

July 10, 2018
Commissioners
Port of Seattle

Re: Salmon Bay Marina, "Conditions" of proposed Port of Seattle Lease

Several months ago, the owner of Salmon Bay Marina issued 30-day evictions to select long-term live aboard tenants, a requirement stipulated by the Port of Seattle as a condition of sale. You were helpful in terminating those evictions, advising that a lease "with conditions" would be offered those tenants. We are now in receipt of that proposed lease and find the "conditions" completely unacceptable.

1. The lease is Non-Transferable, thereby eliminating any possibility of sale, reducing our property asset value to zero
2. The lease is for a period of three years and is Non-Renewable, thereby representing an actual eviction notice

We are live aboard tenants that have seemingly been singled out for persecution just because we reside in vessels that have been specifically designed as living units, as opposed to other "favored" live aboard tenants that occupy vessels that merely have living quarters. Only Difference: Flat hull vs. Pointed hull

So, the can has been kicked down the road. We will now have three years to remain in our live aboard, agonizing over what lies ahead. Eviction from our moorage and loss of our live aboard home. In three years there will be no greater availability of alternative moorage than that which exists today... and today that availability is zero.

We are all long-term Salmon Bay Marina tenants of between five and twenty years. All contributing members of society. We are wondering just what we have done to deserve such unreasonable, insensitive and cruel treatment. We are all wondering why, when the City you represent is fighting a losing battle on homelessness and affordable housing – the Port of Seattle is hell-bent on creating more homelessness and loss of affordable housing.

Just today I received an invitation from your Stephanie Jones Stebbins to meet on July 19. She states, in part, "I am hoping this will be both an opportunity for me to hear from you and understand your concerns and issues as well as an opportunity for us to share information such as how our policies and procedures work at other Marinas". Really! Your Managing Director needs to have an explanation of eviction, destruction of affordable housing, homelessness, complete loss of asset value??? And as for how things work at your other Marinas, I could care less. As a long-term resident of Salmon Bay Marina, the rights I enjoyed under that relationship should have been grandfathered in the sale agreement.

You, the Port of Seattle Commissioners, have direct responsibility for the imposition of these onerous, discriminatory lease conditions. I implore you to take charge, exercise your authority, and do what is right.

Respectfully,


Jerry Effenberger
Salmon Bay Marina Resident