

PORT OF ILWACO
MINUTES
July 15, 2026

COMMISSION MEETING

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

- **Call to Order**
Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
- **Approval of Agenda**
Chairman Bennett requested an amendment to the agenda to add approval of agenda.
Commissioner Glenn Jr. entered a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Chairman Bennett seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approval of vouchers 22040 through 22068, and electronic fund transfer payments in the amount of \$175,085.34.**
Commissioner Glenn Jr. entered a motion to approve vouchers 22040 through 22068, and electronic fund transfer payments in the amount of \$175,085.34.
Chairman Bennett seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.
- **Approval of minutes from June 15th, 2026, Commission Meeting.**
Commissioner Shirley. entered a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15th, 2026, Commission Meeting.
Commissioner Glenn Jr. seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

R. Patana: Asking for a waiver of the fishticket requirement for this year. After years of fishing, it has taken its toll and due to physical restrictions is unable to fish. Quit fishing commercially in 2023. The boat has been for sale since, but due to the soft market it has been unable to be sold. In October of 2025 concerns about the fishticket requirement and inability to fish were brought to the Port and was told no to the consideration of a waiver. Asking for the board to step in and consider the waiver. In the years that were fished commercially thousands of poundage of fish was brought across the docks into Ilwaco. In 1991, I brought sea grant down to the lower 48. Brought the first Marine Safety Fair to the Port which drew in 7,500 for the first two years. While working with NOA I deployed the tsunami warning buoy that is still in use today. Would like to be able to keep my boat here until it is sold, which will hopefully be by the end of 2027.

Commissioners: We cannot make a decision at this meeting due to it being a special meeting. We will have it added to the agenda for our August 17th, 2026, meeting and have a decision at that time.

D. Berger: Liberty and justice for all. My liberty is not being considered. There was a typo on the meeting minutes last month, it is every 20 years not two years for the through the fence agreement. The Port needs to be the ones who initiate the agreement. I have a motion into the court as to why I can not taxi to the taxiway and clear away blown down limbs. The Port has not been cleaning up the downed limbs. The taxiway should be 150 feet from the runway. The city closed it.

M. Cullimore: Thank you Mr. Patana for that interesting bit of history and your dedication. The airport here is the smallest in Washington State. It is a simple community airport. It is the responsibility of the pilot to make sure there are no obstructions before they land. Completely disagree with everything Mr. Berger has ever made with the airport. The department of Ecology stated that it would take 50 years for the trees that he cut down to grow back. The city and Port crews do a fantastic job taking care of the airport and hope they continue to do so. Thank you.

M. Cassinelli: The 4th of July weekend was fantastic. Thank you to the Port staff for making it an even better year. It was great and you couldn't ask for a better event. I appreciate everything the Port does.

G. Trusty: Fish tickets and boats. Could we be in a worse time to be putting pressure on people. The Port needs to ask itself whether we are hurting the Port or helping the Port. The Port needs to listen to its tenants and people. Over the weekend signs had been put up for the business by the dock ramps. Someone who has an issue with me and does not want to have a sign there smashed and destroyed the signs. Then he calls and complains and gets his way. I don't believe the Port is fair across the board. The Port needs to look at things through a different lens. How is it that some leases aren't held to the same standard of having retail on the bottom. Fairness and equality doesn't stretch end to end on this Port.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **None**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Dylan Jude Letter for Funding**

Commissioner Shirley entered a motion to approve the Dylan Jude letter for funding. Commissioner Glenn Jr. seconded; the **motion was carried** by voice vote.

- **2026 Budget and Project Update**

Finance Update- June Financials
Capital improvement project update

- **Dredging Update**

WTC serviced dredge. The dredge was moved to the boatyard to fix the hydraulics.

- **Set Dates for 2027 Budget Workshop**

First Workshop is set for August 17^t, 2026, at 2PM

Second workshop is set for September 21st, 2026, at 2PM

- **Update Possibilities to Website and Quarterly Newsletter**

All current meeting dates are on the website. The business guide has been updated to a current list of business both at the Port and around Ilwaco. Possible updates are needed to the website to expand the capabilities. The Port would like to consider the possibility of a quarterly newsletter to send out to tenants to let them know what is currently happening at the Port. The Port is also looking into a way to display the current catch of the day and which of our fishermen are currently selling fish off the docks.

OPERATIONS REPORTS

Manager Report: Hammer Survey update. Support Fleet Applications for NOAA update. Upland tenant and dock space update. Audit update. Enduris update. PNWA and PPA meeting updates. CERB update. Port of Peninsula update. Dock report update.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Glenn Jr.: WPPA Commissioner seminar next week. Interested in a community and stakeholder engagement event, possibly a lunch with the tenants. This gives an opportunity to get to know their challenges, and they can hear the Port's challenges. It is important to stay engaged with the city. Thank you for the dredging update. The boatyard looks like it has less activity currently.

Commissioner Shirley: Compliments to the city and Port for the 4th of July event. This was the biggest 4th of July crowd we have had on the peninsula. In August we have a high dollar tuna tournament, the Tuna Classic that will be held on August 22.

Commissioner Bennett: Thank you to the Port staff. The Port is looking good. It is like a sandwich, really good on the inside, but the bread on the ends is a little crusty.

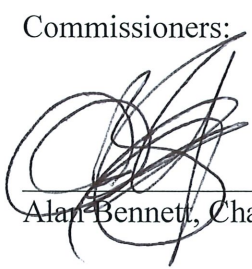
The meeting was adjourned at 4:24PM by **Chairman Bennett**.

Minutes submitted by Natasha Lambert for approval on August 17th, 2026.

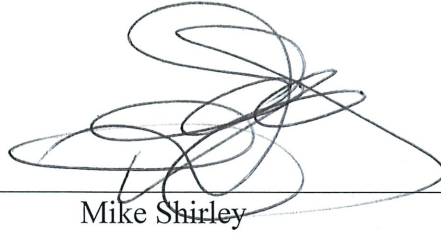


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Commissioners:

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Alan Bennett, Chairman

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Mike Shirley

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Guy Glenn Jr.