

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA

Item No. 4a

Date of Meeting May 3, 2011

DATE: April 28, 2011

TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Jane Kilburn, Director, Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Special Order of Business: The Port Centennial 1911-2011

In celebration of the Port of Seattle's Centennial, at the first meeting of every month in 2011, the Port will share a moment of the Port's history.

From the earliest days, the Port of Seattle has been committed to maintaining public access and building the area's finest waterfront facilities. This year, from May 1st to 26th, the community celebrates the working waterfront during the annual Maritime Festival, which is designed to highlight the importance of our maritime industry in Puget Sound's economy. This year's festival theme celebrates the Port's Centennial and features the 60th Annual Maritime Day Luncheon, a Maritime Career Day, Stories of the Sea Poetry Competition and Family Fun Day. The Festival is one of the best occasions for local residents to reconnect with Seattle's maritime heritage and experience this vibrant sector of Seattle's economy. In addition to the world's largest tugboat races, Family Fun Day features free harbor cruises, a chowder cook-off, survival suit races, a Quick and Dirty Boat Building competition and lots of family fun. It is held on Saturday, May 14 at Pier 66 at the Bell Street Pier, Pier 66.

The Port operates four recreational marinas on the Seattle waterfront. The Bell Harbor Marina is the City's only downtown recreational marina and is located close to some of Seattle's most visited attractions, such as the aquarium, Pike Place Market, the Seattle Center and the Space Needle. Downtown shopping, restaurants and hotels are also nearby. The Bell Harbor Marina has moorage for about 70 boats.

Shilshole Bay Marina is King County's largest public marina and a vital part of our waterfront. The Port obtained the first piece of land for Shilshole Bay Marina in 1931, but, stifled by the Great Depression and World War II, it took thirty years before its improved facilities were ready for dedication during the Seattle World's Fair, Century 21 Exposition, in 1962. The Leif Erikson statue, one of the most well-known features at Shilshole, was a gift to Seattle from the Norwegian American community and was originally unveiled during the Seattle World's Fair in June 1962.

Although primarily a commercial fishing facility, freshwater monthly and guest recreational moorage is available at the Port's historic Fishermen's Terminal, located on Seattle's Salmon Bay near Ballard. Slips are available for vessels ranging from 20 to 60, and linear dockage is

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available for vessels up to 250 feet. In addition to the freshwater location, and proximity to Lake Union/Lake Washington, the terminal also offers a full complement of services.

Located south of downtown Seattle on the Duwamish River, Harbor Island Marina, the Port's fourth marina, is convenient to West Seattle and the South Sound. The freshwater marina provides permanent monthly moorage for 77 vessels ranging from 24 to 70 feet.

All of the Port's marinas have earned an EnviroStars rating awarded by King County Department of Natural Resources & Parks. EnviroStars designations are given to businesses for solid waste recycling programs and proactive leadership in promoting responsible environmental practices and boater education.

In addition to connecting boaters with Puget Sound in an environmentally sustainable manner, the Port of Seattle's four recreational boating facilities generate 350 direct, indirect and induced jobs; nearly \$14 million in annual business revenue; \$7.8 million in local purchases; and \$2.0 million in state and local taxes.

OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SPECIAL ORDER:

PowerPoint presentation.