

**MINUTES OF THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
HELD JULY 15, 2010
SEMIAHMOO CANNERY DAY LODGE
9261 SEMIAHMOO PARKWAY, BLAINE, WASHINGTON**

Present:	Jim Jorgensen Michael McAuley Scott L. Walker	President Vice President Secretary
Staff:	Fred J. Seeger Rob Fix Art Choat Mike Stoner Dan Stahl Sylvia Goodwin Lydia Bennett Carolyn Casey Elizabeth Monahan Diane McClain	Interim Executive Director Chief Financial Officer Director, Aviation Director, Environmental Programs Director, Marine Services Director, Planning and Development Director, Real Estate Communications Manager Human Resources Manager Interim Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Commission meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2010.


Mr. Fred Seeger, Interim Executive Director, announced that the Strategic Planning Retreat for Port of Bellingham Commissioners and senior staff would be facilitated by Ms. Kathy Washatka. Ms. Washatka has over 30 years of training and organizational development experience working with individuals, businesses and organizations throughout Washington State.

For purposes of developing the 2011 Strategic Budget, Port staff reviewed and shared information with the Commission on the Port's overall financial picture including financial projections, State and Federal Economic conditions to consider, current and future health care costs and employee benefits. Before breaking for lunch, the Commission was provided an overview of the Capital Budget, potential impacts of airport project decisions on budget planning and capacity, property taxes and large Capital Improvement (CIP) projects that require Commission direction.

Following the lunch break, Port staff presented projects for discussion and that impact the 2011 Budget including Marine Infrastructure, Shipping Terminal, Shipyard Pier, Squaticum Marina F & G / Gate 3 Dredging, Blaine Shipyard Industrial and Environmental issues. A report will be issued summarizing Commission direction and work products of the Strategic Planning Retreat.

ADJOURN

The special Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



Jim Jorgensen, President



Scott L. Walker, Secretary