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## Update: Fishermen's Terminal Long Term Strategic Plan

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### **Scope and Goals Statement**

Scope:

 Develop vision and long term strategic plan for Fishermen's Terminal that leverages maritime and fishing activities and industries.

Goals 🖌

- Continue to grow the economic value of the fishing and maritime cluster including the number of local jobs and business revenue.
- Improve overall financial returns that allow us to fulfill our commitment to the industry and taxpayers.
- Prioritize uses that support the commercial fishing industry, with a focus on anchoring the North Pacific Fishing fleet.
- Prioritize development that maximizes utilization of facility assets.
- Recognize and enhance Fishermen's Terminal as an living community landmark.

Vision: develop a community landmark that supports the maritime industry

## Balancing Uses – Requires Well-Thought-Out Approaches



Portland: 45% of pier use may be non-Maritime. Commercial Moorage protected.

Gloucester: Luxury Hotel and Lobster Processing



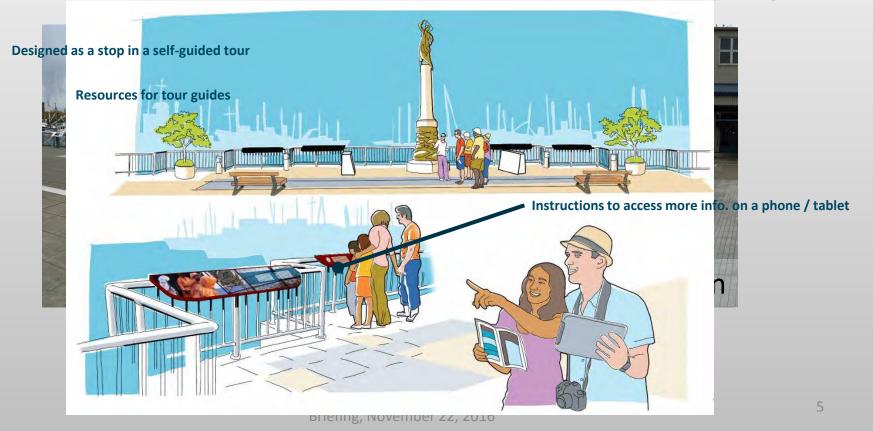
Benchmarking other ports: Fishing can be supported with non-maritime commercial uses

### Engaging the Public and Building Understanding of Fishing is Important



### Benchmarking other ports: Fishing Ports looking for ways to engage the public

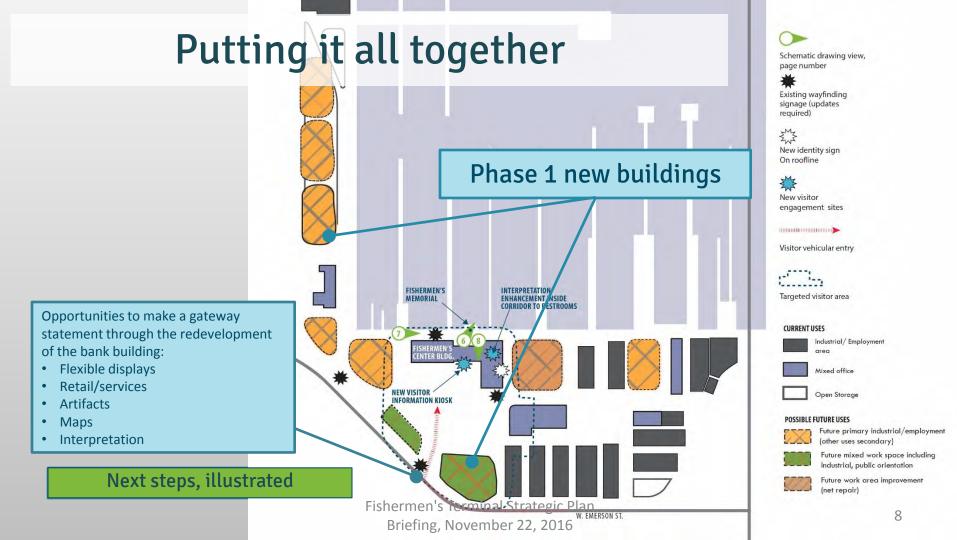
### A living landmark: Expanded views and improved interpretive signage



### A living landmark: Improved wayfinding







### **Maritime Manufacturing Center & Incubator**

- Supports growth of commercial fishing and Maritime Cluster
  - Industrial property in Ballard/Interbay area in short supply
  - Rising rent costs and building sales prices
  - Lack of access to facilities limits business and employment opportunities

### • Provides a maritime innovation opportunity:

- Incubator facility would occupy portion of larger facility dedicated to maritime and manufacturing businesses (5,000-10,000 square feet)
- Successful tenants could graduate to other Port facilities
- Would provide on-site mentorship and technical assistance
- Space can support employee/workforce training

A strategic location for a maritime business incubator



# Site plan refinement



Parking and open gear storage are critical functions

### Hostel for individuals working in maritime

- Identified and studied three working models
  - Boston, New York, and Newport RI
  - Guests must be able to prove employment in maritime sector
  - Fishing sector is not significant amongst their clientele
- Options available near FT today
  - Crew staying on-board is permitted at FT.
- Staff does not recommend pursuing further



### Investigating a very unique operation.

# **Next Steps**

- Install early action items of Public Interpretation Plan
- Request design funding for Phase 1 buildings

### Moving from planning to implementation

# **Appendix Slides**

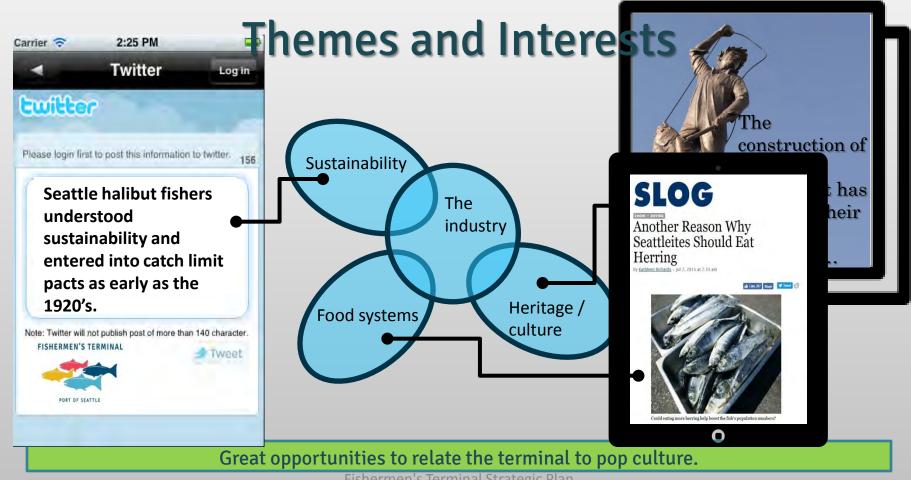
### **Clustering Maritime Industry Operations Increases Viability**

- Infrastructure is key: government funding can help
- Support for vessel needs keeps the industry vital





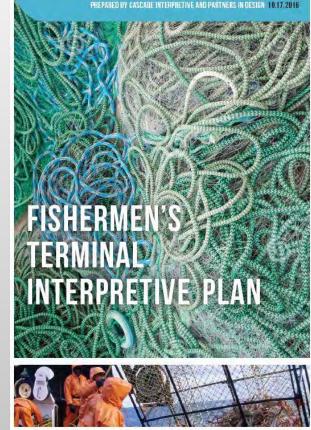
### Benchmarking other ports: Looking at the entire cluster



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## **Interpretation Activities**

- Develop a audio tour or texting service for interpretive content
- Pursue partnerships for giving tours to visitors
- Replace the interpretive panels near Fishermen's Memorial



#### Telling the Story of Fishermen's Terminal

# **Identity and Wayfinding**



- Adhere to uniform graphics standards in all wayfinding signs
- Maintaining the dominant architectural vocabulary on the site today
- Pavement markings to lead visitors on a self-guided tour
- Visitor's natural curiosity /magnet effect of the Fishermen's Center

tower

### Building on past success in branding the terminal

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# Terminal Entrance / Gateway

- Build on past success in marking the terminal entrance in a way that is welcoming to both industrial users and visitors
- Major opportunity: design of the building to replace the bank building



#### The outward face of the terminal

# Tourism



- Much overlap with attracting Seattle area visitors
- Right-sizing tourist presence
- Partners include Visit Seattle, tour guide companies and travel guide writers

#### Showcasing an original Seattle industry

# **Interpretive center**

- Recommend playing to FT's assets including the ability to get up close to the vessels and the dock work.
- Exciting potential for outdoor interpretive installations.









### Evaluating indoor versus outdoor