



PORT OF DILLINGHAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, February 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Our Vision. To have an infrastructure and city workforce that supports a sustainable, diversified and growing economy. We will partner with others to achieve economic development and other common goals that assure a high quality of living, and excellence in education.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

1. Alice Ruby
Kevin McCambly
Steven Carriere
Dan Dunaway
Robert Heyano
Robin Samuelsen
Cole Schlagel

Committee Members Absent:

- Reed Tennyson (Excused)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Robin Samuelsen and seconded by Dan Dunaway. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were reviewed or approved during this meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was addressed during this meeting

NEW BUSINESS

A. PIDP Grant Updates

- Port Director Danny Miller presented details of the \$16.25M project.

- Includes harbor float replacement (\$10.25M), north head bulkhead extension (\$3M), and other infrastructure improvements.
 - Funded by \$5M state appropriation and \$11.25M federal MARAD PIDP grant.
 - Construction scheduled for Spring 2026.
 - NEPA process expected to be completed by end of 2025.
 - A goal is to minimize fishing season disruption.
- Questions were raised regarding:
 - Design similarities with previous plans (confirmed to be 95% similar).
 - Specialized pile driving equipment.
 - Piling removal and replacement strategies.

B. Tariff Updates

- First major update since 2019; current rates unchanged since 2017.
- Consultant hired: International Association of Maritime and Port Executives.
- Discussion topics included:
 - Fairness of fees between personal/commercial vessels.
 - Set net vs drift boat fee structures.
 - Harbor use for small cargo operations.
 - Concerns regarding enforcement and lack of collection for some freight operations.
 - Possibility of gate access control and sticker verification.
 - Harbor amenities compared to other ports.

C. Erosion

- Miller presented 2021 erosion projections and older Bristol Alliance Fuels Site Erosion Report.
- Committee members discussed:
 - East side sheet pile vs rock revetment strategies.
 - Impacts from creek water outflows and potential dredging adjustments.
 - Cost-benefit of outer breakwaters and NE corner reinforcement.
 - Using dredge materials (found unviable due to soil composition).
 - Long-term usability and buildable land concerns.

D. Clean Harbors

- Miller introduced certification requirements and potential environmental benefits.
- Committee raised concerns about:
 - Enforcement burden and staffing impacts.
 - Cost of additional dumpsters, porta-potties, and waste oil facilities.
 - Lack of significant financial benefit.
- Recommendation: Delay pursuit of certification but gradually adopt environmentally beneficial practices where feasible.

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMITTEE COMMENTS

- Provided historical context on harbor rates and vessel classifications.
- Emphasized need for better rule enforcement and erosion planning.
- Clarified port jurisdiction (dock, harbor, Kanakanak Beach, and Wood River).
- Advocated for improved enforcement strategies (e.g., camera surveillance, VHF coordination, staff presence).
- Encouraged long-term planning for harbor infrastructure and parking management.
- Raised concerns over inadequate waste and sewage management.
- Supported efforts to improve crane and ice machine functionality.
- Discussed support for increasing staff positions to enhance harbor operations and revenue collection.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

ATTEST:

Abigail Flynn, Acting City Clerk

DATE APPROVED

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