

**PORT OF NEWPORT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**MEETING PACKET ADDENDUM**

Tuesday, February 23, 6:00 pm

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## Paula Miranda

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**From:** rkp209 <rkp209@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 8:21 AM  
**To:** Paula Miranda  
**Subject:** Market Study

In the past the Port has spent a significant amount of money on market studies. The answers always come out the same timber products. Right now timber exports are down due to tariffs but once that changes timber exports will rise and the Port will be left out in the cold again. Russia is planning on cutting its timber exports so those increases would go to the US and Canada.

I have lived here all my life and I have watched the fishing industry (members of MTC) slowly push there way into power and control there rates, leases rates, rent ratesand the use of facilities. It is really a disappointment that as a tax payer that we have to ask the fishermen's user group whether the Port can use the terminals for other uses. It is a multi-use facility and it should be about profit not loss,it is to benefit the tax base.

Multimillionaires should not be in control of my tax dollars especially when the majority of them live outside the tax district.

I have heard in Port meetings in the past, when shipping is talked about the question has come up by the commission if the Port has had any calls from shippers. I have an answer to that, when a person is looking for a job does a employer randomly pick up the phone and call people asking them if you want a job. No. You have to apply. In other ports, when shipping is down they go out and nock on doors,, make phone calls, travel to meet with prospective shippers. I really don't emails make a good impression. To me it shows lack of interest and just going through the motions. Instead of applying for grants to do market studies, hire a marketing specialist with a shipping background.

Thank you for your time

Pat Ruddiman: Tax payer.

Sent from my Galaxy





## OLD BUSINESS ITEM

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**DATE:** February 18, 2021  
**RE:** Army Corps CAP Section 107 Federal Cost Share Agreement  
**TO:** Paula Miranda, General Manager  
**ISSUED BY:** Aaron Bretz, Director of Operations

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Northwestern Division Office has approved the Federal Interest Determination Report that is part of the Army Corps' process to provide navigational improvements in the Port of Newport Commercial Marina. The improvements that we have requested include a -20' channel dredged to the east end of the marina, which will allow access to the Port Dock 7 area to large fishing vessels throughout the tidal range in Yaquina Bay. The Corps has received the federal funding necessary to develop the project management plan and scope the feasibility phase of the project. This means that we will be presented with a Federal Cost Share Agreement for the feasibility study soon, and will need to commit funding to our share.

### **DETAIL**

The project scoping, project management plan, and all the work done so far represent the first \$100K of funding that the Army Corps has put toward the project. As soon as the project fact sheet is approved, the Corps will then be authorized to enter into a cost share agreement with the Port of Newport for the project (which begins with a feasibility study). This project provides access to deeper draft and larger fishing vessels throughout the Commercial Marina, and is vital to the future of the marina and to Port Dock 7 in particular. Once we enter into the agreement, we have 15 days to make payment for the study.

A copy of a boiler-plate federal cost share agreement is included in this meeting packet. I've also sent a copy of this blank (generic) agreement to our lawyer for review so that he is familiar with it. This is the same type of agreement into which the Port entered with the Corps to make improvements to the Commercial Marina Breakwater in the late 90's, and our lawyer anticipates no significant legal problems with the document.

### **BUDGET IMPACTS**

The project has not been scoped completely yet, but preliminary estimates on the cost of the feasibility study were \$1M. We budgeted for \$950K to use toward ~~our share~~the cost of this study. the Port's share is 50%.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

I RECOMMEND A MOTION APPROVING THE GM TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A FEDERAL COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR THIS PROJECT NTE ~~\$950K~~475K FOR THE PORT'S SHARE.