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Port of Seattle Commissioners
Port of Seattle
2711 Alaskan Way
Seattle, WA 98121

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to recommend Phil Riise and his business Seaview Boatyard. I have known Phil for over 20 years and it is a pleasure to recommend a person and business I think so highly of.

I strongly encourage you to support Seaview Boatyard's expansion at Shilshole Bay Marina. Businesses like Seaview Boatyard create excellent, well paying jobs with health insurance that can support a family.

The future of recreational boating looks excellent in Washington. On July 2 Governor Inslee signed the Marine Tourism Bill which will bring more large out of state entity owned vessels to Puget Sound for service and cruising. In 2014 Washington state led the nation with a 24% increase in new boat sales. 2012 and 2013 saw 9% and 12% increases respectively.

Phil is a past Chair of our Boatyard Committee and has always been a leader for boatyards and exemplary business practices. Phil was an early champion and leader to have boatyards adopt more stringent boatyard Best Management Practices, and invest in stormwater treatment technology, which led to the creation of a Certified Clean Boatyard program for Washington state. All three of Seaview Boatyard's facilities have been certified "Leadership Clean" by the Clean Boating Foundation which is the highest certification available for boatyards.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

George Harris
President/CEO

