

Minutes
Port of Astoria
Workshop Session
September 13, 2005
Port Commission Chambers

Chairman Jim Bergeron called the Workshop Session to order and took roll call.

Commissioners present: Jim Bergeron, Glenn Taggart, Don McDaniel, Larry Pfund and Dan Hess.

Staff present: Peter Gearin, Bill Cook, Rita Fahrney and Port Attorney, Heather Reynolds.

Others present: Kate Ramsayer

REPORTS.

Peter Gearin reported the following:

- Dredging. The West Basin Marina is a concern due to inadequate depths. Looking into using the Speeder crane with a Bergerson barge to bucket dredge, which would be most efficient in the confined areas. Would be barged to pier three. Permit is in hand for suction dredging. The Port has the capability to do bucket dredge work in-house. Applications are on file for the flow-lane dredging permit needed for the pier dredging. Gearin explained where the silted in areas are located and what areas will be focused on for this years dredge season. The Port has applied for a lease for the pier three lands owned by D.S.L. The East Basin dredging will be covered in cost by a \$400,000 grant. The spoils will be transported to upland disposal. On pier two dredging is needed at the MSRC berth, the boat haul-out facility and the Englund Marine facility.

There was some discussion of how the West Basin is filling in and where the source of the material is coming from.

Bill Cook reported the following:

- The Boat Yard has hauled 32 boats for the month, becoming very active. He reported how he had his boat hauled and how very efficient the marina staff is, with a good reputation established. Peter Gearin noted the feasibility study on the haul-out revenue was bleak even at the five-year projection. To date, results are better than twice what was predicted. There continues to be a need for attracting more boats for storage. Staff

will be focusing market efforts on storage in the future. Some discussion followed on the benefits of dry storage versus wet moorage.

- Englund Marine's project is progressing. The contractor is very professional with his construction work. Cook noted Bayshore Motel owners have been very obliging with work disruptions. He provided an update on the progress and advised it is approximately one month behind schedule. Discussion followed regarding Englund's dock facility.
- West Bay has completed their off-load facility on the east side of pier two. West Bay owner is requesting to re-assign his lease to a new corporation formed as an Oregon corporation. Staff will be bringing the Request for Re-assignment to the Commission for approval at their regular monthly meeting.
- Columbia Pacific Marine Works is scheduled to move their building October 15th. They were able to use a Geo-Tech report that had been prepared for Englund Marine, which saved some cost and time. Clean up is underway for the move. The building will be placed directly west of Englund Marine's site.
- River Land Co. has leased all their available spaces. They will start construction after November 1st. There is a 17' x 300' piece owned by the city that River Land wants to acquire. The City is interested in a swap with the Port for the land with land located at the Memorial Park.
- Cruise Ships. An additional ship has been added to the itinerary this year. Commissioner Pfund attended the reception for the C/S Infinity. He will try to attend for the Norwegian Dream and possibly the Mercury call. Chairman Bergeron may also be available.
- East Basin. Was previously assured funding for the last phase of the breakwater rebuild. Since then, there may be changes due to the recent Katrina damage, where funds are likely to be focused on.
- For Fish Expo the Port is working with others to establish a Columbia River Pavilion, which will combine marketing efforts.

There being no further business, the Workshop Session was adjourned.