

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

PORTLAND FISH PIER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 15, 2025, 2:00 PM

Remote Meeting Format on the Zoom Platform

PFPA Board Members Present

Class A Directors: Groundfish Harvester or Representative

Tracy Pearce

Class C Directors: Representing the seafood industry of the State of Maine

Matthew Moretti, Representing the Aquaculture Industry

Class D Director: Representing the Public at Large

John Arnold

Class E Director: Wesley Pelletier, District 2

PFPA Board Members Unable to Attend

Class A Directors: Mary Hudson, Representing Groundfish Harvesters

Class B Directors: Nick Alfiero, Representing Groundfish Buyers

Tim Merrill, Representing Groundfish Buyers

Class C Directors: Rob Odlin, Representing the Lobster Industry

Ex-Officio Members of the Board of Directors:

Representing the Commissioner of Maine DMR

Meredith Mendelson, Department of Marine Resources

Representing the Commissioner of the Maine DOT

Chris Mayo

Representing the Portland City Manager

Brendan O'Connell, Finance Director

Staff Present

Avery Dandreta, Associate Corporate Counsel

Philip DiPierro, Waterfront Project Manager

Kaela Gonzalez, ARPA Program Coordinator

Public

Approximately 2 members of the public attended on Zoom.

1. Financial Update. *Kaela Gonzalez, ARPA Program Coordinator.*

Gonzalez presented the financial report.

2. Facilities Update. *Phil DiPierro, Project Manager*

DiPierro presented the facilities report. The shore power upgrade approved by the Board at the April 28, 2025 meeting will move forward after the funding is secured and the project goes out to

bid. With the completion of the CAD Cell, the Portland Harbor Dredging project is moving to the next phase, and dredging along piers and wharfs is slated to begin this November. The west parking lot will be restriped and numbered.

3. Portland Fish Exchange Update. *Tracy Pearce, Chair of the Portland Fish Exchange Subcommittee.*

Pearce presented the Fish Exchange Update, highlighting landings and several equipment failures that have recently occurred.

4. Discussion regarding presentation by Tec Associates at April 28, PFPA Meeting.

DiPierro highlighted a few major points from the presentation including the need for repairs with Service Piers 1 and 3. Tec Associates gave a few options with estimates on the cost to replace or repair. The Board will need to discuss options and decide on how to move forward, the major hurdle being how to finance repairs. The formation of a subcommittee was suggested.

5. Board and Staff discussion on items not on the agenda.

6. Next Regular Meeting Date: TBD

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:43 pm by consensus.

Attachments included in the meeting packet:

PFPA Financial Update for May 2025
Facilities Update for May 2025
PFEX Manager Update for April 2025
Tec Association Presentation