

# AGENDA

*Port of Kennewick  
Regular Commission Business Meeting  
Port of Kennewick Commission Chambers  
350 Clover Island Drive, Suite 200, Kennewick, Washington*

Tuesday, January 8, 2019  
2:00 p.m.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

## **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

## **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT** *(Please state your name and address for the public record)*

## **V. CONSENT AGENDA – PART A**

- A. Approval of Direct Deposit and ePayments Dated December 17, 2018
- B. Approval of Warrant Register Dated December 21, 2018
- C. Approval of Direct Deposit and ePayments Dated December 28, 2018
- D. Approval of Warrant Register Dated December 31, 2018
- E. Approval of Warrant Register Dated January 8, 2019
- F. Approval of Regular Commission Business Meeting Minutes December 11, 2018

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA – PART B**

- A. Approval of Warrant Register Dated December 21, 2018 (PS Media)
- B. Approval of Warrant Register Dated December 31, 2018 (PS Media)

## **VII. REPORTS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Draft Community Letter to Governor Inslee re: Removing \$750,000 from the Proposed Budget to Study Potential Breaching or Removal of the Four Lower Snake River Dams (**TIM**)
- B. Approval to Sell and Convey Surplus Property; Resolution 2019-01 (**NICK**)
- C. Columbia Drive
  - 1. Phase 2A (**LARRY**)
  - 2. Phase 2B (**LARRY**)
  - 3. Phase 2C (**LARRY**)
- D. Clover Island (**AMBER**)
- E. Vista Field (**LARRY/TIM**)
- F. Commissioner Meetings (formal and informal meetings with groups or individuals)
- G. Non-Scheduled Items

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT** *(Please state your name and address for the public record)*

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

***PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES***



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**DECEMBER 11, 2018 MINUTES**

Commission President Thomas Moak called the Regular Commission Meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Port of Kennewick Commission Chambers located at 350 Clover Island Drive, Suite 200, Kennewick, Washington 99336.

## **The following were present:**

**Board Members:** Thomas Moak, President  
Don Barnes, Vice-President  
Skip Novakovich, Secretary

**Staff Members:** Tana Bader Inglima, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Amber Hanchette, Director of Real Estate and Operations  
Nick Kooiker, Chief Financial Officer/Auditor  
Larry Peterson, Director of Planning and Development  
Lisa Schumacher, Special Projects Assistant  
Bridgette Scott, Executive Assistant  
Lucinda Luke, Port Counsel

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Novakovich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

***MOTION:*** Commissioner Novakovich moved to approve the Agenda as presented; Commissioner Barnes seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. All in favor 3:0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were made.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Direct Deposit and E-Payments Dated November 19, 2018**  
Direct Deposit and E-Payments totaling \$77,553.10
- B. Approval of Warrant Register a Dated November 27, 2018**  
Expense Fund Voucher Numbers 100615 through 100655 for a grand total of \$274,231.42
- C. Approval of Direct Deposit and ePayments Dated December 4, 2018**  
Direct Deposit and E-Payments totaling \$76,709.82
- D. Approval of Warrant Register Dated December 11, 2018**  
Expense Fund Voucher Numbers 100656 through 100679 for a grand total of \$56,515.51
- E. Approval of Benton County Disbursement Agreement (Resolution 2018-25)**
- F. Approval to Revise CEO Delegation of Authority**
- G. Approval of Regular Commission Business Meeting Minutes November 13, 2018**

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**MOTION:** *Commissioner Barnes moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, as presented; Commissioner Novakovich seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. All in favor 3:0.*

## NEW BUSINESS

**A. *Budget, Financial and Operational Philosophy (Cash Reserve Policy); Rescind Resolution 2014-31 and approve Resolution 2018-31***

Mr. Kooiker stated Resolution 2014-31, the Port's Budget, Financial, and Operational Philosophy assists the Commission in their analysis of information. Resolution 2018-31 will replace 2014-31 and adds a reserve policy which stipulates that the Port will maintain \$2,500,000 in reserves and what the reserves can be utilized for, if needed:

- Debt service;
- Environmental pollution claims against the Port;
- Unemployment Claims;
- Paid Family and Medical Leave Claims; and
- Any other uses deemed necessary by the Commission.

Commissioner Novakovich thanked Mr. Kooiker for his work on the Budget, Financial, and Operational Philosophy.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Novakovich moved to approve Resolution 2018-27, adopting the Port's Budget, Financial, and Operational Policy and rescinding Resolution 2014-31; Commissioner Barnes seconded.*

***Discussion:***

*Commissioner Moak supports the updated Policy and stated the reserve funds of \$2,500,000 has been budgeted in the 2019-2020 Budget. Furthermore, the reserve funds can be used for something the Commission deems necessary.*

*With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. All in favor 3:0.*

**B. *Purchase and Sale Agreement with Benton County Fire Protection District No. 4; Resolution 2018-28***

Ms. Hanchette stated Benton County Fire Protection District (BCFD) #4 received bond funding to build a new station in West Richland. BCFD #4 approached the Port with an offer of \$10,000 to purchase 2 acres of vacant Port-owned land off of Keene Road for the purpose of constructing a fire station on the property and further enhancing fire protection for the public and nearby Port properties. The new fire station would serve a growing West Richland residential population and the rapid expansion of vineyards on Red Mountain with fire service and emergency response capabilities. The standard Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) for Commission consideration has one deviation; to advance the process forward quickly, Port staff is recommending \$1,000

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earnest money deposit in lieu of \$5,000. Ms. Hanchette stated BCFD #4 representative Chief Bill Whealan is with us today to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Commissioner Barnes confirmed that the feasibility period is 60 days.

Ms. Hanchette stated the total period is 90 days, a 60 day feasibility period with a 30 day closing.

Commissioner Barnes stated the earnest money amount proposed is lower than the typical minimum; however, the earnest money is not at risk of forfeiture by the buyer until the end of the feasibility period.

Ms. Hanchette stated that is correct.

Commissioner Novakovich received phone call from former Commissioner Bob Olsen who expressed his support on the sale of property to BCFD #4.

Commissioner Moak stated the Port passed an Art Policy related to land sales and inquired if a percentage of the property sale is included in the \$10,000.

Ms. Hanchette stated that was not part of the discussion and believes it will not be part of the \$10,000.

Commissioner Moak understands that it is a new policy and stated for future land sales the art policy should be included in the standard PSA. This is a good example of two public agencies working together for the benefit of the community and the citizens approved a tax measure to build the fire station. Commissioner Moak believes it is great that the Port can partner on such a project that helps our community. Commissioner Moak thanked Ms. Hanchette and Chief Whealan for their work on this land sale.

Woody Russell, 87401 Harrington Road, West Richland. Mr. Russell, a Commissioner for BCFD #4 thanked the Port Commission for their consideration and stated this will give the citizens of West Richland a station that will last well into the future and address the needs of the City.

Bill Whealan, 7008 Glenbrook Loop, West Richland. Chief Whealan echoed Commissioner Russell's comments and stated this is a great opportunity for collaboration. Chief Whealan stated the location is perfect and BCFD #4 can give the best value to everyone in the district based on this location, including the county areas. There will be additional savings for commercial and residential insurance rates as well.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

***MOTION:*** Commissioner Novakovich moved to approve Resolution 2018-28, authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documentation association with the land sale to Benton

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*County Fire District #4 and to take all other action necessary to close this transaction; Commissioner Barnes seconded. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously. All in favor 3:0.*

## REPORTS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. *Clover Island Update*

Ms. Bader Inglima updated the Commission on the 1135 US Army Corps of Engineers project. The Port recently completed the bathymetry review on the shoreline, to answer the question of which alternative to pursue. The report points to alternative #1, which would install more armory along the shoreline, additionally, the report is considered as in-kind and will be credited towards the Port's match. The USACE has evaluated the report and it does not look like the material costs have changed. John Fetterolf evaluated the report as well and concluded that alternative #1 is the best option to pursue. Based on that information, staff and the City submitted a joint application to Benton County, for Rural Capital County Funds (RCCF) to pursue a partnership with the USACE and leverage federal dollars. Ms. Bader Inglima reported that the application has been submitted and Benton County anticipates reviewing it in January.

Commissioner Novakovich inquired if the USACE has a timeline for construction.

Ms. Bader Inglima stated that the Port and City need to work through RCCF application to determine whether we have our match in place, in addition to the State RCO grant funds. Those factors will determine when USACE moves forward.

### B. *Columbia Drive Update*

Mr. Peterson reported on the construction of Columbia Gardens Phase 2A and the future development.

Commissioner Moak inquired when the joint use parking lot will be constructed.

Mr. Peterson stated the wine tasting building and parking lot will be bid and constructed together. The area for the parking lot will be used as lay down yard and then paved once the building is completed.

Commissioner Moak inquired when the vacant parcels will be marketed for sale.

Mr. Peterson stated because of the sequencing of the project and construction on the site, the properties can be marketed after the wine tasting building is complete.

Ms. Hanchette stated staff plans to work through the construction process and once lots are identified, staff can start marketing the parcels. Ms. Hanchette has had several conversations with people who have expressed interest in the property and continues to update them. Once construction is completed and the boundaries lines and price have been established, the Port can market the parcels for sale.

Mr. Peterson stated there will be nine parcels available and those should be recorded by mid-February.

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Commissioner Moak inquired when the Columbia Fitness parking lot lease will expire.

Ms. Hanchette stated the lease ends December 31, 2018, but the Port can discuss an extension with the property owner.

Ms. Bader Inglima stated the wineries have utilized the extra parking for events and would appreciate a contract extension until the parking lots are completed. Ms. Bader Inglima will reach out to discuss an extension. Terry Walsh from the City of Kennewick and Shyanne Faulconer from Benton County are present today and Ms. Bader Inglima expressed her appreciation for their partnership on the Columbia Garden Loop Road Project. Without our joint RCCF application with the City and Benton County approving the RCCF application, this project would not have happened.

Mr. Peterson stated the following items will be installed in the next few months: the bus shelter and additional artwork, landscaping, remaining sidewalks, stripes, and stucco on the masonry wall. Mr. Peterson reported that the City's HAWK flashing crosswalk will be completed in January.

Commissioner Moak thanked staff for the update and details.

## ***1. Food Truck Plaza Committee Update***

Ms. Hanchette stated this summer the Port invited food truck owners to apply for tenancy at Columbia Gardens. The leased food truck space includes: power pedestal, access to potable water; grease disposal area, a grey water dump area, and access to a common area dumpster. In September the Commission approved the food truck plaza committee to evaluate applications and make recommendations for the food truck pilot program. The committee consisted of Ms. Hanchette, Terry Walsh, Shyanne Faulconer, and Marilou Shea. Through committee discussions and consultation, seven applications were evaluated on a number of factors: menu variety, food quality, branding, food reputation, marketing, customer service, industry experience, business management and time commitment. Two tenant recommendations were made to the Commission on September 25, 2018: Swampy's BBQ and Frost Me Sweet Mobile Desserts.

Due to the extended construction time, the committee is looking at a phased approach for the Food Truck Plaza. The committee recommends a longer pilot program period, two years instead of one year and incorporating flexible lease periods to allow Port staff the ability to "test" the business. The committee recommends continuing to advertise and accept applications. Lastly, the committee recommends re-evaluating the lease format, and terms and conditions at the end of the pilot program. Ms. Hanchette stated the Plaza is starting out with solid foundation, but believes some terms may need to be revised.

Commissioner Novakovich likes the selective process that the committee is taking and the quality of vendors. Commissioner Novakovich thanked the committee for their time and assistance.



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Commissioner Barnes agrees with Commissioner Novakovich's comments and stated it is important to maintain a degree of flexibility and recognize from the onset that this is a pilot program and therefore a set reasonable expectations is prudent.

Commissioner Moak recently spoke at a Richland Rotary function and was approached by the owner of Asian Fuzion, who was interested in applying for the Plaza. Commissioner Moak stated the Port's first tenants are known within the community and have name recognition. Commissioner Moak appreciates all the work and research that the committee has done.

Commissioner Barnes inquired if Ms. Hanchette is requesting to transition the review of the food truck applications from the committee to Port staff.

Ms. Hanchette confirmed we would like to transition the committee, but still use as a resource. Ms. Hanchette will receive the applications, review, and speak with Port staff and Mr. Arntzen and run through the process that was established by committee.

*The Consensus of the Commission is to approve staff recommendations and transition from the committee to Port staff under the CEO's delegation of authority.*

## **2. Columbia Basin College/City of Kennewick/Port of Kennewick Meeting**

Ms. Bader Inglima reported that Mr. Arntzen recently met with Marie Mosley, City of Kennewick City Manager, and Dr. Rebekah Woods, Columbia Basin College President met to discuss the Culinary Institute. CBC is still intending to bring their culinary program to The Willows. Ms. Bader Inglima stated the Port continues to work with the City and CBC in advancing the culinary program.

## **C. Vista Field**

Mr. Peterson reported that Vista Field Infrastructure Phase 1A construction project will be advertised for bid on January 20, 2019 with plans available on January 21, 2019. Bids are due on February 21, 2019 and staff will bring the final results to the Commission at the February 26, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting. The bid estimates, based upon recent contractor bids and general comments are coming in at a reasonable amount. The project will include: roadway, utilities, pavement, lighting, landscaping, water feature, and parking lot improvements. Vista Field Phase 1A will also include a similar food truck plaza that was constructed in Columbia Gardens to add activity to the site at the onset.

Commissioner Moak inquired if staff is still using the Vista Field stakeholder list.

Mr. Peterson stated yes, the last email the stakeholder's received was for the April 19, 2018 Vista Field open house event.

## **D. Governor's Arts and Heritage Awards**

Ms. Bader Inglima reported that the Port was recently awarded the Governor's Heritage Award, the highest award given by the Governor's Office. The Port was recognized as a 103 year old

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organization that has influenced, adapted, and contributed to the community, particularly with the emphasis on arts, and telling a story through art and architecture.

Mr. Peterson attended the event with the Commission and Barb Carter, the Port's Art Liaison. Mr. Peterson presented pictures from the event.

Ms. Bader Inglima stated the award is not just about art, but honoring the heritage of the community and ways the Port has tied the artwork back to community. Ms. Bader Inglima thanked Ms. Carter for all of her work and support over the past several years.

Ms. Carter thanked the Commission for the opportunity to attend and stated the event was held in Bremerton, which has a massive amount of public art. The Governor mentioned that several millions are invested yearly from the arts industry into the small town.

Mr. Peterson stated the Governor mentioned that arts has a direct tie to economic development, by drawing visitors to our community and employing people within our community.

Commissioner Moak stated it is important to remember that it isn't just the Port as an entity, but it is the individuals like Ms. Carter and Mr. Arntzen, who are the ones that move the art projects forward. Additionally, staff as well as the Commission take part in the process and the Port takes pride in the installations. Art has become part of the Port's DNA and Commissioner Moak stated the award is a tribute to everyone involved in the process. Commissioner Moak thanked Ms. Carter for introducing the Port and supporting the Port with these endeavors.

Commissioner Barnes felt proud very proud to be associated with the Port and appreciated Commissioner Moak's genuine remarks in accepting the award from the Governor.

Commissioner Novakovich thanked Ms. Carter for the lovely introduction and believes it was Commissioner Moak's finest speech to date.

## ***E. Commissioner Meetings (formal and informal meetings with groups or individuals)***

Commissioners reported on their respective committee meetings.

## ***F. Non-Scheduled Items***

1. Commissioner Novakovich relayed that Mr. Bob Olsen was pleased with what the Port has been doing lately and feels the Port should stay the course.

Commissioner Novakovich received a picture from Ron Swamby of Swampy's new BBQ that will be permanently staged in Food Truck Plaza.

2. Commissioner Moak attended a session related to creation of Industrial Development Districts (IDD) at the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) Annual Meeting. The Port can create an IDD without levying the tax because there are certain powers associated with an IDD other than the tax. Commissioner Moak wondered if that is something the Port should research for the development of the Kennewick Waterfront.



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Additionally, during the Economic Development Committee report, the Port of Skagit recently partnered with the local PUD on broadband and found advantages in creating an LLC or non-profit corporation instead of using an Interlocal Agreement.

3. Ms. Scott reported that there will not be a Commission Meeting on December 25, 2018.
4. Ms. Bader Inglima reported that the Port gave away a projects highlights card at the Tri-Cities Regional Chamber State of Ports lunch and stated it is available out front.

The newsletter will be mailed today and was inserted in the *Tri-City Herald* as well as the *Journal of Business*. Ms. Bader Inglima believes it is the nicest newsletter the Port has done because of the featured artwork.

5. Ms. Luke also attended the WPPA annual meeting and added that the Port of Skagit is partnering to file for an LLC entity that will help facilitate, educate, and support port entities as well as other entities who wish to install dark and lit fiber. Ms. Luke thanked the Commission for the opportunity to attend this WPPA annual meeting.
6. Mr. Peterson stated as Ms. Bader Inglima mentioned, the highlights card included statistics related to private sector investment since 2007. Mr. Peterson reported that the Port sold land to the private sector which created \$132,000,000 on the tax roll (approximately \$1,600,000/year) since 2007. Additionally, approximately 1200 jobs have been created within Spaulding, Oak Street, Southridge and Red Mountain.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Terry Walsh, 210 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kennewick. Ms. Walsh, Employee and Community Relations Executive Director for the City of Kennewick stated it has been a pleasure and an honor to serve on the tenant selection committees for the Wine Tasting Village and the Food Truck Plaza. Ms. Walsh reaffirmed that City Manager Marie Mosley is as passionate as Mr. Arntzen about all of the projects that are happening here, as well as the City's professional staff. Ms. Walsh attended the Port/City/CBC meeting with Dr. Woods, as well as Tyrone Brooks and the Dean that will be overseeing the culinary program. There was a lot of discussion and Ms. Walsh feels that Dr. Woods is very committed to the project. Ms. Walsh thanked the Commission for all of the opportunities and wished everyone a happy holidays.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

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## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to bring before the Board; the meeting was adjourned 3:38 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**PORT of KENNEWICK  
BOARD of COMMISSIONERS**

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*Thomas Moak, President*

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*Don Barnes, Vice President*

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*Skip Novakovich, Secretary*



January 15, 2019

Governor Jay Inslee  
Office of the Governor  
Southern Resident Orca Task Force  
Olympia, WA

**RE: Removing \$750,000 from your proposed budget to study potential breaching or removal of the four lower Snake River dams**

Dear Governor Inslee,

Improving orca habitat is a topic of discussion across the State of Washington. It is safe to say that all Washingtonians care about the health and future of the unique and iconic Southern Resident whale population. No one disagrees that this group of orcas is in trouble. The Tri-Cities has always strongly supported robust salmon recovery efforts, including improvements to hydro, habitat, harvest and hatchery programs, as well as protecting the orcas. We support many of the elements outlined in the Southern Resident Orca Task Force report and recommendations dated November 16, 2018.

We are very concerned with your funding request for the Southern Resident Orca Task Force to study potential breaching or removal the four lower Snake River dams. Your budget priorities include a \$750,000 proposal to fund a stakeholder process on the associated economic and social impacts as well as mitigation costs of Snake River dam removal. The task force would essentially be duplicating the same information-gathering effort that is already several years underway by the federal agencies in the Columbia River Systems Operations Environmental Impact Statement (CRSO EIS). The CRSO EIS is a regional, comprehensive effort to evaluate a range of operations alternatives for the 14 federal hydropower facilities that exist along the Columbia and Snake Rivers. The EIS process underway includes multiple opportunities for public engagement. All Northwest states and tribes are already cooperating in this EIS process, which consists of an evaluation of the four lower Snake River dams, along with an economic impact analysis and stakeholder input.

A state-level effort would not be as comprehensive as the current federal effort, would not comport with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and thus would not result in a product that can be relied upon by decision-makers or inform the CRSO EIS process or other science-based species recovery activities in the Northwest. A dam breaching evaluation funded by Washington taxpayers will simply serve the purpose of providing another venue for demonstrations designed to garner more publicity and would serve as a distraction to serious efforts already underway. Further, given the relative size and limited scope of such an effort as compared to the CRSO EIS process, it is reasonable to question whether the recommendations generated by such an effort would result in real help for the orcas. Simply put, this study would not be the best use of limited taxpayer resources.

Additionally, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries - the agency with the expertise and responsibility for the recovery of these pods - has increased efforts to inform the region about fish, orcas, and dams. NOAA has released three fact sheets recently (2016 and 2018) specifically on the four lower Snake River dams and the orcas. They assessed the operation of the four lower Snake River dams and their effects on listed salmon and steelhead in the 2008 Biological Opinion. In 2014, their supplemental Biological Opinion re-examined the issues, including consequences for Southern Resident killer whales. Neither opinion concluded that breaching the dams is necessary for recovery of the Snake River salmon or Southern Resident killer whales.

The biological opinions concluded that hatchery production of salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake River systems more than offsets any losses of salmon from the killer whale prey base caused by the dams.

However, after decades of using other arguments in their attempts to justify removing the four lower Snake River dams, some environmental groups have latched-on to the plight of the orcas. They are now, inaccurately, stating that removing the four lower Snake River dams is the solution to improving the orcas' diminished Chinook salmon supply. While there is no substantial scientific evidence their removal will increase salmon runs, these groups are using the orcas to play on the public's sympathies and promote their real goal: removal of the four lower Snake River dams.

Fish from the Snake and Columbia Rivers are not the primary food source for orcas in Puget Sound. The orcas consume many different salmon stocks, primarily Fraser River Chinook, Puget Sound Chinook, and Coho salmon. In winter, the whales consume Chinook from many different stocks up and down the coast- including but not limited to fish from the Columbia and Snake Rivers. While increasing overall salmon abundance is likely to help the whales, it is important to understand that NOAA Fisheries has concluded that because orcas feed on many different stocks at different times, no one attempt at fish recovery, such as breaching dams on the Snake River, would improve orca survival.

It is instructive to note that in his May 2017 ruling, U.S. District Judge Michael Simon accepted NOAA Fisheries' conclusion that hatchery production of salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake River systems is more than sufficient to offset any reduction in salmon abundance caused by federal hydropower dams. Judge Simon did not rule in favor of plaintiffs on this issue, who had argued that hydro system operations endanger orcas.

To help orcas now, we should focus on the more logical and much quicker solutions including further restrictions on boat traffic and noise in Puget Sound, reducing and preventing urban pollution contaminating the Puget Sound, and increasing and expanding current habitat restoration efforts on the Snohomish and Skagit rivers and in other rivers contributing directly to the Puget Sound where salmon spawn.

In addition, all ways to improve salmon populations should be explored and implemented; e.g. further restrictions on commercial salmon harvest and greater control of natural marine predators occupying unnatural positions around built structures. The latest research concludes that booming populations of sea lions, harbor seals and West Coast marine predators are eating more Chinook salmon than ever, competing directly with orcas for this food supply. In short, the most immediate way to improve salmon numbers is to stop killing them ourselves and reduce unnatural kills where we can.

Investments in salmon restoration have included a complete overhaul of the federal dams to make them more fish friendly in the early 2000's, at a cost of nearly \$2 billion. For example, every one of the federal dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers have been retrofitted with state of the art downstream fish passage technologies. These "fish slides" and other technologies are helping young fish migrate downstream safely and swiftly with survival rates past the four lower Snake River dams averaging 96%. Due to the success of improved passage and dam operations, ***NOAA Fisheries and other scientists have stated that these survival levels are similar to those seen in undammed rivers such as the Fraser River in British Columbia.*** Without the four lower Snake River dams and the high levels of fish returns, the orcas would have even less salmon to feed on.

The Northwest is home to the largest fish and wildlife restoration program anywhere in the nation, and likely the world. Over \$16 billion has been spent to mitigate for the impacts of the dams on fish and wildlife since the late 1970's. It is important to point out that the Northwest is unique in this respect too: almost all these costs are borne by Northwest families and businesses through their electric bills – not U.S. taxpayers.

While the federal hydro system provides 60% of the Pacific Northwest's clean power, it does much more. The system of federal dams protects rural communities and big cities alike from devastating floods, creates a river highway that links the Northwest to the rest of the nation, producing over \$20 billion in economic opportunity, and provides recreational opportunities and irrigation for over 7 million acres of farmland producing \$8 billion in agricultural income. Barging on the inland Columbia Snake River System moves, on average, approximately 10

million tons of cargo valued at over \$3 billion each year. Forty percent of the nation's wheat transits through this system. There is no question that the federal hydro system is the backbone of the region's carbon free energy supply and the lifeblood of its economy.

Because of their location, size and ability to help meet peak power loads, the four lower Snake River dams do much more than generate electricity – they are key to keeping the system reliable and help support wind energy. These dams lie east of the other federal generators, so they provide a significant contribution to transmission grid reliability. BPA markets power from 31 federal dams, but only the 10 largest of these dams keep the federal power system operating smoothly through the use of automatic generation control, AGC. Those 10 dams include the four lower Snake River dams. When total electricity being consumed differs from the generation in the power system, automatic signals go to these few dams with AGC to instantly increase or decrease generation. This maintains the constant balance of generation and loads, or electrical demand, which is necessary for power system reliability, critical to keeping the lights on, every minute, every day.

We believe that your carbon reduction goals are in conflict with dam removal. The four lower Snake River dams are strategic clean energy assets and maintaining them is an important component of a clean energy future. We urge you to remove the \$750,000 for the study of potential breaching or removal of the four lower Snake River dams from your proposed budget. It is a duplicate effort of federal agencies, and should not lie on the backs of Washington taxpayers.

Sincerely,

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Carl Adrian, CEO, TRIDEC

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Randy Hayden, CEO, Port of Pasco

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Scott Keller, CEO, Port of Benton

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Tim Arntzen, CEO, Port of Kennewick

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Chad Bartram, Benton PUD General Manager

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Holly Dohrman, Interim General Manager, Franklin PUD

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Colin Hastings, CEO, Pasco Chamber of Commerce

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Lori Mattson, CEO  
Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce

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Matt Watkins, Mayor, City of Pasco

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Dan O'Neill, President,  
West Richland Chamber of Commerce

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Brent Jerry, City of West Richland Mayor

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Steve Lee, City of Kennewick Mayor

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Michael Novakovich, President/CEO, Visit Tri-Cities

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Bob Thompson, City of Richland Mayor

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Nikki Torres, President,  
Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

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Randy Taylor, Mayor, City of Prosser

Benton County Commissioners

Franklin County Commissioners

Cc:



**WA State Senate Ways and Means:**

Christine Rolfes(D) District  
David Frockt (D) District  
Mark Mullet (D) District  
Kevin Ranker (D) District  
John Braun (R) District  
Sharon Brown (R) District  
Jim Honeyford (R) District

**WA State House Appropriations:**

Timm Ornsby (D) District 3  
June Robinson (D) District 38  
Steve Bergquist (D) District 11  
Drew Stokesbary (R) District 31  
Skylar Rude (R) District 16  
Drew MacEwen (R) District 35

**WA State House Capital Budget:**

Steve Tharinger (D) District 24  
Beth Doglio (D) District 22  
Strom Peterson (D) District 21  
Richard DeBolt (R) District 20  
Norma Smith (R) District 10  
Mike Steele (R) District 12

George Caan, CEO, WPUDA  
Kent Lopez, CEO, WRECA  
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WA State Association of Counties

***PORT OF KENNEWICK***

**RESOLUTION 2019-01**

***A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
PORT OF KENNEWICK AUTHORIZING THE PORT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
TO SELL AND CONVEY SURPLUS PROPERTY***

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Kennewick met this 8th day of January, 2019, a quorum of the Commissioners being present; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time it is necessary to surplus items no longer needed for Port District purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, Port asset number 780 for the 2004 Ford F-150 has an asset book value of \$0.00; the purchase cost in 2004 was \$16,395; and

**WHEREAS**, due to cost of maintaining this vehicle and the administration of having a Port owned vehicle, it has been determined to be a major cost savings for the Port to provide monthly auto allowances to maintenance staff instead of providing Port owned vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 53.08.090 provides that the Port Commissioners may authorize the Port Chief Executive Officer to sell and convey property; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to each such disposition of Port property, the Port Chief Executive Officer is directed to present to the Commission an itemized list of the property and to make written certification that the listed property is no longer needed for Port District purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Port of Kennewick Commissioners authorize the Chief Executive Officer to surplus Port property no longer needed for Port purposes as attached in "Exhibit A".

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Port of Kennewick this 8th day of January 2019.

***PORT OF KENNEWICK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
THOMAS MOAK, *President*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DON BARNES, *Vice President*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
SKIP NOVAKOVICH, *Secretary*

*RESOLUTION 2019-01*  
*"Exhibit A"*

Capital Assets				
Asset	Disposition	Property Description	Date In Service	Cost
780	Sale	2004 Ford F-150	7/15/04	16,395.04

CFO/Auditor Certification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nick Kooiker Date