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Dear Seattle Port Commissioners,

I wish to provide a few comments for your consideration at your May 11, 2021 meeting with regard to the Seattle Ship Building redevelopment project agenda item.

I am the Chief Executive Officer of The Association of Genuine Alaska Pollock Producers (GAPP). GAPP is a Seattle-based trade association based in the World Trade Center-West Seattle that works to build awareness and demand for Wild Alaska Pollock, a fish that is caught by primarily Seattle-based fishing companies. GAPP's membership includes virtually the entire Wild Alaska Pollock at-sea processing, catching, and on-shore processing industry, many of which are based in and around Fishermen's Terminal in Seattle.

Along with our sister fishing and seafood trade associations, we have watched with interest the Port's plans for the redevelopment of some of the Fisherman's Terminal buildings over the past couple of years and attended some of the outreach sessions. GAPP supports the efforts of the Port and the State of Washington in the development of a Maritime Blue Accelerator program as well as the redevelopment of the Ship Supply Building into a Maritime Innovation Center (MInC).

Given the almost \$20 million price tag associated with the rebuilding of Ship Supply Building, we ask that the Port Commission consider amending the design or function of the new MInC to allow for a building that be used as a facility to more than just the Maritime Blue Accelerator program.

Many of the Washington based commercial fishing industry 501(c) not-for-profit trade associations are based in and around the Fisherman's Terminal. Our trade associations have struggled over the years to have a cost-effective facility or location in which to hold meetings for larger gatherings than just their individual Boards of Directors in the Fishermen's Terminal area. GAPP has and does hold meetings at the World Trade Center's Holland America Line Room and the associated Board Rooms here. But, these spaces during normal times are in high demand as well as this space is not as convenient to a number of our members as the Fishermen's Terminal space would be for meetings. This is especially true when the cruise line season is in full swing and the traffic on Alaskan Way is challenging.

As such, we request that you consider including in your design and function of the new Seattle Ship Supply building a meeting facility that would be a show piece of the Seattle based federal fisheries.

Thanks very much for all that you do for the Seattle based commercial fishing companies and I hope your meeting today is productive.

Sincerely,
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