

Draft minutes* for
Quarterly Kitsap All Ports Meeting
January 27, 2020 at Port of Brownsville

At 6:30PM the meeting was called to order. Those in attendance were:

James Weaver	Bremerton (Director Marine Facilities)
Jack Bailey	Brownsville
Shaun Nye	Brownsville
Wendy Smith	Brownsville/Shelton (Administration)
Jim Aho	Illahee
Jon Buesch	Illahee
John Burton	Illahee
Brian Watne	Keyport
Greg Englin	Kingston (Executive Director)
Mary McClure	Kingston
Robert Ballard	Manchester
Daniel Fallstrom	Manchester
James Strode	Manchester
Theresa Haaland	Silverdale/Tracyton/Illahee (Administration)
Caleb Reese	Silverdale
Ed Scholfield	Silverdale
Ben Compton	Waterman
Jeff Reynolds	Waterman

WELCOME - Commissioner Bailey thanked everyone for weathering the storm to be here tonight.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – everyone stood for the pledge.

INTRODUCTIONS were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

INDIVIDUAL PORT UPDATES

Port of Kingston (<http://portofkingston.org>)

Greg Englin reported that Kingston had a good year. Since Kingston is an unincorporated area, the public often times turns to the Port for input and guidance. The Port has adopted its Comprehensive Plan of Harbor Improvements (<https://portofkingston.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019-to-2024-Comprehensive-Plan.pdf>). It helps the Port and the community to have the plan in place. Port Commissioners and staff made sure the new plan coincided with the County's comp plan. Mr. Englin said that he prefers a broad plan; whereas the County's plan is very detailed. He even reached out to the County about some of his concerns and was directed to Peter Best, who is a County Senior Planner. Mr. Englin said that Mr. Best was very responsive and assured him that his concerns and recommendations would be heard. Twenty-seven

yacht clubs are booked to visit Kingston this year. The Port's goal is thirty. They are looking at the seasonal demand of the guest dock. Kingston recently conducted a survey to determine the moorage rates of Ports within the State. The results showed that the moorage rates within the Olympic Peninsula area are much lower than in other areas. He presented this information to his Board and suggested the Port's rates be increased to the mid-point of what others charge. The Commissioners agreed. Even with the rate increase, Kingston's wait list didn't drop by much. The extra income will be reinvested and used to preserve/maintain the facility. The Port continues to work with Kitsap County, Kitsap Transit, Washington State Ferries and the Department of Transportation on the State Route 104 Ferry Holding Lot Feasibility Study. Mr. Englin said that this is something that has been worked on for a long time. He has been reading all the history about it and it's ironic that years ago I695 affected the momentum and now with the passing of I976 the Department of Transportation is again struggling financially to the point that they are laying off employees. It's a bit frustrating as it takes a lot of time and effort. He said that he suggested self-reliance to his Board because they can't financially depend on the State or the County. He has recently looked over the County's financial records and he is concerned. The Port of Kingston is going to be contacting the Recreation Conservation Office's (RCO) grant manager for this area, Kim Sellars, to discuss projects for Kingston and set up a meeting. Mr. Englin suggested others might want to also attend the meeting to talk to Ms. Sellars. Commissioner Aho said that he has met with Ms. Sellars, Rory Calhoun the RCO accessibility specialist and another RCO representative at the Illahee dock and discussed the possibilities for Illahee. He agreed talking with the RCO representatives is a good idea. Mr. Englin ended by saying the Port of Kingston has great staff and they are looking forward to the new year.

Port of Manchester (<http://portofmanchester.com>)

Commissioner Strode reported that the Port recently cut down three trees and also installed cameras aiming at the parking lot. The public complained about the Port allowing teenagers to recklessly drive in the parking lot, burning out and doing donuts. The Commissioners hope that the cameras will help eliminate the erratic driving. The Port will be rebuilding the pavilion. Commissioner Fallstrom reminded everyone that tomorrow is Port Day in Olympia. He reviewed a list of the Senate Bills and explained that several of them will be detrimental to small Ports. Mr. Fallstrom suggested everyone check out the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) legislative report on the WPPA website (<https://www.washingtonports.org/legislative-priorities>) and urged everyone to look into these Bills and contact their State Representatives (<https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder>). He also suggested that everyone consider going to Olympia and getting involved, but cautioned that to be taken seriously remember to dress accordingly.

Port of Bremerton (<http://portofbremerton.org>)

James Weaver, Port of Bremerton Director of marine Facilities, reported that it's been busy. This week is the Boat Show in Seattle and the Port of Bremerton staff have again strategically staged their booth close to the Port of Seattle's booth. If/when the Port of Bremerton staff hear that the Port of Seattle is unable to accommodate boaters

Bremerton staff are right there providing those individuals with brochures of the Port of Bremerton. It's been a good strategy as they are at ninety-five percent occupancy with just eight slips available and Port Orchard is nearly full with just one slip available. Mr. Weaver said that the Seattle/Bremerton fast ferry has been a good selling point. The new parking lot is under construction. Mr. Weaver was asked if Amazon was building a fulfillment center out on Port property and Mr. Weaver said that he primarily deals with the marina-side of the Port, but provided what information had been reported by the Kitsap Sun. He discussed the biggest marina project of fifteen hundred linear feet of the Port Orchard breakwater is being rebuilt. It is a direct replacement and will cost approximately 15.7 million. It will be close to the same footprint. They had investigated making it wider, but the costs were excessive. Mr. Weaver explained that there has been a rise of vandalism, drug paraphernalia and homelessness in and around the Port. They have upgraded their security system and are in the process of considering guards walking the docks at night and equipment that takes photos when gates are accessed. The vandalism has increased the maintenance budget quite a bit. He explained it is difficult for Port staff to deal with the homeless because they aren't trained for that and unfortunately the problem has increased and is difficult for local police to immediately fix. Commissioner Scholfield explained that about six months ago Silverdale added services from Safe Security (<https://safesecurity.us/>) to include daytime patrols of Port property in the Old Town Silverdale area. The Port of Brownsville also contracts to Safe Security.

Port of Waterman ([website coming soon](#))

Commissioner Compton explained that he was appointed to serve as a Commissioner for the Port of Waterman in May of 2019. He said that he ran a difficult yet successful campaign (unopposed 😊) and was elected to continue to serve. He has deep roots in Waterman as his family arrived there around 1900. He has been politically involved in the community for quite some time, but one of the deciding factors that interested him in becoming a Port Commissioner was that it is a non-partisan position. One issue that has been discussed is that parking at the dock at times flows out onto the side of the road and many local constituents don't like it and have voiced their concerns to the Port.

Commissioner Reynolds reported that the two new Commissioners are young, energetic and techy, which provides a nice balance. The Port of Waterman website will be up and running soon. They are looking into installing security cameras so welcomed any suggestions.

Port of Illahee (<http://portofillahee.com>)

Commissioner Burton reported that there are dock maintenance issues that need attention. Commissioner Aho said that he saw on the front page of the Kitsap Sun a picture of Lee Knapp of TIKAR Services pressure washing the dock. John Piccone of Soundwest Engineering has been hired as the Port's grant writer. Mr. Piccone is currently working on updating the Port's Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements. It is scheduled to be adopted at the Port's February meeting. A survey was sent out to residents within the Port District explaining the Port's goals and asking if they agree with them. Roughly ninety percent of the replies were positive and agreed that the dock is an important community asset that should be maintained with major

renovations funded by grants and about eighty percent agree with renovating the Illahee Store into a community center with a commercial venue and Port meeting space as well as provide overflow parking for the dock. The old Illahee Foods store has been cleaned out; all that is left in the building is the popcorn ceiling and the tile flooring. Samples from the ceiling and floor have been sent to a lab to test for asbestos before removal can take place. Commissioner Bailey commended the Commissioners for the work they have had done on the old store building. He said it looks really good and suggested the sign be changed to “welcome to the Port of Illahee” or something similar. Commissioner Aho said that they are waiting because the Washington State Department of Ecology warned him that if that sign is taken down it will never be able to be replaced. Commissioner Buesch said that they might consider moving it because where it currently sits along with the concrete island is wasting precious parking in that area. Kitsap Roofing was hired to replace the roof on the building and they did a great job. They are a local business and on the Small Works Roster. Initially they were unaware that they were required to pay prevailing wages, but they jumped through the hoops and followed the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries requirements.

Port of Silverdale (<http://portofsilverdale.com>)

Commissioner Reese reported that the Port of Silverdale has finished the Comprehensive Plan update. Rice Fergus Miller was hired to prepare a predesign report for a Port building that will house the County’s Pump Station #3. There are four workshops planned to discuss the building and obtain public input. Commissioner Scholfield said that a portion of the building will be a waterfront activities center. Commissioner Reese explained that several months ago the Port hired Safe Security to add daytime patrol to the Old Town area. It was recently agreed to continue with this service as it has been helpful and worth the extra costs. There was a recent report of smoke and flames at the floating moorage facility. Come to find out one of the pedestals was shorting out so the power is off to the facility. The Port’s purchased service contracts are going out for bid as it was a suggestion from the State Auditor a while back. An individual has asked permission to access the Old Town Pub to film for possible paranormal activity. It was agreed that he could if he signed a hold harmless agreement.

Port of Keyport (<http://portofkeyport.com>)

Commissioner Watne reported that the construction phase of the new boat ramp is in process. It’s taken nearly seven years, but it is happening and is a very exciting time for Keyport. Construction on the project began and then the snow hit and work stopped. Shortly after that the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife found smelt eggs on the beach, so that held the project up for a few more weeks. It started up again now with the first phase scheduled for completion near the end of February/first part of March. A few years ago the County conducted an improvement project and they removed the old lift station that was near the boat ramp. The Port was given permission to demo the building, so with it now being gone it has really opened up the view. Commissioner Watne said that the Port has a new Commissioner – Lena Hunt and she is wonderful, very pro-active in getting things completed that have needed attention for a while now. Commissioner Watne asked if others knew of a good electrician. It was suggested he call

Bainbridge Island Electric (260) 842-4200 (<http://bainbridgeislandelectric.com>) – they are also listed on the Small Works Roster.

Port of Brownsville (<http://portofbrownsville.org>)

Commissioner Nye said that he has been trying to push to keep the WPPA representatives and personnel from Representative Derek Kilmer’s office interested in continuing to attend these Kitsap All Ports meetings. He sees value in attending these meetings as the Ports all have similar needs and experiences and the meetings offer a time to share information. He will continue to reach out to the WPPA and Representative Kilmer’s office. Wendy Smith said that Laura with the WPPA is willing to attend an upcoming All Ports meeting. The State audit for Brownsville will begin next week. Commissioner Bailey said that he was glad he was able to make the meeting tonight as he has been having some health issues.

Commissioner Fallstrom reiterated the importance of being heard in Olympia and urged others to get involved.

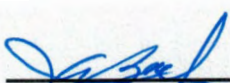
MUTUAL INTEREST ITEMS

James Weaver introduced a possible joint marketing effort for an idea of a coordinated marketing program for Kitsap Ports to draw more seasonal guest boaters. The idea would be for a joint 2020 Kitsap Rubber Duck promotion. The idea was generated from other successful similar programs. The rubber ducks are about two inches tall and come in a variety of costumes (i.e. pirate, sailor, Viking, etc.) and can be branded with each Port’s logo and/or name. The intent is to encourage guest boaters to visit all of the Kitsap ports to complete their “Kitsap Rubber Duck collection.” A display case with all of the ducks could be housed at participating Ports. Mr. Weaver said that each duck usually costs about \$1 and could be ordered ~~independently~~ by each port. The Port of Bremerton may look into a modest initial investment in 2020. Commissioner Bailey said that at one time there was talk of offering a “Kitsap Passport” but there was some sort of complication that kept it from happening. Mr. Weaver said that they could create a full social media campaign to promote the effort. Commissioner McClure of Kingston said that a description of the uptown amenities is just as important as a description of the marina. Mr. Weaver agreed and said that for the Port of Bremerton, the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce and the Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce do a robust job of promoting events. Boaters plan trips around the upland activities. If anyone is interested in information or would want to partner with the promotion please contact Mr. Weaver at (360) 876-5595 or e-mail him at jamesw@portofbremerton.org.

At 7:48 PM the meeting adjourned.



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