

Item #: 6c_letter
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From: excel seafoods
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 6:45 AM
To: 'Commission-public-records@portseattle.org'
Subject: Net Locker Improvements - May 7th Commission Meeting

Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners,

My name is David Harsila, chair of the Fishermen's Terminal Advisory Committee, or FTAC. I am sending this e-mail to be read into the commission record of May 7, 2013, on behalf of FTAC's endorsement of the "Enhanced" Option 1 Net Shed Code Compliance Project. At the March 10, 2009 "Working Waterfront" commission briefing held at the Nordic Heritage Museum in Ballard, I spoke on behalf of the fishers and members of FTAC, expressing the need to retain the net locker facilities as a service to the home-ported fishing fleet at Fishermen's Terminal. For the June 5, 2012 Commission meeting, I wrote on behalf of FTAC endorsing the recommended Option 3 design of the Code Compliance project for this would closely match current use by the fishermen – more space for our gear without segregation of net shed contents. However, we understand Commission approved Option 1, as the total project cost would be the lowest. We too are concerned about costs of improvements at Fishermen's Terminal and understand the need to keep them reasonable and low.

We are pleased to see Port staff has continued to explore ways to make Option 1 work as best as they can while realizing that with this option, we will not be able to store our gear as before. The open house on December 19th of last year for locker customers to come and review an enhanced version of the Option 1 design and the two test net lockers was helpful. Customers who attended the Open House felt that this design would meet their storage needs. The following day, December 20th, project manager Fred Chou presented the enhanced Option 1 design to members of FTAC at our meeting. The results of the presentation were met with acceptance by the Committee. So on behalf of FTAC as the chairman, I would like to have this read into the commission record that FTAC endorses the enhanced version of Option 1 prepared by Fred Chou for the Net Locker Code Compliance Project.

Sincerely,

David Harsila
Excel Seafoods
Chair, Fishermen's Terminal Advisory Committee