entire area and not just Coast Seafoods.

### V. STAFF COMMENTS:

None

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

VIII. NEXT MEETING is Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 1:00 PM, Public Workshop preceding at 9:30 AM, in the Port Commission Chambers, 375 Hudson Street, Port Townsend, WA.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

X. ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM there being no further business to come before the Commission.

ATTEST:

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President

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Secretary

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Vice President