

**From:** [Jordan Van Voast](#)  
**To:** [Commission-Public-Records](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: public comment for May 25 meeting of Port Commissioners  
**Date:** Monday, May 24, 2021 7:11:41 PM  
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Here is a written copy of my comments I intend to share verbally during the comment period tomorrow. Thank you!

Subject: Cruise Restart -

Good afternoon Commissioners,

My name is Jordan Van Voast and I'm a volunteer with the group, Seattle Cruise Control. With passage of the Alaska Tourism Recovery Act and the Port of Seattle's stated intentions to prioritize a safe return to the cruise ship business, I'm here from the future to encourage you to let go of illogical fantasies about a return to business as usual. There is no such thing as a safe return to cruising, or a safe increase in air traffic volumes at SeaTac. Earlier this year, the planet passed another sobering milestone, exceeding 420 parts per million CO2 in the atmosphere for the first time in the last three million years, when sea levels were at least 50 feet higher.

Much of the west is again experiencing record drought, with the threat of epic wildfires again looming this summer and NOAA is predicting another busy Atlantic hurricane season with two cyclones already forming. The threat from COVID may be receding, but the climate emergency deepens as we speak, due to the burning of fossil fuels. I was encouraged to read about your support for an initiative to promote local tourism. This is the responsible course that our leaders need to be guiding our region towards and I invite you to get on the right side of history before it is too late.

Cruise travel is a first world leisure activity that involves massive air and water pollution, adverse impacts on orcas and marine life, and a gigantic per capita carbon footprint that mocks any conversation on global equity. Citing the development of shore power infrastructure as evidence that the Port is doing its part to address the climate emergency is disingenuous when nobody is accounting for the fuel a ship burns at sea, which far outweighs the reduction in emissions due to shore power. Please adjust the Port's course before it is too late.

On Mon, May 24, 2021 at 10:41 AM Commission-Public-Records <[commission-public-records@portseattle.org](mailto:commission-public-records@portseattle.org)> wrote:

Thank you for signing up to give public comment via MS Teams at the May 25, 2021, Port of Seattle Special Commission meeting.

Join us via your mobile or laptop device on through Teams or call into the number provided below at **11:30 a.m. PST** on Tuesday May 25, 2021 in order to be marked present and ready to speak. A member of port staff will join the call to take a roll call of the names we have listed and go over the procedure. Please plan to call from a location with as little background noise as possible.

You should expect to be on the line for between 30-60 minutes as we dispose of preliminary business on the agenda and we hear from other public commenters. While it's not possible for us to predict how many people will comment on May 25, we expect individual comment time to be limited to two minutes and all rules of order and decorum will apply as usual.

If you have any questions please let us know. We appreciate your dedication to public

health and your interest in participating in the Port of Seattle Commission meeting.

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**Sent:** Saturday, May 22, 2021 1:20 PM

**To:** Commission-Public-Records <[commission-public-records@portseattle.org](mailto:commission-public-records@portseattle.org)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: public comment for May 25 meeting of Port Commissioners

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Hi, I forgot to mention the topic: Resumption of cruise ship travel.

thank you,

Jordan

On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 1:14 PM Jordan Van Voast <[jordanvvv@gmail.com](mailto:jordanvvv@gmail.com)> wrote:

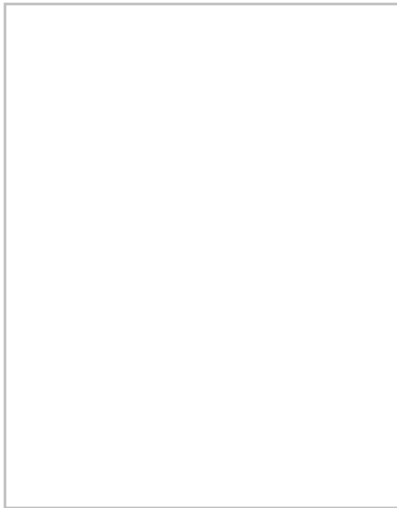
Hi,

Please register me for public comment for next Tuesday at noon.

thank you,

Jordan Van Voast

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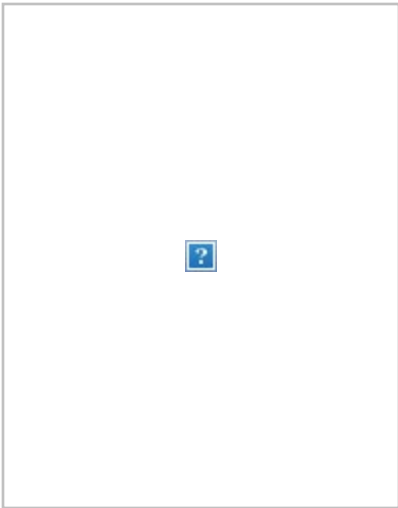
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