PORTLAND FISH PIER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 23, 2026, 3:00 PM
Remote Meeting Format on the Zoom Platform

PFPA Board Members
Class A Directors: Groundfish Harvester or Representative
Mary Hudson, MCFA
Tracy Pearce, Vice President
Class B Directors: Groundfish Buyers
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Class C Directors: Representing the seafood industry of the State of Maine
Rob Odlin, Representing the Lobster Industry, President
Matthew Moretti, Representing the Aquaculture Industry
Class D Director: Representing the Public at Large
John Arnold, Secretary
Class E Director: Representing the City Council
Wesley Pelletier, District 2
Ex-Officio Members of the Board of Directors:
Representing the Commissioner of the Maine DOT
Chris Mayo
Representing the Commissioner of Maine DMR
Meredith Mendelson, Department of Marine Resources
Representing the Portland City Manager
Brendan O'Connell, Finance Director, Treasurer

*********Meeting Link*********
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1. Approval of November 20,2025 Meeting Minutes

a. See attached November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
Action Item - Public Comment

2. Financial Update - Kaela Gonzalez, Program Coordinator

a. See attached Financial Update for February 2026.

3. Facilities Update - Phil DiPierro, Project Manager.

a. See attached Facilities Report for February 2026

4. Portland Fish Exchange Update - Robert Vanmeter, PFX Exchange Manager.

a. See attached Portland Fish Exchange Manager's Report.

b. Discuss and vote to approve Quality Custom Packing Inc. as a new buyer at the Portland Fish Exchange (PFEX).
On December 11, 2025 the PFEX Subcommittee voted to recommend to the PFPA Board the approval of Quality Custom Packing Inc. as a new buyer.
See attached application.
Action Item - Public Comment

5. Review and vote on recommendation by Portland Fish Exchange Subcommittee to amend the Portland Fish Exchange Rules and Regulations.

a. The PFEX Subcommittee voted on January 8, 2026, to recommend to the PFPA Board an amendment to the Portland Fish Exchange Rules and Regulations by adding the following language:

2.5.1 New Seat Applicant Auction Privileges
Upon receipt of a properly posted cash deposit or letter of credit, the General Manager may grant a new seat applicant the privilege of purchasing fish on the auction before a Board of Directors' admission.

This change reflects long-standing practice.

See attached red-lined Rules and Regulations
Action Item - Public Comment

6. Vote to approve the Subcommittee Roles as provided in the meeting materials.

a. On December 11, 2025, the PFEX Subcommittee voted to recommend to the PFPA Board the Subcommittee Roles as presented.
See attached Subcommittee Roles.
Action Item - Public Comment

7. Discussion and vote on infrastructure needs and available funding opportunities - Heather Moretti, Waterfront Coordinator

a. See attached Memorandum and backup materials for the following requests:

1. Approval to move forward with the Maine DOT WWIF grant application to replace Service Piers 1 & 3.
2. Approve the expenditure of up to $71,687 to hire TEC Associates for project scoping and design.

Action Item - Public Comment

8. Review and vote to recommend to the City Council an amendment to the Portland Fish Pier Authority Board Bylaws.

a. See attached Memorandum and backup materials.
The PFPA Board has two vacant Class B Director positions. Staff is recommending

amending the Bylaws to broaden the eligibility for a Class B Director in hopes of increasing participation.
Action Item - Public Comment

9. Update on PFEX Manager Review - Avery Novak, Associate Corporation Counsel.

10. Election of Officers

a. The current slate of officers for the Board of Directors is:
President, Rob Odlin
Vice President, Tracy Pearce
Treasurer, Brendan O'Connell
Secretary, John Arnold
Assistant Secretary, Greg Watson
Nominations from the Floor
Action Item - Public Comment

11. Other items not on the agenda.

12. Next Regular Meeting Date: March 19, 2026

13. Adjournment