

**Draft minutes* for
Quarterly Kitsap All Ports Meeting
July 26, 2021 at the Port of Brownsville**

In Attendance:

James Weaver	Bremerton
Jack Bailey	Brownsville
Shaun Nye	Brownsville
Joseph DaBell	Brownsville – staff
Carol Ehlinger	Brownsville - staff
Jerry Williams	Brownsville – staff
Mathew Messing	Brownsville – business owner
Sally Hass	Brownsville - citizen
Jim Aho	Illahee
Jon Buesch	Illahee
John Burton	Illahee
Steve Heacock	Kingston
Greg Englin	Kingston – staff
Robert Ballard	Manchester via ZOOM
Dan Fallstrom	Manchester
James Strobe	Manchester
Mark Singer	Poulsbo
Carol Tripp	Poulsbo – staff via ZOOM
Doug Kitchens	Silverdale
Caleb Reese	Silverdale
Ed Scholfield	Silverdale
Phil Best	Silverdale - attorney
Theresa Haaland	Silverdale, Tracyton, Illahee – staff
William Mooney	Tracyton
Jeff Reynolds	Waterman
Chris Herman	Washington Public Ports Assn
Gerry O'Keefe	Washington Public Ports Assn
Andrew	Kitsap PC/Wifi

After a potluck hosted by the Port of Brownsville, the meeting was called to order at 6:32PM by Port of Brownsville Commissioner Jack Bailey.

INTRODUCTIONS were made.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – those in attendance stood for the pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INDIVIDUAL PORT UPDATES/MUTUAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Port of Silverdale (www.portofsilverdale.com) – Commissioner Doug Kitchens explained that he is a new appointee of the Port of Silverdale as of May. Commissioner Caleb Reese reported that the Port of Silverdale was successful in two of the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) grants – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) grant and a Boating Facilities Program (BFP) grant. The development related to the grants should begin next year. The Port is also working on having a new Waterfront Activities Center designed by Patano Studio Architecture (PSA) and Leon Environmental in conjunction with moving the County's pumpstation 3 that currently sits on the waterfront. One issue the Port is having, along with many other Ports, is transient boats that are tied up to the Port's facility with no payment. Commissioner Ed Scholfield said that Silverdale needs to come up with policies and procedures on how to handle the non-paying vessels. The Port doesn't have a procedure for sending outstanding debts to collection as it has never been done. Commissioner Shaun Nye of Brownsville said that the Kitsap Ports need to communicate and work together. James Weaver, Director of Marine Facilities for the Port of Bremerton, said that they have policies and procedures in place. Commissioner Nye said that he will look into it further. Commissioner Scholfield said that after the last Kitsap All Ports meeting a Facebook page for the group was created as it was thought it would be a good avenue to alert each other of issues, similar to the Puget Sound Derelict Boat Facebook group. Commissioner Jack Bailey of Brownsville said that there was a large tug anchored out near Brownsville that recently left. Carol Ehlinger explained that the boat was moved to Port Orchard after the owners were confronted by the Kitsap County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Jim Strode of Manchester questioned if it might be the tug that recently sunk in the waters off of Port Orchard. Commissioner Bailey suggested that if other Ports have a boater that was a problem and then left, it would be good to alert the other Ports. Commissioner Scholfield reported that Whaling Days was this past weekend and although the event was smaller in size it was well attended. He added that if any other Ports are planning events to expect crowds especially if the weather is nice. In general, the public seems anxious to get out and enjoy themselves.

Port of Illahee (www.portofillahee.com) – Commissioner John Burton explained that he recently had ask a boater, of the Native Driftwood, to move along as the boat was moored past the maximum night stay; come to find out the boat was having engine trouble. The Native Driftwood was at the Port of Brownsville prior to ending up at Illahee. Commissioner Scholfield reported that the Native Driftwood is now at Silverdale. Commissioner Nye said that it was anchored out off of Brownsville for years and suggested Silverdale contact Jerry at Brownsville for all the information related to that boat. Commissioner Burton said that he was in contact with the person that was on the boat while it was docked in Illahee. He

encouraged the individual to move along before being told that it was having engine problems. Commissioner Burton explained to the individual that according to the Port's published procedures a boat that is not seaworthy cannot be moored at the Port and that his boat was not seaworthy. It's a fine line because you don't want these boat owners to abandon the vessel at the facility. Commissioner Burton said that he recently learned that the Kitsap County Sheriff's Department just has three deputies on duty after hours, so they just don't have the manpower to respond to incidents, unless a gun is involved. Commissioner Strode said that beginning this Sunday there will even be less response as a new law is in effect. Commissioner Scholfield explained that he contacted a non-paying boater and later was accused of harassing him. He said that someone has to bite the bullet and take on the case. Commissioner Nye said that one issue is having a place to store derelict boats. Commissioner Scholfield explained that Silverdale did receive partial reimbursement from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) through its Derelict Removal Program (DRP) for the boat that sunk at the dock the first of this year. Commissioner Bailey recalled the Port of Bremerton storing derelict boats out at their industrial park. Mr. Weaver replied that they do not do that anymore because it's not cost effective. In regards to the DNR DRP, the money is eaten up quickly usually by larger derelict vessels. Currently, there are eviction restrictions due to COVID19, which also includes transient moorage. Trespassing individuals that refuse to pay or follow Port rules was discussed. Commissioner William Mooney of Tracyton questioned if someone could be trespassed for anything other than breaking the law. Commissioner Nye said that Brownsville has trespassed individuals who refuse to follow the Port's rules. Mr. Weaver said that for Bremerton it has helped to have a close relationship with the City Police Departments as well as the Kitsap County Sheriff's Department. He said that he wasn't sure of a collective solution as there are just so many different jurisdictions throughout the County. Commissioner Scholfield questioned if Waste Management would take them. Commissioner Nye said that Waste Management no longer offers that service. Commissioner Scholfield said that the biggest issue is the hazardous material disposal. It took time and effort for Silverdale's contractor to find a company to pick-up the hazardous material in a timely fashion. Commissioner Nye said that if everybody works together on this issue, there is sure to be a solution. Commissioner Scholfield said storage fees are partially reimbursable through the DNR DRP, but again if the money is available. Commissioner Bailey said that Brownsville used to just put down a large tarp in the maintenance lot and haul the derelicts up there for dismantling and disposal into a Waste Management dumpster. It was the most inexpensive way to do it and used inhouse labor, keeping employees busy. There is a company by the name of Linden Salvage and Demolition ([- Linden Salvage & Demolition](#)) out near Belfair. Commissioner Caleb Reese explained that they have dumpsters and transfer trucks. The owner is Jesse Linden ((360) 731-5931).

Commissioner Bailey said that we all have to lobby legislatures to get more money put in the DNR DRP.

Commissioner Jim Aho reported that the Port of Illahee applied for three RCO grants (ALEA, BFP, and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) – Water Access) and was successful two of the three (ALEA and BFP) totaling approximately 1.3 million dollars in grant funding. The Port will have to come up with \$611,000 in matching funds, which is challenging for a small Port. A portion of the project will be to replace the deteriorating pilings and floats. Commissioner Bailey said that replacing the pilings could be used towards mitigation.

Commissioner Aho reported on the Illahee Store property. The Port had scored number sixteen on the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency's (PLIA) project list. In talking with PLIA personnel Commissioner Aho was told PLIA is currently working on project number fourteen and if they don't get to Illahee this year, it will be scheduled for 2022. Commissioner Bailey asked about the size of the contamination. Commissioner Aho informed him that it does go into the County right-of-way but, thankfully, not under the road.

Port of Poulsbo (www.portofpoulsbo.com) – Commissioner Mark Singer reported that Poulsbo is busy. The permanent and guest moorage facilities are full. There are thirty-seven vessels anchored out in Liberty Bay. Several vagrants dinghy in and tie up to the guest moorage and use the Ports facilities. Some have jumped the gate to get to where they want. The Port has worked with the Poulsbo Police Department in some instances. They seem to have the same issues with some derelict boaters as previously discussed. They were able to dispose of two boats and it cost the Port approximately \$3,000. A different issue they have had is with some boat owners that seem to have money acting very arrogant and disrespectful to Port staff. Commissioner Singer doesn't really consider these individuals as true boaters. Some of these individuals have been asked not to return to Poulsbo. The new boat launch should be opened within the next few weeks. This is a big asset to the city. The big joke around Poulsbo is that the Port has been accused of causing the parking problem in town. The funny thing is that no one has noticed any vehicles being towed in by boaters. The city seems to be doing very well as it is packed every day from 7:00AM through 10:00PM. Overall, the Port is doing very well, although still awaiting permits for the breakwater project. Commissioner Singer took a moment of silence on behalf of the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) and the National Marine Fisheries (NMF). The Port has reached out to US Representative Derek Kilmer's office ([home \(house.gov\)](http://home.house.gov)) to no avail. Commissioner Singer said he found it interesting that once the Port shut down the old boat launch by placing a cement block in front of it, the City of Poulsbo issued the permit the following day. He said it is a ridiculous way the government works as they are supposed to be serving us. That is what they get paid to do, yet it's not happening. Commissioner Singer recognized that the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) is striving for the Ports, but more

needs to be done. According to Carol Tripp, of the Port of Poulsbo, there are thirty-nine projects on hold awaiting ACE permits. Ms. Tripp said that Poulsbo has 1.1 million dollars invested thus far in the breakwater project and has been waiting two years for the necessary ACE permit to be issued. She wished the Port of Illahee the best for their upcoming project and suggested they double their timeline due to permitting delays. It's rather ironic because the current breakwater contains nine-hundred creosote pilings, which would be removed within the project and would greatly benefit the environment. Commissioner Singer explained that the water in areas of the marina isn't the cleanest because the current breakwater blocks the flow, which will also be alleviated with the design of the new breakwater. Gerry O'Keefe, Senior Director of Environmental Policy with the WPPA, said that he has talked to people from here to Washington, DC, but there has been no progress. The WPPA has been working really hard for the Ports and is also frustrated. He urged Commissioners to contact Representative Kilmer's office ([home \(house.gov\)](http://home.house.gov)) at least every week. The fact that there are nine-hundred creosote pilings awaiting to be removed is ridiculous and he questions if Representative Kilmer actually knows anything about it. He asked that the Ports encourage their constituents to call Representative Kilmer's office over and over and over. It shouldn't be like this, but something has to be done and we have to become the squeaky wheel. Commissioner Mooney suggested a letter be drafted to Representative Kilmer signed by all of the Kitsap Port Commissioners inviting him to attend a meeting where these issues can be aired. Mr. O'Keefe said that he would like to collect from each of the Ports, information about projects that are being held up due to current policy. Currently, the ACE and NMF are in disagreement with the interpretation of the law and as Commissioner Bailey put it, the Ports are caught in the middle. It was thought that the Port of Allyn Executive Director, Lary Coppola, was working on drafting a letter. Mr. O'Keefe said that he plans to draft a letter outlining the projects that are being held up in the cross hairs due to the two agencies not agreeing on the law. Apparently, Chad with the Port of Anacortes has started a date ticker on how many days they have been paused – it is thought to be over 900 days now. Commissioner Mooney said that once all the Commissioners sign the letter, everyone is held accountable and more eager to hear from Representative Kilmer's office. Commissioner Dan Fallstrom suggested everyone start with Kilmer's Bremerton office with all of the contact information being available via the internet ([home \(house.gov\)](http://home.house.gov)). Commissioner Singer said that Poulsbo is also improving one of their floats by installing a small kayak rack for public storage, thankfully no permits are required.

Commissioner Bailey asked Port of Poulsbo representatives about the parking permits they issue to their liveaboard tenants. Commissioner Singer said that they have different colored passes for liveaboard tenants and guests. Ms. Tripp has had to tow several vehicles recently. Commissioner Singer said that the cost to retrieve your vehicle from the towing company is \$496. He explained that he

knows this from experience as another Port Commissioner erroneously had his car towed. Commissioner Bailey asked if they print a barcode on the permit to keep the individuals' information private. Ms. Tripp explained that they are prenumbered with a separate spreadsheet held in the office that lists the information of the person that was issued the permit. The Commissioners did decide to include the slip numbers on the permits.

Port of Kingston (www.portofkingston.org) – Greg Englin, Executive Director of the Port of Kingston, reported that the marina is doing well in spite of the pandemic. In fact, there has been an uptick in boating numbers. It's nice to have a resilient business in these times. The Port did take a huge hit in the decrease in commuter parking. This is significant to the Port because parking is the real "cash cow". Kingston also issues parking permits to liveaboard tenants; one permit per slip. They keep a list in the office of the permitted vehicles and license plate numbers. Mr. Englin said that fuel sales remain strong despite the rising costs. Commissioner Steve Heacock explained that about two and a half years ago the Port changed its fueling process as there were some small fuel spills generally caused by boaters. With the pandemic shutdowns lifting and people going back to work, the commuter parking is on the rise. The Port of Kingston continues the partnership with Kitsap County, Washington State Department of Transportation (WDOT), Washington State Ferries (WSF) and Kitsap Transit on the Lindvog Remote Ferry Holding Project. The next closed meeting is scheduled for August 5th, where priorities will be set and the lead agency will be determined. Commissioner Heacock explained that the Kingston-Edmonds ferry route is the second busiest terminal in the state. The traffic, primarily from ferry-goers, backs up and prohibits local traffic from being able to access the downtown businesses in Kingston. Besides constructing overflow holding lanes, there is discussion about the possibility of realigning State Route 104 directly to the ferry terminal. Mr. Englin explained that the Port is also working on an interim three-to-five-year comprehensive plan. The first step has been to look into the zoning of certain Port-owned properties. They intend to pursue rezoning of the park property. He explained that in 2016 the County had discussed including a Port-overlay to zoning for Port-owned properties. Commissioner Bailey said that he was involved with that along with other Port representatives, but nothing came of it. Mr. Englin explained that it is still on the County's radar with modified zoning use tables. Mr. Englin plans to write up a summary to provide to the others. He said that these use tables are very important to all of us and urged Ports to collectively support this even if not every Port is directly affected with it, as it will generate positive revenue streams which can affect the entire County. He explained that the County has changed the use tables to include almost like a rezone for marina related resources. He credited the County because they did go out of their way to draft this marina-related use. He would like for the Ports to work together on getting a critique going and approach the County from there. He will get

something out to all of the Ports for review. Entering into an Interlocal Agreement (IA) was discussed. Commissioner Bailey said that a sample IA can be found on the WPPA's website ([Washington Public Ports Association \(washingtonports.org\)](http://WashingtonPublicPortsAssociation(washingtonports.org))) It's something he has been asking to get on Brownsville's agenda.

Mr. O'Keefe said that he is buying dinner for the Port district that makes the most calls into Representative Kilmer's office ([home \(house.gov\)](http://home.house.gov)).

The meeting took at temporary break at 7:45PM.

Port of Manchester (www.portofmanchester.com) – Commissioner James Strode told of the continued saga of the sinking boat that the Coast Guard tied up to the Manchester dock. About six weeks ago Commissioner Strode received a call at 9:00AM that the high tides pushed the sunken boat under the dock and it was lifting it. Commissioner Strode rushed down to the dock. As he was contemplating what to do next, he turned around on the dock and Tim Knapp of TIKAR Services was heading his way. He was in shock because he hadn't seen Tim in many years, but boy was he a sight for sore eyes. Tim said to Commissioner Strode that it looked like he could use a little help. Commissioner Strode welcomed it. TIKAR initially tried to pump out the boat, but had to come back the next day at low tide to continue their efforts. The next day they were busy patching every possible hole with plywood. Tim ended up pulling the boat with a rope over his shoulder to the boat ramp – keep in mind this was a thirty-two-foot boat with two large motors. They attempted to get it off the boat ramp with a Genie forklift, but it almost flipped. At this point it was nearing 10:00PM and Commissioner Strode was worn out. Tim noticed and asked Commissioner Strode where he wanted the boat to be placed. Commissioner Strode instructed Tim where he would like it placed. Tim then encouraged Commissioner Strode to go home and get some rest. From there between the Genie forklift and Tim's one-ton dolly the boat was found the next morning in the place Commissioner Strode had requested. The Port of Manchester now owns a twenty-five-foot trailer. Commissioner Bailey said that TIKAR has done some cement work for Brownsville and they did a really good job with it. Commissioner Strode said that TIKAR crunched up the boat and got it all removed from the Port. It cost the Port about \$10,000.

Commissioner Dan Fallstrom was asked if there is anything legislatively for the Ports to be made aware of. Commissioner Fallstrom said not necessarily, but suggested the Ports pursue the salmon and orca whale enthusiasts, regarding the derelict boat issues, in an effort to get some additional funding added to the DNR DRP. He said all they can say is no – that's basically his motto in Olympia. Commissioner Bailey told Commissioner Fallstrom that the Ports appreciate all he has done by lobbying for the Ports through the years. Commissioner Fallstrom said that there have been times that he stops in with the WPPA, but

sometimes he just meets directly with the legislators. He likened it all to a big card game with high stakes. Commissioner Fallstrom has decided not to run for re-election this November – he will be missed!

Port of Bremerton (www.portofbremerton.org) - James Weaver, Director of Marine Facilities, said that the Port is busy similar to the rest. Summer has created really robust revenues. Both marinas are at approximately ninety-seven percent capacity. Mr. Weaver explained that the Port continues its efforts with the Port Orchard Marina Breakwater Project. They also continue to keep a close eye on Poulsbo's efforts and he thanked the Port of Poulsbo for trail blazing the way with regards to the permits. Bremerton will be submitting permit applications in the fall. They were successful in receiving an RCO Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) in the amount of 1.2 million dollars, which is great but the project is estimated to cost 15 million dollars. They are looking into infrastructure money from the federal government. The Port has been trying to hire entry-level positions, but no one seems to want to work. Mr. Weaver said in all his years he hasn't seen anything like this. The housing condo parking garage that will accommodate parking for Port tenants is still being constructed. Currently the marina tenants parking stalls are sprawled out all over the downtown Bremerton area. Mr. Weaver is looking forward to the completion of the parking lot as he likened managing the current tenant parking situation to herding cats all around town. Bremerton is also installing a kayak rack to one of the docks similar to Poulsbo. They too have noticed that a few of the larger vessel owners have recently been challenging to deal with, although they are not sent away as Bremerton will accommodate their needs for fuel. They currently have a two-year wait list for boats over 40' and an eight-month wait list for 30' boats. Mr. Weaver has noticed that boats used to be moored more seasonally, but now boats are moored all year because the owners don't want to risk losing their spots. He thanked the Port of Kingston for their hard work on determining the updated rates, because of the comparison data provided, Bremerton based its rate increases accordingly. They contract with Safe Security ([Security Guard Service in Kitsap County | SAFE Security](#)), which has proved beneficial. Guards have helped save an individual who fell into the water, deal with domestic disputes and the homeless situation. It is a helpful interim to assist the police. They basically observe and report. The reports are used for documentation, litigation and trespassing, as needed. Their services have been a lifesaver for the Port. Other Port representatives concurred (Brownsville, Manchester, Silverdale). Commissioner Bailey said that the Safe Security supervisor is generally on duty as well and he randomly will check on the guards. Guards that are found to not be getting out of the vehicles and checking on things are quickly gone. It has been well worth the money to contract with Safe Security. Mr. Weaver said that Bremerton used the Port of Anacortes rules and regulations as a basis to update its own. He said they would be willing to share with anyone interested.

Port of Tracyton (www.portoftracyton.com) – Commissioner Mooney explained that the Port of Tracyton is the smallest Port by landmass in the State and the lowest taxing district. County property is on either side of the area at the boat launch. Commissioner Mooney has called the County to have abandoned vehicles removed. The Sheriff tags the vehicles and they are towed promptly. He recently reported an abandoned boat trailer that had the VIN scrapped off and was in bad shape. Commissioner Mooney was told that the owners of abandoned vehicles get fined for littering. There have been day-campers down near the boat ramp on the County right-of-way lately. Commissioner Mooney explained that just prior to leaving for tonight's meeting he witnessed a boater attempting to launch his boat from the boat ramp and somehow the boater drove his truck off the boat ramp concrete slab way out and the truck was in the water up to its radiator. An individual known to Commissioner Mooney was in the area with his ATV and offered to help the boater pull the truck back up onto the boat ramp. Commissioner Mooney said that in reading the minutes of the last All Ports meeting, he is content with the Port of Tracyton having only the boat ramp. Derelict vessels being likened to as the RV's of the sea scares the crap out of him as the Port wouldn't be able to afford to pay for the removal of a derelict vessel let alone many. Commissioner Fallstrom urged him to join the club. Commissioner Mooney explained that he pays just \$13.00 to the Port from his property taxes. At that rate, the Port would quickly run out of money. Anytime he is approached about why the Port doesn't pursue constructing a pier he explains that the Port cannot afford it, let alone maintain it. Commissioner Strode told Commissioner Mooney that he isn't taking into consideration the ten-year timeline it will take to be issued an ACE permit, by that time the Port's taxes are sure to increase. Commissioner Mooney reported that once COVID19 hit, he made the decision to remove the portable restroom near the boat ramp. It has recently been restored. Commissioner Bailey said that the Port of Tracyton might at some point have to ask the citizens to pay more so that Port facilities can be increased. The Port did install a gazebo/pavilion in its vacant lot a block up from the boat ramp. Unfortunately, there have already been complaints about individuals hanging out in there smoking marijuana.

Chris Herman of the WPPA explained that it's time to reserve rooms at the Enzian Inn ([Enzian Inn](#)) in Leavenworth for the WPPA sponsored 2021 Small Ports Seminar scheduled for October 21st through the 22nd. It was explained that the Enzian is already filled up and having people make reservations at the Linderhof Inn ([LINDERHOF INN – Leavenworth, WA](#)). Look for registration to open soon for the Small Ports Seminar on the WPPA site ([Upcoming Events – Washington Public Ports Association \(washingtonports.org\)](#)).

Mr. O'Keefe reported that the WPPA sponsored 2021 Environmental Seminar at the Alderbrook Inn ([Alderbrook Resort & Spa - Washington State Luxury Resort](#)) is scheduled for September 23rd through the 24th. He expects a robust crowd.

Look for registration for the Environmental Seminar to open this week on the WPPA's website ([Upcoming Events — Washington Public Ports Association \(washingtonports.org\)](http://www.washingtonports.org)).

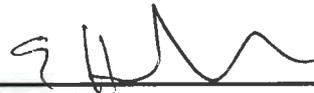
Port of Waterman – (www.portofwaterman.com) Commissioner Jeff Reynolds said that the biggest problem at the moment the Port of Waterman is dealing with is the trash left behind from crabbers. They did have an interesting event with a sailboat that was adrift and smashing against the pier during a storm. Port Commissioners were on the scene and holding the boat away from the pier for about an hour before the Coast Guard showed up and towed it to a channel marker. There were about four other sailboats out in the water that day and by the next morning all were gone. The security cameras that were installed at Waterman about a year ago have proved beneficial as there haven't been any vandalism within that time.

Commissioner Bailey noted that Joe DaBell helped out during tonight's meeting by making the ZOOM option available – thanks Joe!

The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.



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