

PORT OF ILWACO
MINUTES
June 15, 2026

COMMISSION MEETING

Chairman Bennett opened the Commissioner's regular meeting at 3:00 PM. Those present were Chairman Bennett, Commissioner Shirley, Port Manager Hayes, Finance Director Sheldon, and Admin Assistant 1 Lambert. Commissioner Glenn Jr. attended via zoom.

- **Call to Order**
Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
- **Approval of Agenda**
Port Manager Hayes requested an amendment to the agenda to add the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shirley entered a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Glenn Jr. seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approval of minutes from May 18th, 2026, Commission Meeting.**
Commissioner Shirley entered a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18th, 2026, Commission Meeting. Commissioner Glenn Jr. seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.
- **Approval of vouchers 21996 through 22015, and 22016 through 22039, and electronic fund transfer payments in the amount of \$151,229.08.**
Commissioner Glenn Jr. entered a motion to approve vouchers 21996 through 22015, and 22016 through 22039, and electronic fund transfer payments in the amount of \$151,229.08. Commissioner Shirley seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

D. Berger: Wanting to have a talk with Guy. The City and Port need to have a through the fence agreement. The original agreement from the 1980's has been lost and there is no reference in the archives. The agreement is required to be renewed every 2 years. The through the fence allows pilots to cross onto property lines at the airport as necessary. I have a meeting with an attorney about options for these issues and my issues with the city. The city is planting trees on Tract D and the taxiways to the airport. The airport should be important to the Port it is used to save lives.

F. Wright: Asking for support in the Stickman trespassing issue. Wanting to know that he will have the Port's backing in front of the judge.

Port: We will be there to support. The issue is he walks around with weapons, and he has taken things from jobs and properties.

M. Cassinelli: Tired of being charged for things I didn't do. Mr. Berger himself cut the trees down. The city owns Tract D. The agreement is to get the plane from the hanger to the airport.

A. Veela: The pedestrian traffic is picking up. The crosswalks need to be repainted. We would be willing to volunteer staff and the older kids to help repaint the crosswalks. It would be great to get signs at the beginning and end of Howerton letting people know to slow down. During the summer we will be open at the Dylan's Monday to Thursday and will have 130 kids there.

T. Hayes: The Port and city can discuss a plan for the crosswalks.

E. Hillard: Drop Anchor has been doing great. We have been picking up since the Offshore Race.

G. Trusty: There is a lot of unrest on the commercial docks. Something about requiring a bunch of fishtickets. There is a lot of hard times going on right now. Maybe we should not have such a hard line, especially right now with the market the way it is. The Port needs to be more flexible and understanding. We must have a better way to serve people. How can we make it better?

Commissioners: It is only 1 fishticket that is required annually. Most all Ports are now requiring commercial fishermen to provide fishtickets. We sit here in this room with it empty 90 percent of the time. We have given exemption and concessions. We have no room for new moorage because we cannot add more electricity to the docks. No one shows up to the meetings to talk to us about what is going on until after the fact. October will be the Tariff meeting we can discuss changes to the Tariff then.

E. Bittner: I have been in the Port for 50 years. Now I have received a cold letter about needing a fishticket. The Port should be taking care of the boats that are already here. Ilwaco has nothing to offer anyone here anymore, there is no ice and no fish buyers. For the last 43 years there have always been recreational boats on C & D dock.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approval of PCI Sublease under Michelle Parrish, The Loading Dock**

Commissioner Glenn Jr. entered a motion to approve the PCI Sublease under Michelle Parrish, The Loading Dock.

Commissioner Shirley seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.

- **Approval of Ron Williams with Crustacean Sensation Bating Products Monthly Storage Lease**

Commissioner Glenn Jr. entered a motion to approve Ron Williams with Crustacean Sensation Bating Products Monthly Storage Lease.

Commissioner Shirley seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.

- **David Meriwether Fishticket Appeal**

Commissioner Glenn Jr. entered a motion to approve a one-year extension to David Meriwether's fishticket requirement for 2026, to be reviewed in June of 2027.

Commissioner Shirley seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.

OPERATIONS REPORTS

Manager Report: DOE upland swells update. Dredging update. Mofat and Nicole update. Point 09 grant update. Boatyard update. Planters update. Summer staff update.

Finance Report: May financials. WPPA-Spring Conference. WPPA-Finance Conference.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Glenn Jr.: Planning event in August with Army Core of Engineers. Annual Maintenance for dredging update. Saturday Market is great event for the community that we must continue to support. Update on boatyard testing. Thank you, staff.

Commissioner Shirley: Thank you staff for all your hard work.

Commissioner Bennett: Nice to see RV's coming to the RV park. We need to make the Port more inviting to visitors. Glad to see different businesses investing in the Port. Also, very frustrated with the level of fish buying and the rate of the market.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15PM by **Chairman Bennett**.

Minutes submitted by Natasha Lambert for approval on July 15th, 2026.



Natasha Lambert Admin. Assist. I

Commissioners:



Alan Bennett, Chairman

Mike Shirley

Guy Glenn Jr.