MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 12, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER: Diana Chonka, Chairperson, absent. Bud LeMeiux presiding.

Members in attendance: Kurt Goodale,, John Sanford, Marcus Abbott, Skip Dassler, Wendy Britt, Justin Parker.

Virtual: Brett Senff.

Absent: Diana Chonka, Scott Propst, Corey Joyce, Dan Averill, Martin Snyder.

Port Staff, Commisioner, and City Official: Brad Johnson (HM), John Dumas (ED), Mary LaFleur (Commissioner), Terry Nemeth (City Official).

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion and second to approve minutes as written. Motion approved.

2. MARINA HAPPENINGS - Brad Johnson

- Activity floats are dressed for the season. New sides were purchased this year, as historically done, even though they are removed each fall.
- The North basin remodel has been opened to Port guests and tenants. Port is fine-tuning the dials.
- Brad attended the spring PCC conference in San Francisco with Kate and Ryan Fox. Afterwards, toured 4 marinas in the Bay Area as best practice visits. Learned that they are not immune to neglected boats, aging infrastructure, or dredging issues.
- Fuel dock camera is live. Hopefully, everyone has been using that to time fuel dock visits.
- Marina maps were received for 2026. No edits on the marina's part, but it does contain new advertising for the year.
- Site markers in RV park were replaced with concrete tombstones. Easy to read and low profile. The 4 x 4 posts were getting hit way too often.
- HVAC work has been completed on the HMO building They have to come back next week and complete some finish up work.
- Some of the LCD displays on the FD dispensers are starting to go dim. Port is working on getting those replaced.
- A youth was hitting the emergency stop button at the FD, causing issues there and at SMP. Security tracked down the individual for a discussion.
- Hanging baskets are up marina-wide.
- Increased garbage service in the marina, 2x/week service until late fall.
- ABAY announcement was sent to all tenants, containing an offer for tenants to attend the show for free. Wristbands will be available in the office the day the tenants plan to attend.
- The port will have a Centennial booth at the show, right outside the harbor office.
- Several of seasonal staff have started, just in time as operational areas are getting busy.
- 4 boats anchored out earlier today.
- ABAY this week, Thursday through Saturday. TrawlerFest started today with seminars.

3. MARINA/FACILITIES UPDATE - John Dumas

- North Basin Remodel - Port is in third-party mediation with the contractor concerning the North Basin remodel. Mediation meeting is scheduled for the 28th of this month. Jenkins, the project

manager, has been continually documenting the issues with the contractor (long list). This has caused the West Basin Project to be pushed off until December/January (slow season).

- T Dock - Port has ganged out the construction schedule. It's a long list, including bullies, steel, etc. Still need a building permit from the city. With a long lead time, expect to be under construction August 2027.
- North Basin Capital Project - This Thursday's meeting will be the third meeting with the Commissioners and they'll be hearing some market data including occupancy rates and slip size modeling. Probably be doing 4 to 5 studies a year until something is put on paper.

Questions: John Sanford expressed that it was a real pleasure being with the Port and celebrating their 100th Anniversary last Friday night aboard the Island Explorer. He thanked the Port for making that accessible to MAC members and it was a great evening. The other attending members wholeheartedly agreed. John Dumas reported that the Tuesday event was under attended by the Legislature. The Friday event was much better attended by the MAC, Marine Trades, and The Chamber.

John Dumas reminded members to see the documentary "It's What We Do" as part of the Port of Anacortes Centennial celebrations. Done by local filmmaker Will Dickinson, it portrays the livelihoods, personal stories and follows careers and lives of 10 Anacortes fisherman.

John was asked if the gate report went before the Port Commissioners. John Dumas answered affirmatively and informed members that the Commissioners directed the staff to resend the email because they wanted more than 19 responses.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Puget Sound Anglers hosted a Salmon For Soldiers last weekend at Cap Sante. With 51 veterans enjoying a free day on the water and 20 captains participating. Special thanks to Anacortes Yacht Club for hosting the dinner that night with Seabear donating smoked salmon. Veteran's got to take home vacuum packed fish. Looking to make it an annual event. Karen King and San Juan Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers heavily involved.
- John Sanford reminded members that next month is the Waterfront Festival and AYC provides free boat rides to people attending the festival. He's provided rides for many years and is always surprised how many attendees living in the area that haven't been on a boat. He suggested to have an online working channel for all vessels participating due to an incident he encountered with a flotilla of fast Aspens. He asked who else he could coordinate with as he already works with Jordan and his point person at AYC, Irene Meyer, Vice Commodore. John Dumas suggested to email Jessica Kaiser at the Chamber to coordinate.
- John Sanford also asked if there could be some consideration to turn some speakers out to the bay during the music at Seafarers Park. There are a lot of people trying to catch the music from the waterfront side. John Dumas will look into that and also added they want to add music to the 4th of July fireworks show.
- Update on the Coast Guard Auxiliary from John Dumas - John met with Bill Baumann, who is starting the Anacortes sector back up. They are having a hard time recruiting members. The port has offered this room to hold their meetings. They will bring a presentation to the June 18th Port commissioner meeting.
- Terry Nemeth offered a tour of the water treatment plant in Mount Vernon, which provides water for Oak Harbor, the Refineries, LaConner, and the region. It's a modern computer operated facility that cost $70 million to build. Please call his administrative assistant at 360 428 1598 to schedule a visit. A minimum of three people is preferred at a time instead of individually. He'll take you through the whole process, the chemicals used, dosages, etc. He was asked how our

water supply will be affected after the governor issued a potential drought warning. Terry stated there is 70 million gallon Memorandum of Understanding with 55 million uninterruptible and 15 million interruptible. But so far it's unaffected. There's not a need now for a stern requirement that restricts washing cars and irrigating lawns. Terry has been at this long time (at the city for 26 years) and he's highly certified so he can work anywhere. He handed out business cards with information.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Submitted by Wendy Britt, Secretary

NO MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY, AUGUST
NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED SEPT 1.