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**Subject:** Can I please be added to tomorrow night's PofN agenda?  
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Walter / Karen / Aaron

Can I please be added to tomorrow night's agenda to present an "Industry Platform" regarding the importance of the commercial fishing industry and access to the International Terminal? Recall, at a recent Commercial Fishermen User's Group I had committed to describing the needs of the entire fishing industry that utilize the IT (not just MTC members) and submitting it to the Port. It is an important enough issue that it needs to be introduced and spoken to for longer than 3 minutes. I promise, however, to stay under 10 total minutes.

Attached is the platform. It is accompanied by a letter that I'm still getting signatures on and will have submitted to Karen before the end of today.

I hope you will agree that this is an important topic that deserves a small amount of additional time to present.

Thank you for your consideration  
Heather

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## Port of Newport's Commercial Fishing Industry Platform Regarding International Terminal Access

The Port of Newport is home to a diversified commercial fishing industry. Well over 100 commercial fishing vessels are home-ported in Newport and many more transient vessels visit and utilize the Port's facilities. Newport-based vessels participate in many fisheries and Newport is also home to many of Oregon's Distant Water Fleet. Many Lincoln County citizens are directly employed as vessel crew or in seafood processing plants. Hundreds more are employed by the dozens of support businesses that service the commercial fishing industry. Newport's successful tourism economy is also based, in part, on the existence of an authentic working waterfront. In 2015 over 67.8 million pounds of seafood worth over \$33.4 million in ex-vessel revenue was landed in Newport. These numbers are conservative and do not include the revenue from landings by Newport vessels in other west coast ports or the distant water fisheries. Over the last decade commercial fisheries have been steadily increasing and the opportunities for fishing continue to expand. Newport generally ranks in the top 20 national fishing ports annually based on landings and value.

The International Terminal (IT) is a critical component to Newport's commercial fishing success. The IT can accommodate large fishing vessels that do not fit at other port facilities. It is not unusual to see 12-15 large trawl vessels moored at the IT between November 1 and January 10<sup>th</sup> or between April 1 and May 15<sup>th</sup>. Crab and shrimp boats and trawlers also use the IT heavily to stage and switch gear throughout the year. In addition to the local boats, Bering Sea crabbers and other large transient vessels stage at the IT before moving up-river for boat work at one of the two Toledo shipyards. In addition to significant fishing gear storage, the IT houses important support businesses including a net shop and fishmeal plant. The revenue that the Port generates from the commercial industry at the IT has grown significantly over the last four years. In fiscal year 2016-17 the Port received over \$467,000 for services and moorage at the IT from 52 unique vessels. The revenue generated at the IT has grown by about 50% from \$229,939 in 2013-14. The trend is for even greater commercial fishery revenue increases to the IT in future years.

With the importance of the commercial fishing industry to the Port of Newport in mind, and specifically the importance of the IT to the commercial fleet and dependent economy of Lincoln County, all future use plans for the IT whether for shipping or any other activity, must consider and accommodate the minimum needs of the fishing fleet. If necessary, plans for the construction of new docks to allow for any new activity should be included while plans should preserve the access for the existing industry. At a minimum, there should be:

- ✓ Space for 12 large catcher vessels to moor (no more than 2 deep) at the IT from November 1<sup>st</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup> and April 1 through May 15<sup>th</sup> at the same time there is direct dock access always for at least two vessels to be actively loading and unloading.
- ✓ At all other times of the year there should be room available to moor at least six catcher vessels (no more than 2 deep) while there is direct dock access always for at least one vessel to be actively loading and unloading.
- ✓ Twelve months out of the year there should be access to a gear hoist for use by local crab, shrimp and trawl vessels to load and unload gear, as well as a clear path between the storage area and the dock
- ✓ Twelve months out of the year there should be ample space to lay down and work on trawl nets
- ✓ Twelve months out of the year there should be a clear route for trucks to access the fishmeal plant

Any consideration given to the development of shipping or other activities from the IT should recognize both current and future use needs of the commercial fishing industry who have been the primary users of the facility for the last thirty years. Also, the financial impacts to the industry and community must be analyzed.