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## U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RICK LARSEN VISITS THE PORT

In February, U.S. Representative Rick Larsen paid a visit to the Port of Edmonds to meet with staff and Port Commissioners Jim Orvis and Jay Grant. Congressman Larsen represents Washington state's Second Congressional District, which includes portions of Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties and all of Island and San Juan counties. In early February, congressional redistricting passed by the state Legislature now makes Edmonds part of the second Congressional District as well.

While at the Port, Representative Larsen was briefed on plans for upcoming major infrastructure and public access projects, including the reconstruction of the marina seawall and the renovation of the waterfront promenade. Representative Larsen then toured Port facilities, including the marina and the promenade, referred to locally as the Portwalk.

For more information on the Port's upcoming infrastructure and public access improvement projects, please visit: https://www.portofedmonds.org/facility-improvement-projects/.



Rep. Rick Larsen strolls the Portwalk with Port of Edmonds staff and Commissioners.

## INVESTING IN THE FUTURE: PORTWALK REPLACMENT PROJECT

Stretching from the Edmonds Public Fishing Pier in the north, down to the Marina Beach Park in the south, the Portwalk is a popular walking route and provides direct access to the water for residents and visitors.

A 2020 feasibility study illustrated the need to rebuild the marina seawall, the main support system for the northern wood-plank portion of the Portwalk. This project also provides the Port the opportunity to update public access features such as new lighting, landscaping, railings, and security gates.

Public input gathered in 2019, paired with high environmental standards, guided the current design. The new non-slip Portwalk surface will be walker and stroller friendly; the environmentally conscious glass block design allows light to pass through to the water below. Current plans also include the development of a new public plaza and public restrooms to be located next to the Edmonds Yacht Club.



With the engineering, design and permitting process underway, the Port of Edmonds is currently seeking state and federal grants, cooperative agreements, and cost-share funding to support the project's financial requirements. Construction is currently slated to begin in 2024.

#### MARINA TENANT NOTICES

#### **Dry Storage Rates - Peak Season Rates**

A heads-up that dry storage peak season rates will go into effect May 1, 2022. Those adjusted rates will continue through the month of October. Please visit https://www.portofedmonds.org/marina/rates/ for current rates.

#### **Parking Permits**

Permits are available for pick up at the Marina Operations service window. Tenants are allotted two parking permits per slip, and you can purchase a third for \$50.00 + tax. In order to receive your 2022 permits, the Port must have a copy of your current insurance and WA state registration (or Coast Guard documentation) on file. Verify your current insurance/ registration status here: <a href="https://www.portofedmonds.cog/documentcheck/">https://www.portofedmonds.cog/documentcheck/</a>

#### **Leasehold Tax**

Our marina and commercial tenants are charged a leasehold excise tax. But what exactly is the leasehold tax? It is a state tax on the use of public property by private party. This tax is in lieu of the property tax. Public entities that lease property to lessees report to the Department of Revenue on a quarterly Leasehold Excise Tax Return.

The Leasehold Excise Tax rate is .1284 of the rent paid for the property. Approximately 53% of the tax goes into the State General Fund and 47% of the tax is returned to the county and city in which the leased property is located.

## **COMMISSION MEETINGS**

#### February 25, 2022

Project Consultants Summary; Leasehold Tax Summary Report

Next Meeting: March 14, 2022 7:00pm on Zoom

### NOW HIRING - SEASONAL STAFF

Spend your summer working at the beautiful Port of Edmonds Marina! The Port is now accepting applications for full-time Seasonal Marina Attendants. Employment runs from approximately May through October. Please visit <a href="www.portofedmonds.org/business/employment/">www.portofedmonds.org/</a> business/employment/ for a complete job description and details on how to apply.



### **NEXT SAFETY SEMINAR**

The next Safety Seminar, brought to you by the Edmonds Yacht Club, is tentatively scheduled for April 8th at 7pm. Keep an eye on the events page on our website for more details.







## **CURRENT HOURS**

Marina Operations \* Public Launch \* Dry Storage
Daily: 7am to 5pm

Fuel Dock
Daily: 7am to 4:30pm

### **CONTACT US**

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Find agendas and minutes at portofedmonds.org

## **PORT COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Join us on ZOOM for Port Commission meetings: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/2091238949">https://zoom.us/j/2091238949</a> or +1-253-215-8782 Second and last Monday of each month.



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