



MISSION: *To promote the vitality and economic benefits of our working waterfronts.*

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **Advocacy:**
 - **Co-sponsored** a report documenting that Whatcom County's maritime sector provides or supports 6,000+ jobs, and millions in revenue to the county.
 - **Collaborated** with the Port of Bellingham, local businesses and the community to:
 - **Sponsor, design, and install seven (7) interpretive signs** in Squalicum Harbor
 - **Establish a rental policy** granting 10% discount to companies who qualify as "water-reliant".
 - Plan **Blaine Harbor Infrastructure** repairs and new weblocker building.
 - Develop a Port **Corporate Goal** to preservation of marine trades- designated areas.
 - Redraft the "**Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements**" document that guides future harbor area land use.
 - **Port Commissioner Candidate Elections** – provide information (forum and Voters' Guide)
 - Install and help moderate Gate 5 Bulletin Board for fishermen and trades industry use
 - Collaborate with City, County & Port to help form stakeholder workgroups and meetings around policy initiatives.
 - Lobby at State and National level on policies, including direct aid for our fishing communities.
- **Education – Workforce Development – Maritime Heritage:**
 - Established a related Foundation (501c-3) to support workforce development, youth outreach, and maritime heritage initiatives.
 - Helped launch the NW Maritime Apprenticeship Program alongside our Foundation.
 - Developed **Bellingham Dockside Market** and helped jumpstart **Bellingham Seafeast**.
- Developed an **Association Health Plan (AHP)** benefiting maritime-related jobs in the state of Washington – the **Working Waterfront Coalition Health Trust**.

EFFORTS IN-PROCESS:

- Working with the Port of Bellingham in the redevelopment of the **Aerated Settling Basin (ASB)** with emphasis on increasing marine trades infrastructure in Whatcom County.
- Helping sponsor and promote the **Northwest Maritime Apprenticeship**
- Collaborating with Port to apply for D.E.R.A funding to upgrade commercial fishing fleet engines
- Serving as an 'anchor organization' of the **Maritime Washington – National Heritage Area**, publishing two newsletters and the 'Love Your Waterfront' radio program on KMRE 88.3 to tell the stories of our waterfront people and places.

WHO ARE WE?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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