



Sitka Port and Harbors Commission Minutes

December 10, 2025, 6:00PM
Harrigan Centennial Hall

Port and Harbors Commission Members:

Joshua Badder, Andrew Callistini, Jorgen Eliason, Tyler Green,
Justin Peeler, Shauna Thornton, Tamy Stevenson
JJ Carlson (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Shauna Thornton called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Andrew Callistini, Shauna Thornton, Tamy Stevenson, Jorgen Eliason (remote), Justin Peeler, Tyler Green, Joshua Badder (remote).

Assembly Liaison: JJ Carlson

Staff: Harbormaster Brandon Calhoun, Port and Harbors Office Assistant René Tuttle

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(Public participation on any item OFF the agenda – time limit not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual)*

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting minutes of November 12, 2025

A motion was made by Member Stevenson to approve the November 12, 2025, meeting minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REPORTS

Chair – None.

Harbor Master – Calhoun clarified that the figures for the Fish Box Tax are for the fiscal years. He informed the Commission that the January meeting has been cancelled due to his scheduled leave. Meetings will resume as normal in February 2026.

City Staff – None.

Assembly Liaison – Carlson reported that Joshua Badder was reappointed to the Port and Harbor Commission for a three-year term.

Other(s) – None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Fish Box Tax Distribution

The Commission discussed the fish box tax, noting the last increase in 2006, and a potential increase to \$50 per box. The need for formal justification was discussed, referencing increases in

related harbor costs and moorage rates since the last tax adjustment. The recommendation for all additional funds to be directed into the Harbor Fund was considered, and a sliding scale increase was suggested as an alternative approach. This item will be brought forward for future consideration.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

C: Port Wall Maintenance

The Commission raised concerns regarding necessary maintenance and facility needs related to the port wall and adjacent areas. The suggestion for resurfacing the parking lot with asphalt all the way to the port wall was raised. This could potentially be a partner project with Public Works, who manage the upland area and the adjacent cold storage building. Anode replacement and upland drainage were mentioned by Harbormaster Calhoun as items already scheduled for FY27.

The committee discussed safety concerns regarding the crane. The crane is inspected regularly, and recent required repairs have been completed. The MSC operates as its own enterprise fund, managed by the administrator.

A motion was made by Member Peeler to bring the parking lot and port wall up to an even grade. The motion passed unanimously.

Assembly Liaison Carlson offered to present a formal recommendation to the full Assembly at an upcoming meeting to address the safety concerns and improvements for the port wall.

D: ANB Parking

Concerns were raised about parking spaces being obstructed by traffic cones. It was clarified by the Harbormaster that the Harbor Department does not have jurisdiction over the parking lot and that the police department and/or public works would need to be contacted. It was noted that there is an agreement from 1984 that clarifies the ownership of the parking spaces. A copy will be forwarded to the Harbormaster.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD *(Public participation on any item ON or OFF the agenda – time limit not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual)*

Gabriel Blankenship addressed the committee regarding port wall maintenance.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Stevenson to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Attest: Brandon Calhoun
Harbormaster