MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Dianna Chonka

1. CALL TO ORDER 5:00 PM. Diana Chonka, Chairperson,

Members in attendance: Brett Senff, Bud LeMieux, Scott Propst, Dan Averill, Kurt Goodale, John Sanford, Skip Dassler, Martin Snyder, Wendy Britt
Port Staff, Commissioner, and City Official: Brad Johnson (HM), John Dumas (ED), Mary La LaFleur (Commissioner)
Absent: Marcus Abbott, Justin Parkins, Terry Nemeth (City Official)

Dianna reported that Corey Joyce has officially resigned from the MAC. John Sanford stated he wants it recorded in the minutes that Corey be recognized for his valuable knowledge and dedication to the MAC and will be greatly missed. Members in attendance all agreed.

Dianna also reported that NCTA sent out a letter asking for donations of certain shop materials to stretch their budget further. This allows their students more time to actually use materials they'll use on the job. NCTA can coordinate pick up if needed. Dianna encouraged marine trades businesses and MAC members to contribute.

1. SUMMER HAPPENINGS - Scott shared fishing happenings and Martin had whale and Sound Watch vessel encounter that interfered while filming. Scott also reported that the Puget Sound Anglers Fishing Derby had 319 entrees with 209 fish caught, the biggest fish at 28 lbs.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion and second to approve minutes as written. Motion approved.

Dan Averill

1. Presentation of letter regarding the use of propane on the docks:

Dan asked if everyone had a chance to read his email addressing cooking crab on the docks in the marina. A notice was sent to tenants prohibiting propane devices on docks, floats, or wharfs, due to city code. He feels by restricting cooking crab on the dock, it takes away from the experience. He also asked if this a new interpretation or enforcement of an existing code provision. There are inconsistencies because groups that rent the party barges continue to use the barbecues and cook crab. John Dumas answered that this was brought before the Commission to begin working with the Fire Chief. The Port recognizes the conflict, and is continuing to monitor the docks to watch for unsafe behavior. The number one risk at the marina is fire. But the Port realizes it's not safe to put crap cookers on boats instead of on the docks. The current Fire Chief responded to the fire in Bellingham and saw how fast it spread. Suggestion to have designated area for cooking and cleaning as offered at another marina. Roche, Friday Harbor, and Bellingham look the other way but Everett is a definite no. If the Fire Chief doesn't budge, something else will have to be worked out. The port will not put in writing

anything to tenants that violate the City Fire Code.

Brad Johnson - Harbormaster

1. Marine Happenings:

- Great attendance for ABAY back in May. Up 700 from last year. 390 tenants attended. Lots of positive engagement at the POA booth. ABAY is May 20-22 for next year.
- HVAC units were replaced back in May on the west basin building.
- Received free lifejackets from Sea Tow Foundation last week. They will be deployed next spring.
- Anchor Cove is doing work this fall. A few of their tenants have reached out to us for moorage.
- Twin Bridges has both of their negative forklifts out of service. They reached out to us for guest moorage for some of their customers.
- Having some issues with the N end shower rooms and water escaping from the shower area. We met with a contractor last week to discuss options.
- We have been working on tree replacement in and around the RV park. Unsure why they died. Facilities replaced some of the soil and added better drainage.
- Annual Ecology inspection at the FD.
- Summer Concert Series has wrapped up for the year. Lots of seasonal staff helped there this year with info booth and trash patrol.
- Speaking of seasonal staff.... great group again this year, mix of new faces and seasoned staff as well. Fox turned down lots of qualified applicants this year and is setting the stage for 2027.
- We are utilizing lots of credit-back slips this year, like years past.
- Web locker inspections and DNR reporting for vessels anchored out.
- Closing of Tribal crabbing the Wed prior to rec crab opening saw a line at the TBL all the way to the marina entrance. Staff performed 84 launches/haul outs Wednesday alone.
- Cameras have been added to the pump out float. To monitor the end ties of the docks and the pump out float as well.
- The One Ocean boat was welcomed back to Anacortes in August. Decent crowd met them at the dock. There were also festivities in town.
- Whale Wise was here in August, set up on the Central Pier like they do during ABAY. They had lots of positive engagement with people about whales and requirements for distancing. Whale Watch is looking to come back another time.
- Resurrection Derby was this last weekend and port hosted a weighing station at A-02 this year.
- Hosted Port of Everett for a walk and talk a few weeks ago. Looked at infrastructure and discussed org chart differences.
- Weed and tree control in the ACB upland boat storage yard by PQ docks.
- RV Park 3889 nights this year, 3472 in 2025
- Guest Moorage 11,649 nights this year, 12,522 in 2025
- FD gallons $803,525 this year, 834,426 in 2025

Questions for Brad: Brad added that he went out and spoke with the four boats at anchor about the upcoming wind storm. Three boats had reservations in the marina later in the afternoon and the fourth said they would move.

The Port was thanked for installing the camera on the fuel dock in such a timely manner.

John Sanford asked the Port, at the last meeting, to turn the speakers out towards the water during the Summer Concert Series. He thanked John Dumas for improving the sound for boaters out on the water.

John Dumas - Executive Director

1. Gate Survey - The gate survey, containing 46 responses and comments, was shared with the Commission in the same format that was emailed out to the MAC. It is up for their review.
2. West Basin Redevelopment - The Port and City team are very active and meet every month. They have just opened up areas A and B and that will be almost the same footprint as Anthony's. The port is asking developers for proposals concerning shops and restaurants during the next few months in this development area. October will be a joint meeting to review the collected information. This will be put out as one construction bid -the event facility and West Basin Redevelopment with Phase A being the road alignment to get rid of the fire way, central pier moving from 41 to 83 parking spots, and completed before the boat show.
3. Harbormaster Office Remodel - With performance indicators down, the port has to be fiscally responsible so they will defer the remodel of the bathrooms to 2027.
4. T Dock Update - The port is waiting for one more signature, then starting demo on August 1. This is one of three projects that John would like to finish before his retirement. The projected cost in 2018 was $3.2 million and it's now $10 million with Port using a $7.4 million grant. The new dock will be made of steel and cement. The Port is reaching out to tenants on B dock that will be impacted during the construction and work needs to be done by February 15. The black cod market is projecting a $10-15 million dollar market and would be coming to T Dock.
5. North Basin Recapitalization Update - John expressed the need to have yacht brokers in a specific and sole user group and not mixed into another group. Martin stated that brokerages have seen a change in the last 18 months and the brokerage business is a muddy mess. The littlest detail can stop the sale of a boat. John said the port needs that critical information from the brokers for the North End Development.
6. Guest Boaters Update - The Port staff and Commissioners see the numbers for guest moorage, RV, and fuel gallons at the marina on a monthly basis. It's been reported there's been only been one time since 1972 that crossings by water from the US to Canada have been this low. That was the year of 911. The Port itself does not differentiate between US and Canadian guest boats. Mary observed while boating this summer that Canadians aren't traveling as far south as usual. Dan Averill asked if the port had to turn away large guest boats, if they track the size of the boats that use the guest slips and how it relates to the amount of revenue collected. John Dumas answered that the size of the boats isn't necessarily tracked and added that he will look into this as it could be valuable information.

Questions for John - Is there a policy for scooters or electric bikes? John responded that the Port is working on signage and security has been engaged with people riding these.
John reported that the Coast Guard Axillary will be using this room for their meetings so they can build up their flotilla and he encouraged MAC members to notify anyone that might interested in joining.

Dianna Chonka

1. New Business - John Sanford reported that he is representative for AYC and they'll be having their biggest regatta event, a tactical 100 mile race, on Labor Day weekend. A lot of yachts will be on the water Saturday at noon. He invited all members to be his guests to attend the Racer's Reception on Friday night. AYC received a donation from Seattle Yachts to sponsor a rhythm and blues band. Drinks start at 5:30 pm and the music will be from 7 - 10 pm.
2. John Dumas announced the Port is electrifying A Dock. And T Dock will also have a fast

charging station. As an FYI, he informed members that the Port's water, sewer, power bill is $800,000 annually.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Submitted by Wendy Britt, Secretary