

**PORT OF BELLINGHAM
MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025
HARBOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
PORT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Robert Brooks	Ross Tennant
Peter Border	Jim Kyle
Julie Winkler	Faith Worthley
Paul Burrill	

Committee Members Absent:

Jace Cotton

Committee Members Excused:

Loren Kapp

Visitors/Guests:

Mike Merrick

Port Representatives present

Pam Taft
Aaron Bisson
Andy Peterson

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Minutes

The minutes for the December meeting was approved by the group.

Public Comment

Mike Merrick is representing the small trailerable boats that were formerly subleasing space at the former City Mac building. He was interested in hearing about Race Week.

Dockside Feedback

None.

Race Week

Aaron talked about the upcoming Race Week that will be taking place in Bellingham Bay July 21st- 25th. Squalicum Harbor is expecting 60-80 race vessels to participate and racers bringing other vessels to stay aboard when not racing. Squalicum Harbor staff are currently looking at all moorage options available during that time. With the commercial fishing fleet up in Alaska during that time he expects to fill Gate 5 empty slips with racers for the event. We will also be working with Merchant leaseholders that may have slips open during that time. There will be more MAC updates on Race Week coming as we get closer to the event.

2025 CIP

A brief update from Pam, Aaron, and Andy on the larger Capital Improvement Projects going on in Blaine and Squalicum Harbor. Projects mentioned:

- Inner Harbor Renovation Project- sediment sampling still underway. Hoping for testing results in first part of 2Q which will feed dredging discussion.
- Inner Harbor Life Extension- continued work on concrete spalling, waler replacement, waterline replacement, weldment repair/replacement on Gates 9, 8, and 5.
- Andy mentioned that the Port is installing some new electric vehicle charging stations at Blaine Harbor this year and provided an update on the open slips that will be replacing Boathouse #1 next fall.

2025 Moorage Rate Adjustment

Pam handed out a sheet that showed the moorage rate increase which goes into effect April 1, 2025. Increases are consistent with the Moorage Model moorage rate projections adopted by Port Commission on May 17, 2022. The 2025 moorage rates are as follows:

% Increase Monthly

	Squalicum	2024	w/ lht	2025	w/ lht
3%	≤26	\$9.57	\$10.80	9.86	\$11.13
3%	27-30	\$9.76	\$11.01	10.05	\$11.34
5%	31-36	\$10.44	\$11.78	10.96	\$12.37
6%	37-44	\$11.40	\$12.86	12.08	\$13.63
6%	45-56	\$11.85	\$13.37	12.56	\$14.17
4%	57-70	\$13.02	\$14.69	13.54	\$15.28
4%	>70	\$14.58	\$16.45	15.16	\$17.11

Annual

	Squalicum	2024	w/ lht	2025	w/ lht
	≤26	\$109.10	\$123.11	\$112.40	\$126.84
	27-30	\$111.26	\$125.55	\$114.57	\$129.28
	31-36	\$119.02	\$134.30	\$124.94	\$140.99
	37-44	\$129.96	\$146.65	\$137.71	\$155.39
	45-56	\$135.09	\$152.44	\$143.18	\$161.57
	57-70	\$148.43	\$167.49	\$154.36	\$174.18
	>70	\$166.21	\$187.55	\$172.82	\$195.01

Monthly

	Blaine	2024	w/ lht	2025	w/ lht
3%	≤26	\$9.20	\$10.38	9.48	\$10.70
3%	27-30	\$9.39	\$10.60	9.67	\$10.91
5%	31-36	\$10.04	\$11.33	10.54	\$11.89
6%	37-44	\$10.96	\$12.37	11.62	\$13.11
6%	45-56	\$11.40	\$12.86	12.08	\$13.63
4%	57-70	\$12.53	\$14.14	13.03	\$14.70
4%	>70	\$14.02	\$15.82	14.58	\$16.45

Annual

	Blaine	2024	w/ lht	2025	w/ lht
	≤26	\$104.88	\$118.35	\$108.07	\$121.95
	27-30	\$107.05	\$120.79	\$110.24	\$124.39
	31-36	\$114.46	\$129.15	\$120.16	\$135.58
	37-44	\$124.94	\$140.99	\$132.47	\$149.48
	45-56	\$129.96	\$146.65	\$137.71	\$155.39
	57-70	\$142.84	\$161.18	\$148.54	\$167.61
	>70	\$159.83	\$180.35	\$166.21	\$187.55

Staff Update

Andy announced that Tyler Schroeder, the Port's Director of Economic Development will be attending the next MAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.