



**COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**Port of Port Angeles**  
**January 23, 2017**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Colleen McAleer, President  
Connie Beauvais, Vice President  
Steven Burke, Secretary  
Karen Goschen, Executive Director  
John Nutter, Dir. of Finance & Admin

Chris Hartman, Dir. of Engineering  
Mike Nimmo, Operations Manager  
Jerry Ludke, Airport & Marina Manager  
Holly Hairell, Admin Manager

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner McAleer called the work session to order at 9:00 AM and Commissioner Burke led the pledge of allegiance. (0:00 to 2:15)

**II. EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION (total session up to 20 minutes)**

Cherie Kidd- Port Angeles City Council/Deputy Mayor – Presented a draft Port Angeles City Council resolution regarding the local recreational halibut fishing season. (2:15 to 5:23)

Lee Whetham – 1514 West 14<sup>th</sup> St, Port Angeles – Expressed a desire to build a local coalition regarding the recreational halibut fishery. (5:25 to 6:13)

Marilyn Esh - Port Angeles resident – Thanked the Port Commission for the work they have done to protect the environment and urged the commission to make their voices heard regarding climate change and the new United States President's administration. (6:20 to 9:20)

Bob Freedland – Port Angeles resident/Olympic Climate Action Group - Urged the Commission to not allow President Trump to send us backwards and take climate change seriously. (9:23 to 11:41)

Ed Chad - Port Angeles resident/Olympic Climate Action Group – Presented a report from Olympic Climate Action Group and asked the Commission to understand that what is done now regarding climate change will have impacts for generations to come. (11:49 to 14:47)

Melanie Greer - Port Angeles resident – Asked the Commission to consider writing a letter voicing our concerns about climate change to the Trump administration. (15:14 to 18:04)

Robert Beausoleil - Port Angeles resident/Business owner – Expressed his concern over the shorter halibut fishing season and its economic impacts and unintended consequences. (18:18 to 22:20)

Norm Metzler – 225 West 10<sup>th</sup> St, Port Angeles/Director of Salmon Club – Stated that the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife are not the sport fishermen's friend and the shorter halibut season is causing a high vacancy rate in the Port Angeles Boat Haven. (22:27 to 23:48)

Ralph Purba – Sequim resident – Voiced his support regarding the halibut resolution previously mentioned during the public comment session. (23:54 to 24:11)

Commission discussion followed. (24:14 to 30:50)



### III. DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS FOR AFTERNOON REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Beauvais added the sentence “Captain M.W. “Joe” Raymond, Sector Commander of Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound was honored to lead the pledge of allegiance” as the second sentence under Item I. of the January 18, 2017 Special Commission Meeting Minutes. (31:07 to 31:29)

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Burke made a motion to change the commission meeting minutes format to action minutes per the Municipal Research and Services Center’s (MRSC) recommendations. Commissioner McAleer seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with two votes yes and one vote no from Commissioner Beauvais. (31:33 to 37:45)

**Staff Item:** The Commission suggested adding the start time of each topic to the minutes so the public can easily listen to the details. (37:45 to 38:14)

### IV. WORK SESSION TOPICS

#### A. Halibut Season Advocacy

**Commission Action:** Commissioner Burke made a motion to issue a letter of support for the City of Port Angeles Council resolution regarding the halibut fishery as long as the final resolution was substantially similar to what was presented. Commissioner Beauvais seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. (38:34 to 55:35)

#### B. Quarterly Joint Meeting Schedule with Clallam County Commission

**Commission Direction/Staff Item:** Commissioner McAleer requested calendar invites be sent to commissioners for upcoming meetings. Commissioner Burke asked that when a joint meeting occurs during the same week as a regularly scheduled commission meeting that those meetings occur on the same day. The third Monday following the end of the quarter will be joint commission meetings for the next three quarters. An afternoon, Port only work session will be scheduled following the joint meeting. (55:45 to 1:01:35)

#### C. 2017 Olympic Logging Conference Discussion

**Commission Direction:** All three commissioners expressed their desire to attend the 2017 Olympic Logging Conference in Victoria, B.C. They also agreed that sponsoring a lunch at the conference, conference fees and staff travel were permitted. (1:01:45 to 1:12:53)

#### D. Commission Meeting Schedule Discussion

**Commission Direction:** All three commissioners agreed that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays will be regular port commission meetings. The February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be moved to February 6<sup>th</sup> so Commissioner Beauvais can attend the Board of Natural Resources (BNR) meeting in Olympia on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The March 7<sup>th</sup> commission meeting will be moved to March 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon at the John Wayne Marina prior to the evening joint meeting with the City of Sequim. The April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be moved to April 17<sup>th</sup> to accommodate joint Clallam County Board of Commissioners meeting. (1:13:07 to 1:33:04)

#### E. Port Day in Olympia Discussion

**Commission Direction:** All three commissioners agreed that the top four priorities to focus on for Port Day in Olympia on January 31, 2017 will be;

- Funding and loans for stormwater and capital projects (funding of CERB)



- BNR/DNR issues
- Emergency preparedness support for EOC at FIA, maintaining runway length and re-enforcement of runway
- Port worker training (1:33:55 to 2:21:30)

F. Delegation of Authority

**Commission Direction:** The Delegation of Authority item was pulled from the agenda due to unavailability of legal counsel. The Commission agreed to set a work session on February 21<sup>st</sup> to specifically discuss the delegation of authority. (2:21:32 to 2:23:40)

V. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

A. Work Session

No action.

B. Business Meeting

No action.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION (total session up to 20 minutes)

Commission discussion followed regarding the January 20<sup>th</sup> workshop regarding timber trust lands beneficiary outreach. (2:24:00 to 2:31:24)


VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board may recess into Executive Session for those purposes authorized under Chapter 42.30 RCW, the Open Public Meetings Act.


None scheduled.

VIII. ADJOURN

The Commission work session was adjourned at 11:32am.

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