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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
5. PUBLIC COMMENT:
This is an opportunity to speak to the Commission for 3 minutes regarding Port concerns not on the agenda. In person, those wishing to speak must fill out a public comment form. Those participating via Zoom may raise their hands during the public comment period.
6. ADVISORY:
 - a. Boatyard Feasibility Study – BST Associates3
 - b. Recommendation from Finance Committee re: Vacant Lot 45
7. ACTION:
 - a. Authorize Letter to BOEM Regarding Offshore Wind Energy 46
8. COMMISSION COMMENTS
9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS
10. UPCOMING MEETING DATES:
 - a. Regular Session – July 5, 2022 at 4:00 PM
 - b. Workshop Session – July 19, 2022 at 4:00 PM
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Port of Astoria East Mooring Basin and Boatyard Plan

Draft Findings

JUNE 16, 2022

BST Associates
Market Research & Strategic Planning

Agenda

Boatyard

- Existing Boatyard
 - Market trends/demand
 - Concepts
 - Draft Findings
- Larger lift
 - Market trends/demand
 - Concepts
 - Draft Findings

East Mooring Basin

- Market trends/demand
- Concepts
- Draft Findings

Boatyard Existing Lift

Port of Astoria Outreach - Surveys

Interviews >30

Survey

- Understand existing use patterns and expectations at the Boatyard and East Mooring Bin.

Contact data from

- Port of Astoria boatyard and marina customers (10 years)
- Warrenton Marina tenants
- Englund Marina big-boat commercial fishing customers

Responses

- 98 complete responses, representing 127 boats owned by respondents
- 12% response rate

Type	Surveys	Number of Boats
Commercial fishing	31	56
Fishing guide or charter	12	17
Recreational-Power	20	20
Recreational-Sail	14	16
Other/NA	21	18
Total	98	127

Demand Summary - Fleet

Recreational Fleet

- Growth in recreational fleet in Oregon and Washington has been modest.
- Astoria primary market is defined as
 - Coast, from Newport to Westport
 - Columbia River, from Astoria to Portland Metro Area.

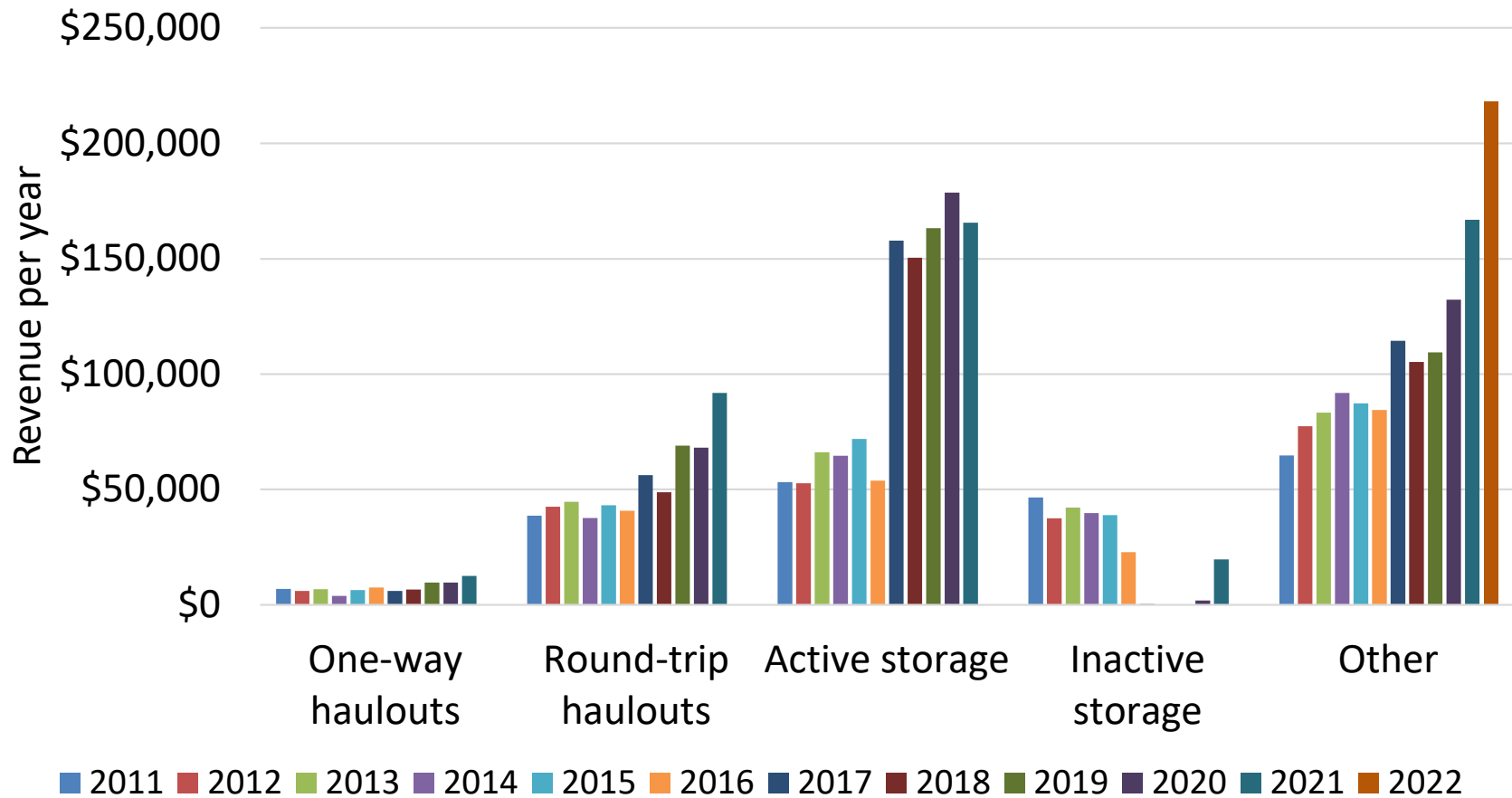
Commercial Fishing Fleet

- Commercial fishing fleet in Oregon, Washington and Alaska has declined for several decades.
 - The number of small boats has declined
 - The number of larger boats is stable.
- Astoria market is defined as Oregon boats that are licensed to fish in Oregon, Washington, and Alaska and as well as a small number of other Washington and Alaska boats.

Growth Strategy

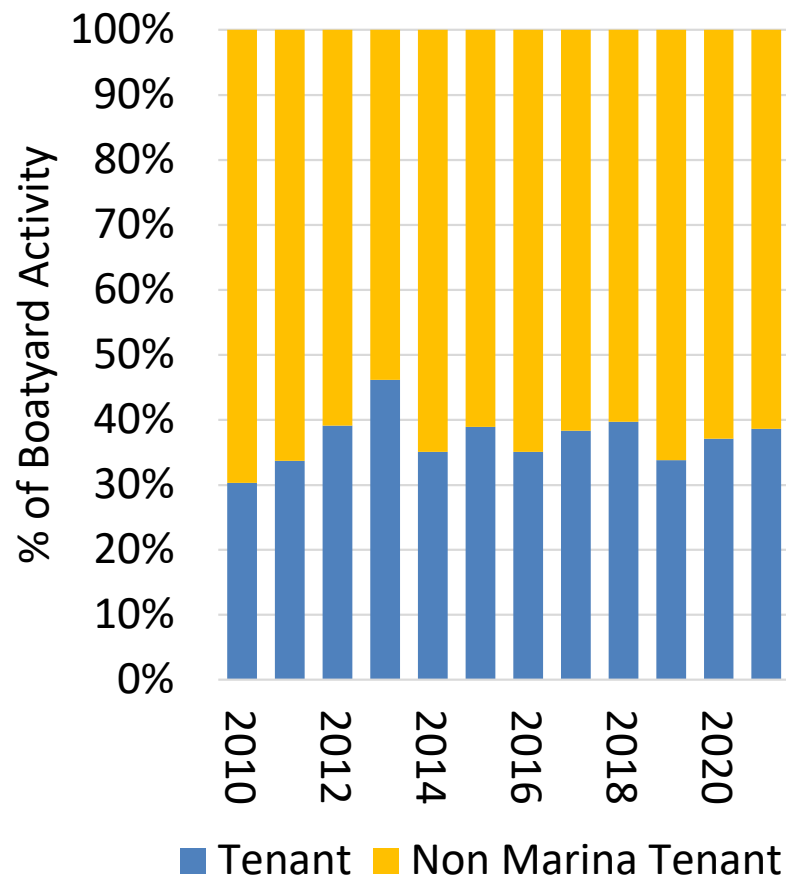
- Under these conditions, growth in moorage and boatyard utilization depends on increasing market share, which will be challenging.

Revenue by Activity



Source: Port of Astoria; other includes trailer storage, equipment rental/labor, electrical and env fee.

Boatyard Users



Marina tenants account for ~37% of Boatyard activity; non-tenants account for ~63%.

Average boat length is ~43'.

Revenue by type of boat (2021):

- Power boats: ~39% of revenue,
- Fishing boats: ~32% of revenue,
- Sailboats: ~19% of revenue,
- Other: ~10% (charters, commercial, unknown).

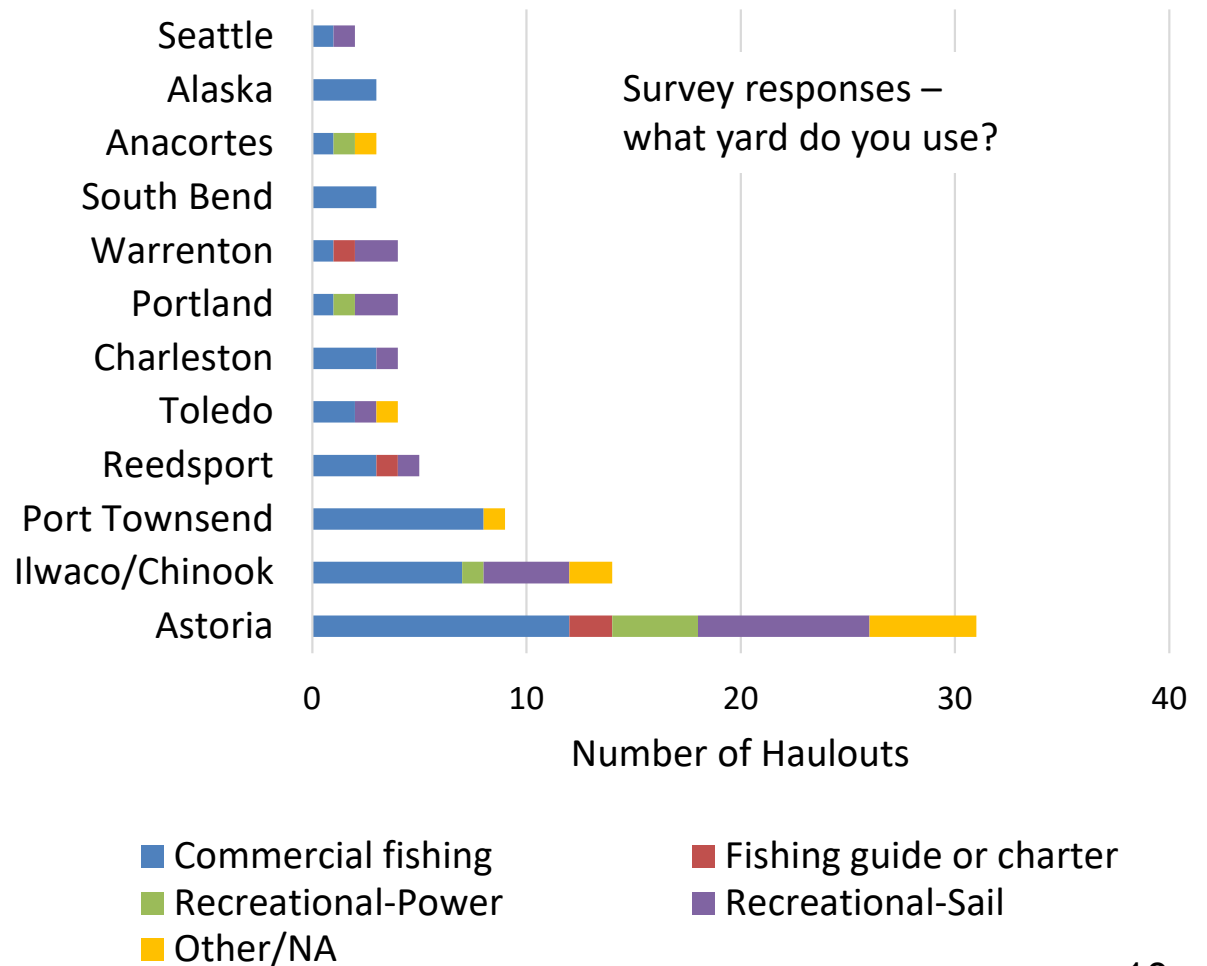
Preferences

- DIY
- Use of Vendors

Source: Port of Astoria

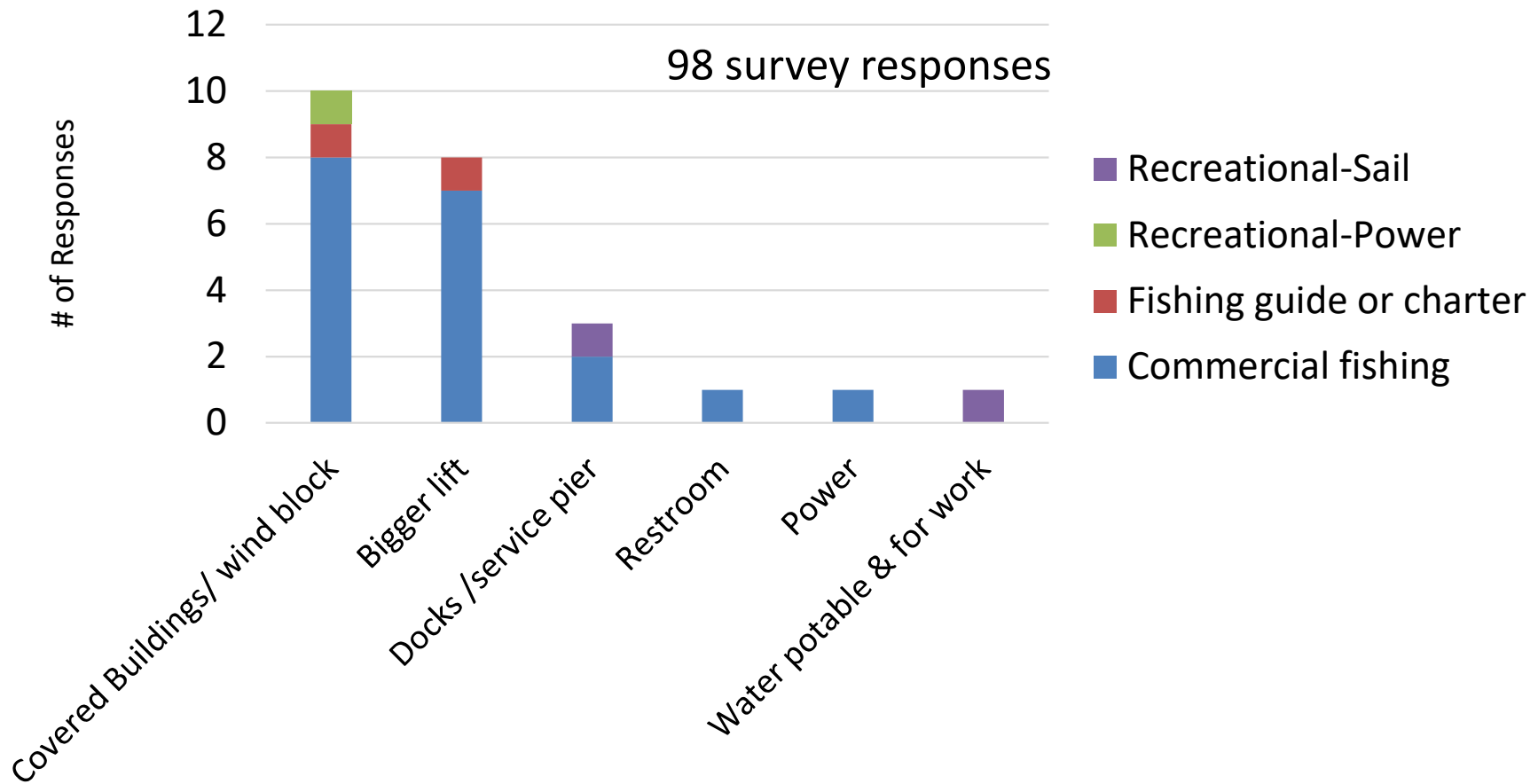
BY Selection Considerations

- Quality and size of facilities
- Yard availability
- Open shipyard
- Reputation of the boatyard
- Long-term reputation of labor force
- Location of the yard
- Project budget versus actual costs

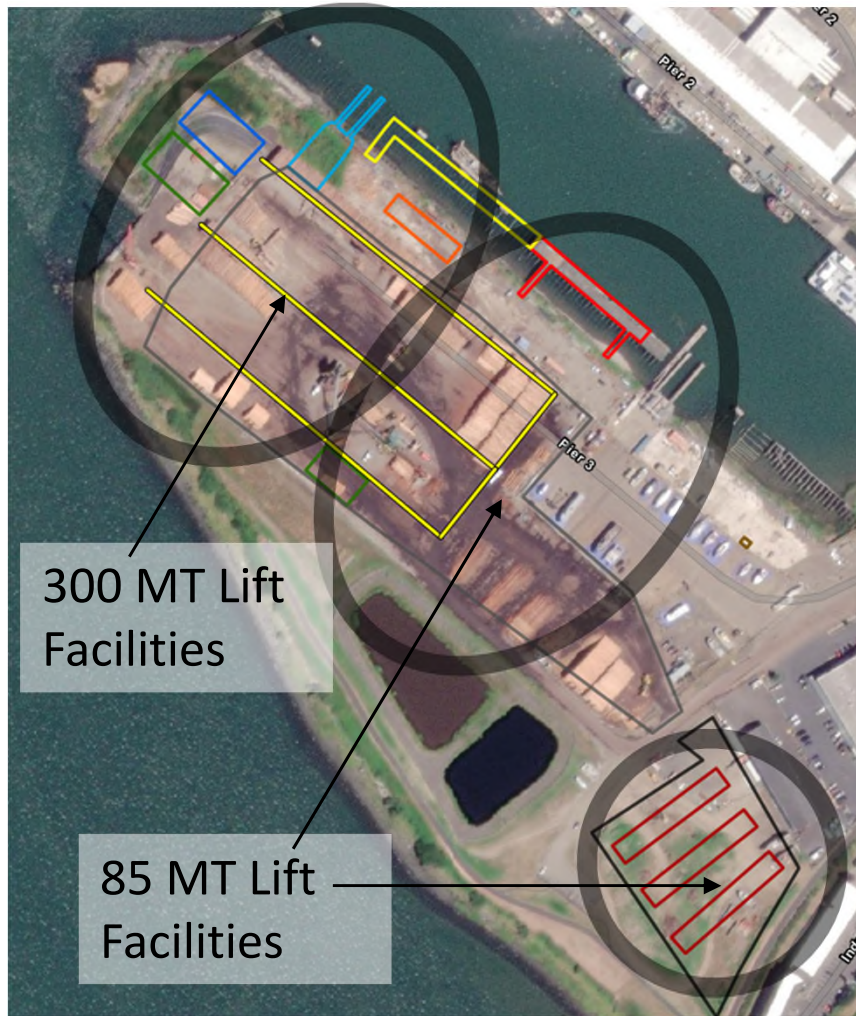


Survey Responses

Boatyard Needs by Sector



Boatyard Improvements



-  Pavement Improvements
-  12' x 16' Restroom
-  Pier 3 Electrical Infrastructure



Pier 3 Haul Out

-  300-Ton Haul Out Pier
-  60' x 100' Environmental Building
-  80' x 140' Environmental Building
-  80' x 140' Washdown & Bilge Cleanout
-  40' x 150' Support Building With Restroom

Pier 3 Service Wharf Rehab

-  Phase 1
-  Phase 2

Pier 3 South Support Project

-  Site Development
-  40' x 240' Support Building

Boatyard Improvements Cost 85 Metric Ton Mobile Hoist

Ref #	Item	Qty	Unit Cost	Original Estimate	Alternate Estimate	Notes
MOBILE HOIST						
	Ascom Lift 85 MT (existing pier)	1	\$432,000	\$432,000	\$432,000	
	Repair existing pier	1		\$100,000	\$100,000	Needs cathodic protection
SERVICE PIER REHAB						
	Phase 1 (linear feet)	285	\$17,502	\$4,988,022	\$3,500,366	200 feet
YARD IMPROVEMENTS						
	Electrical	16	\$33,729	\$539,659	\$539,659	
	Paving	1	\$472,466	\$472,466	\$472,466	
	Restroom	1	\$249,150	\$249,150	\$249,150	
SUPPORT BUILDINGS						
	40' x 240' Buildings with site prep, utilities, paving	3	\$2,683,190	\$8,049,571		
	Environmental Building; 60' x 100'	1	\$2,701,827	\$2,701,827		
	Big Top PVC building 40' x 80'	1	\$158,400		\$356,460	
	Used 8 x 40 containers	10	\$5,000		\$50,000	
DREDGING						
	Dredging for Services Pier Ph 1 - 10,000 CY	10000	\$48.77	\$487,667	\$487,667	
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST				\$18,020,362	\$6,187,768	

Fabric Structures



Louisiana – Metal Shark Boats (c/o Big Top Manufacturing)



Alaska – Marine Service Center (c/o City of Wrangell)



Texas - Module fabrication company serving the oil and gas industries (c/o Big Top Manufacturing)



Washington – Nichols Brothers Boatbuilding (c/o Big Top Manufacturing)

Financial/Economic Findings

Existing Boatyard Alt 1

Financial – NPV of Port Revenue

- 3% = \$12.0 million
- 5% = \$9.3 million

Cost ~ Orig. =\$18.0 million
Alt 1 =\$6.2 million

Economic Impact

- Total Impacts - Year 2044
 - Income \$1.7 million
 - Jobs FTEs 30.7
- NPV 10 years of operation
 - Direct Income \$7.5 million (at 5%)

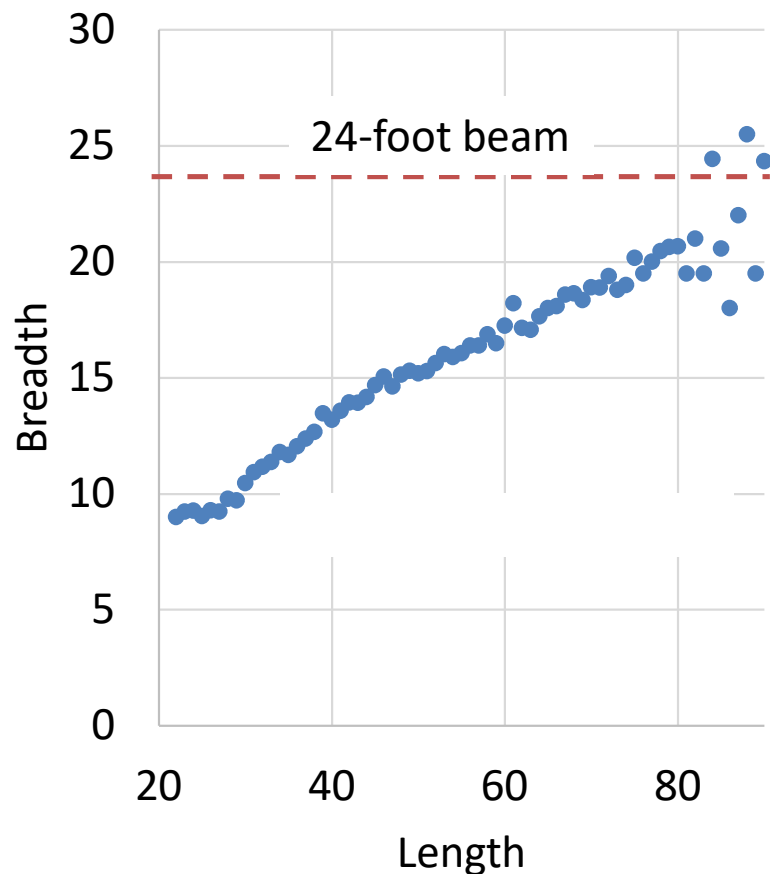
Financial analysis – 20 year projections, discounted at 3% and 5% to NPV
Economic impact – based on surveys and results from competitive facilities.

Yard is doing well and has potential for growth.

Net revenues are projected to cover cost; good project for grants.

Boatyard Large Lift

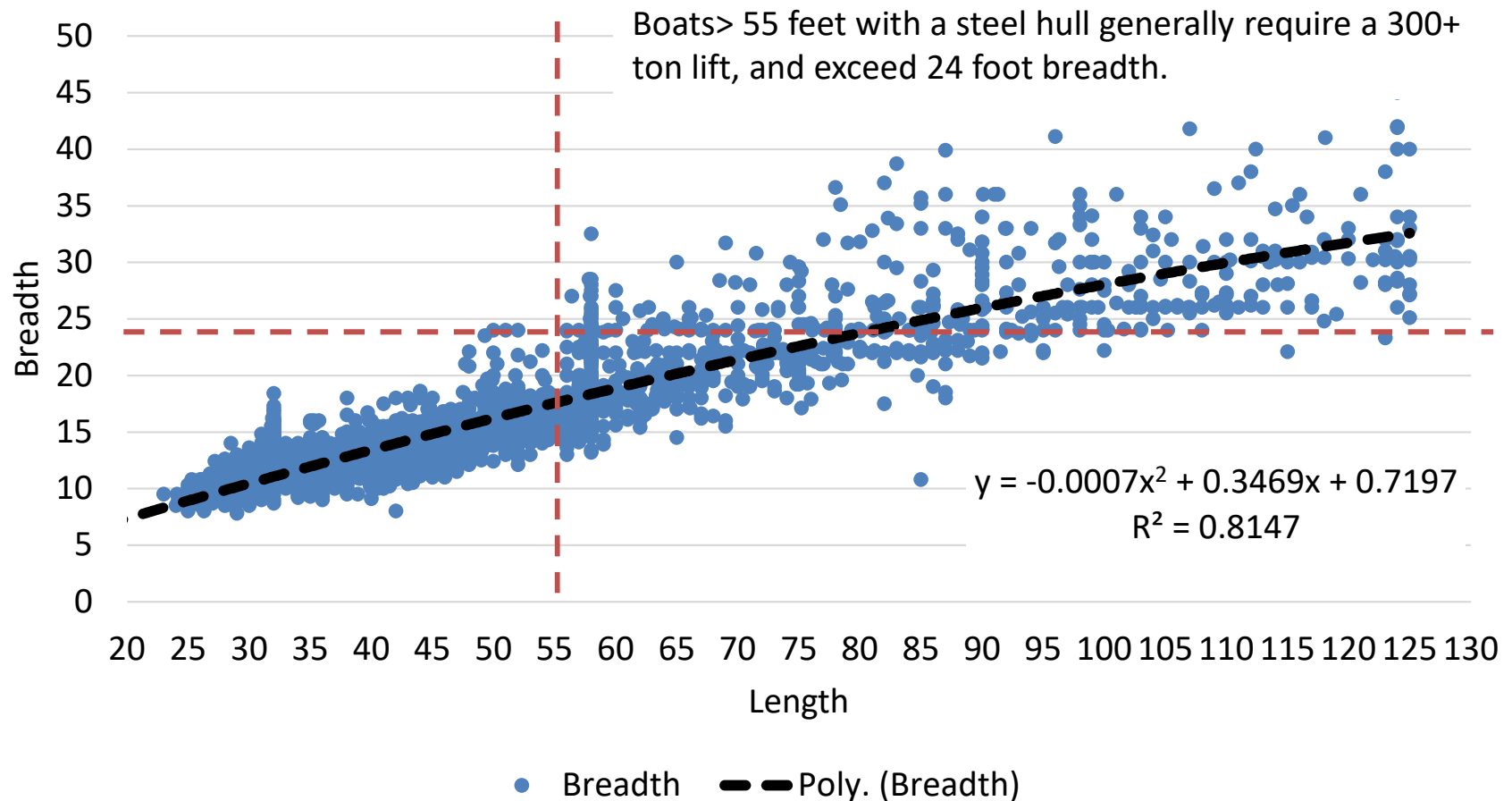
Recreational Boats



- Primary market includes:
 - Coast (from Newport to Westport) ~27% of recreational boats; and the
 - Columbia River (from Astoria to Portland Metro Area) ~73% of recreational boats.
- Very few boats over 80 feet long and over 24 foot beam.
- Existing 88-ton Travelift can handle nearly all recreational boats.

Source: BST Associates, U.S. Coast Guard, OSMB, WA DOL

Commercial Fishing Vessels Oregon, Washington, Alaska



Source: BST Associates, Alaska CEFC, ODFW, WDFW

Astoria Market

Steel Commercial Fishing Boats (50+ feet)

Length Range	AK & OR	AK & OR & WA	AK & WA	AK Only	OR & WA	OR Only	WA Only	Total
50 to 59	0	6	6	3	6	3	8	32
60 to 69	2	3	0	1	6	4	2	18
70 to 79	0	3	0	2	7	1	2	15
80 to 89	0	1	1	0	6	3	3	14
90 to 99	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	6
100+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Astoria market	<u>2</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>85</u>
% of Market	6%	38%	7%	1%	25%	9%	10%	5%
Total	34	40	107	1,197	101	128	157	1,764



- Astoria market (Astoria, Warrenton, Ilwaco/Chinook and Westport) accounts for ~85 vessels with steel hulls over 50 feet in length, and accounts for ~5% of the total market (OR/WA/AK com fish boats).

Source: BST Associates, commercial permits from Alaska CEFC, ODFW, WDFW

Estimated Annual Haulouts by Lift Size

Lift Size (tons)	88	100	125	150	300	500
Total haulouts	186	186	187	190	201	204
Additional Potential Fleet						
88		-	1	5	17	21
100			1	5	17	21
125				4	16	20
150					12	16
300						4

- Assumes: 1 haulout every two years, and Astoria acquires 50% share of the haulouts from primary market (optimistic assumption).
- Few boats are gained by shifting to a 100-ton, 125-ton or lift to 150-ton lift.
- At the top-end of the market, the 300-ton lift could handle ~17 additional haulouts/year and the 500-ton lift could handle ~21 additional haulouts/year.

Source: BST Associates, Alaska CEFC, ODFW, WDFW (may not add due to rounding)

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Other Boatyard Assets

Lift Equipment over 100 tons

North Tongue Point Trailer, new capabilities.

Toledo 660-ton Ascom mobile hoist.

Columbia River yards (Diversified, JT Marine dry docks)

Reedsport - Fred Wahl (685-ton Ascom) mobile hoist

Charleston – Giddings Boat Works (200-ton ways.

Crescent City - Fashion Blacksmith, 230-ton Syncrolift.

Humboldt Bay - Fields Landing, 150-ton Travelift.

Port Angeles - Platypus Marine, 300-ton & 500-ton TraveLifts. Port of Port Angeles is developing a 19-acre marine trades park adjacent to Platypus.

Port Townsend Shipyard (330-ton Marine Travelift)

Seattle

- Lake Union Drydock (1,200/6,000-ton DD)
- Northlake Shipyard (1000/1,900-ton DD)
- Stabbert Yacht & Ship LLC (1,100-ton DD).

Everett Hansen Boat Company (860-ton DD)

Anacortes Dakota Creek (9,000 Drydock and 5,000 ton Synchronlift)

Blaine On Board Services (250-ton marine rail)

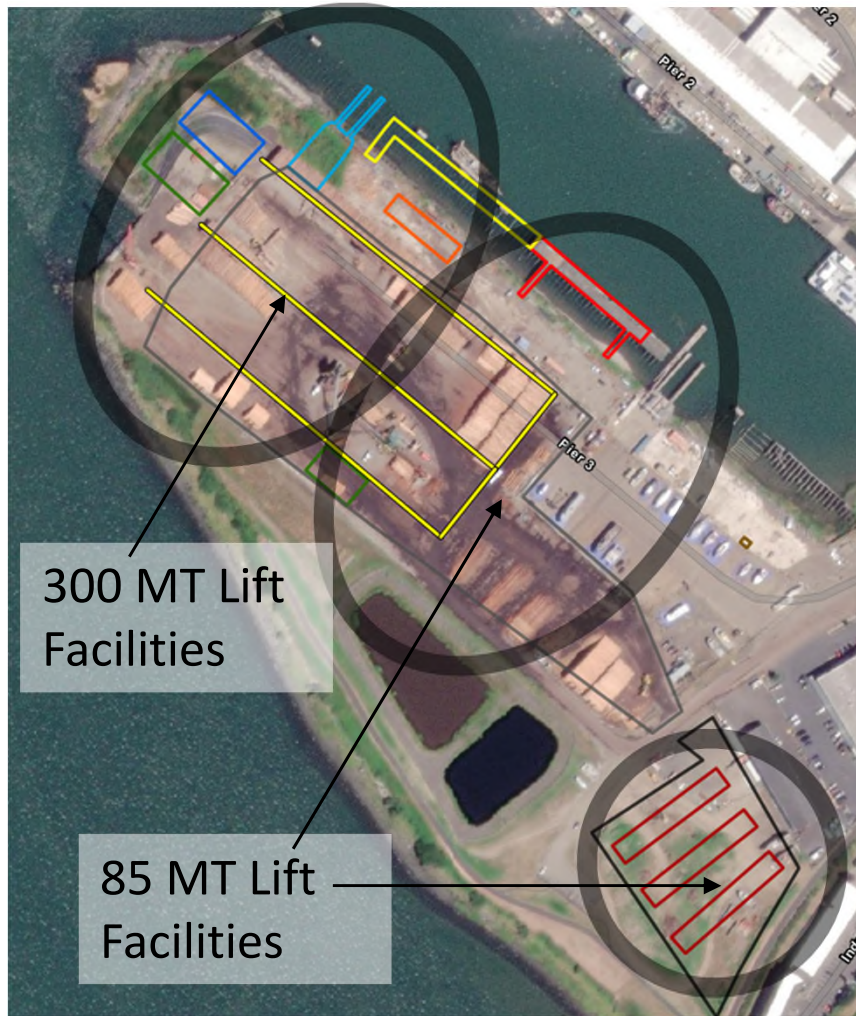
Bellingham Seaview North (165-ton Travelift)

Kodiak (660-ton Travelift)

Seward 330-ton Marine TraveLift & 5,000-ton Syncrolift

Wrangell 150-ton & 300-ton Ascom lifts.

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MOBILE HOIST						
	New 300-ton hoist pier	1	\$3,960,110	\$3,960,110	\$3,960,110	
	Ascom Lift 300 MT mobile hoist	1	\$1,242,000	\$1,242,000	\$1,242,000	
SERVICE PIER REHAB						
	Phase 2 (linear feet)	315	\$17,502	\$5,513,076		Included in existing \$0 lift analysis
IMPROVEMENTS NORTH						
	Environmental Building; 80' x 140'	1	\$5,290,826	\$5,290,826	\$586,000	
	Washdown; 80' x 140'	1	\$833,148	\$833,148	\$833,148	
SUPPORT BUILDINGS						
	Building; 40' x 150' Building with site prep, utilities, paving	1	\$1,667,795	\$1,667,795		
	Big Top PVC building 40' x 120'	1	\$297,000		\$348,400	
DREDGING						
	Dredging for hoist pier - 10,000 CY	10000	\$48.77	\$487,667	\$487,667	
	Dredging for service pier rehab ph. 2 - 10,000 CY	10000	\$48.77	\$487,667	\$0	
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST				\$19,482,289	\$7,591,098	

Financial/Economic Findings

BY 300-ton Lift Alt 1

Financial - NPV

- 3% = \$2.8 million
- 5% = \$2.1 million

Cost ~Orig. = \$19.5 million
Alt 1 = \$7.6 million

Economic Impact

- Total Impacts - Year 2044
 - Income \$1.0 million
 - Jobs FTEs 16.5
- NPV 10 years of operation
 - Direct Income \$3.9 million

The 300-ton lift would meet the needs of most of the larger boats (17 out of 21).

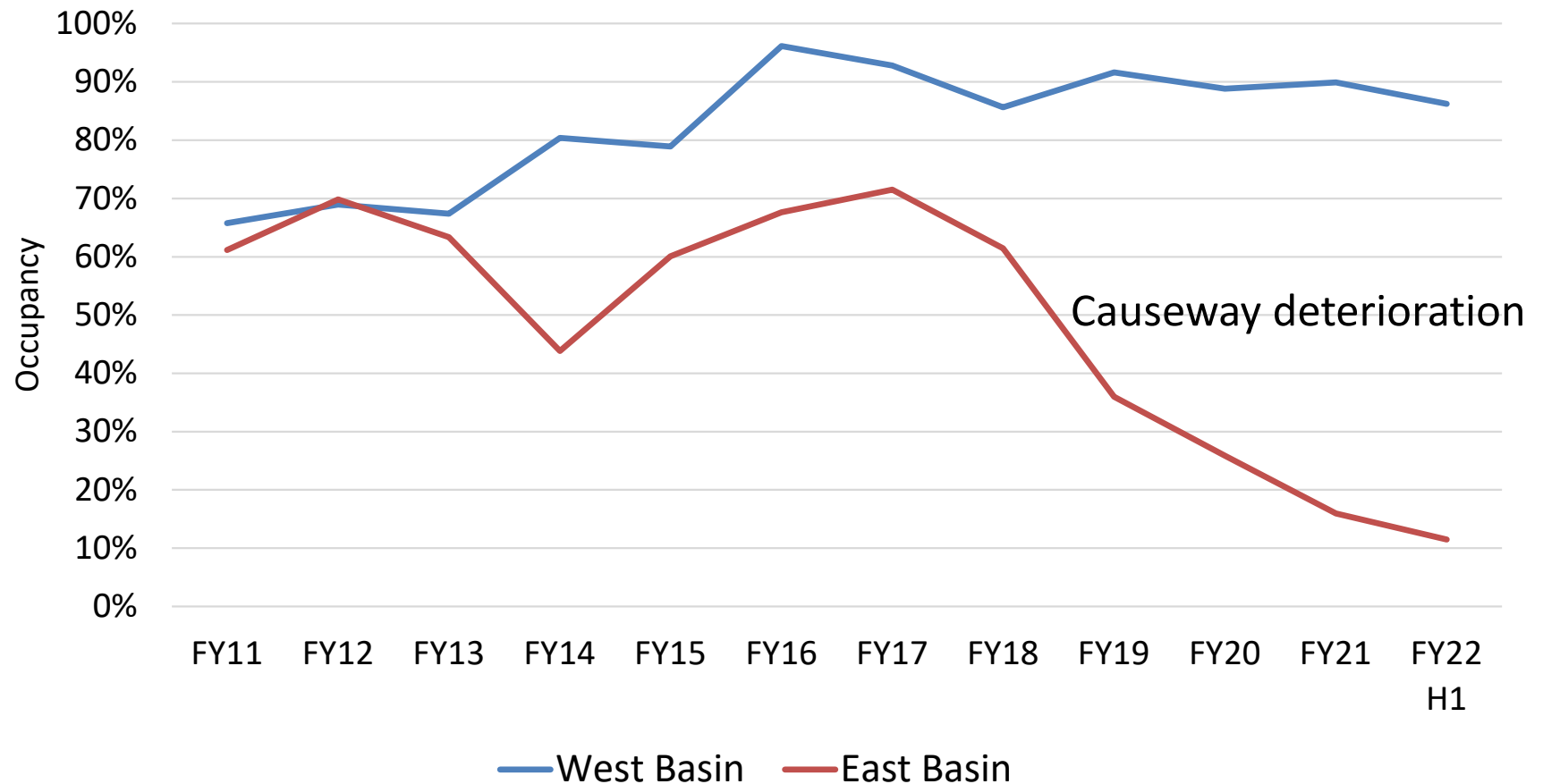
- High initial cost.

Net revenues do not cover cost.

Financial analysis – 20 year projections, discounted at 3% and 5%.
Economic impact – based on surveys and results from competitive facilities.

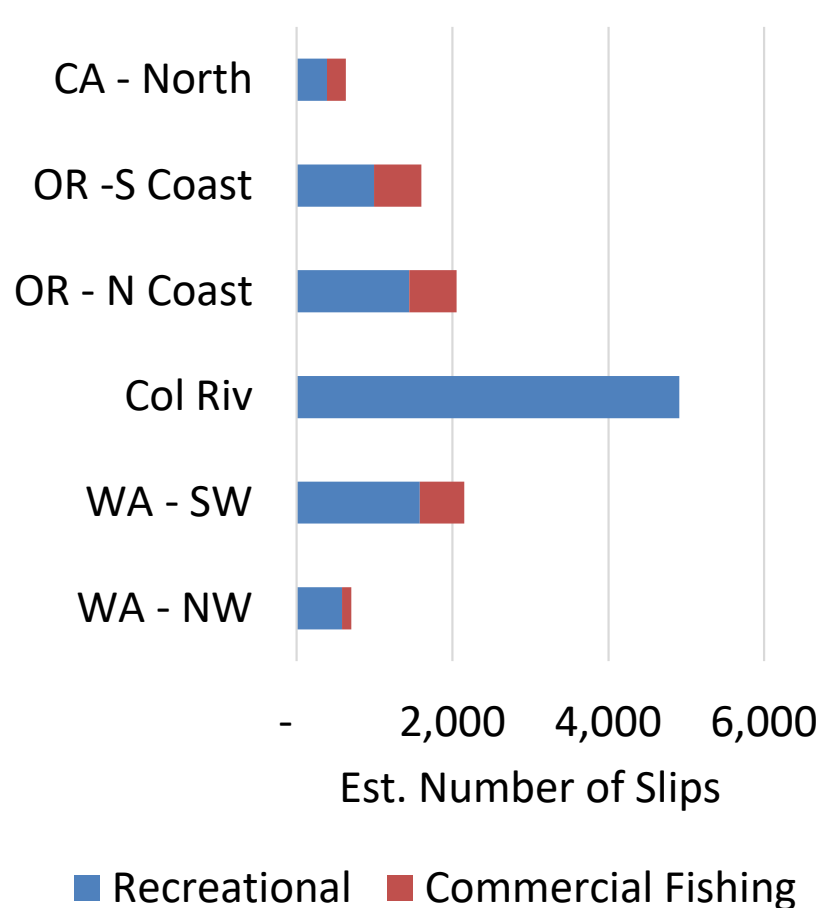
East Mooring Basin

Port of Astoria Occupancy Trends



Source: Port of Astoria, based on financial records (actual revenue divided by 100% occupancy at annual rate).

Moorage Supply



From NW Washington (Clallam County) to N California (Humboldt County)

- Approximately 12,000 moorage slips
- ~10,000 recreational boat slips
- ~2,000 commercial fishing boat slips

Most coastal ports have:

- Public ownership (except in Columbia River),
- Seasonal use,
- Too many slips,
- Relatively low moorage rates,
- Slips in deteriorated condition,
- Mismatch between the size of the slip and the length of the boat.

Some improvements are planned or under way (Newport, Westport et al.)

Source: BST Associates, ports/harbors.

East Mooring Basin Financial Trends

Length Range	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22 July-Dec	CAGR 2011-21
Net Revenue													
Revenues	1,906	102,634	109,152	88,549	122,209	96,151	113,452	104,279	61,980	50,164	38,495	17,214	35.1%
Expenses	(234,968)	(178,330)	(92,213)	(83,639)	(78,108)	(93,936)	(99,992)	(115,722)	(106,236)	(127,283)	(205,316)	(271,622)	-1.3%
Net	(233,062)	(75,696)	16,938	4,911	44,101	2,215	13,460	(11,443)	(44,256)	(77,119)	(166,822)	(254,408)	-3.3%

Source: BST Associates, Port of Astoria.

East Mooring Basin Survey Responses

PREFERENCES

Interest in moorage:

- Yes = 48% of respondents
- No = 49% of respondents

Linear moorage:

- Yes = 40%,
- No = 36%

Vehicular access:

- Yes = 31%,
- No = 46%

PROS/CONS

Pros

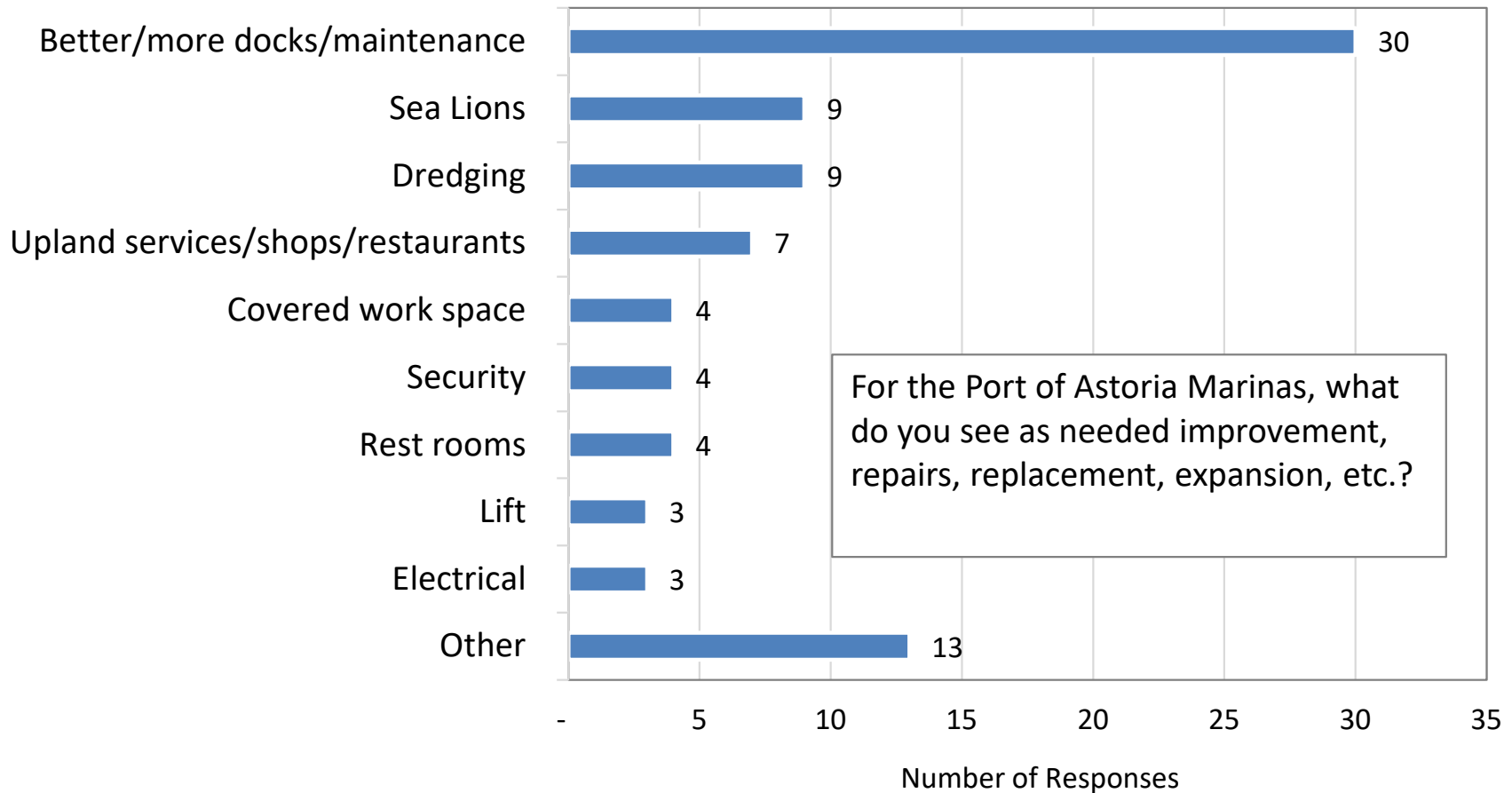
- Proximity to fishing, home, town
- Better weather, shelter
- Location
- More moorage, space
- Deep water

Cons

- Sea Lions
- Disrepair of docks
- Security
- Distance from house/downtown/boatyard
- Parking
- Current/tides

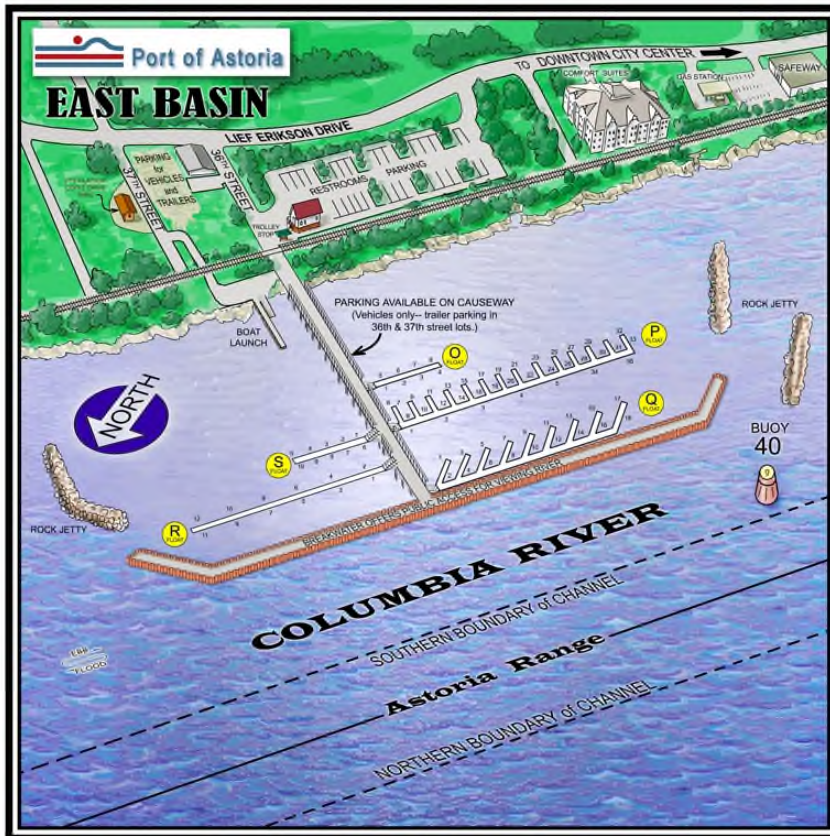
Survey Responses

Port of Astoria Overall Marina Needs



Source: BST Associates survey; Other (Parking, Water, Fish cleaning area, Ramp, Dry Storage)

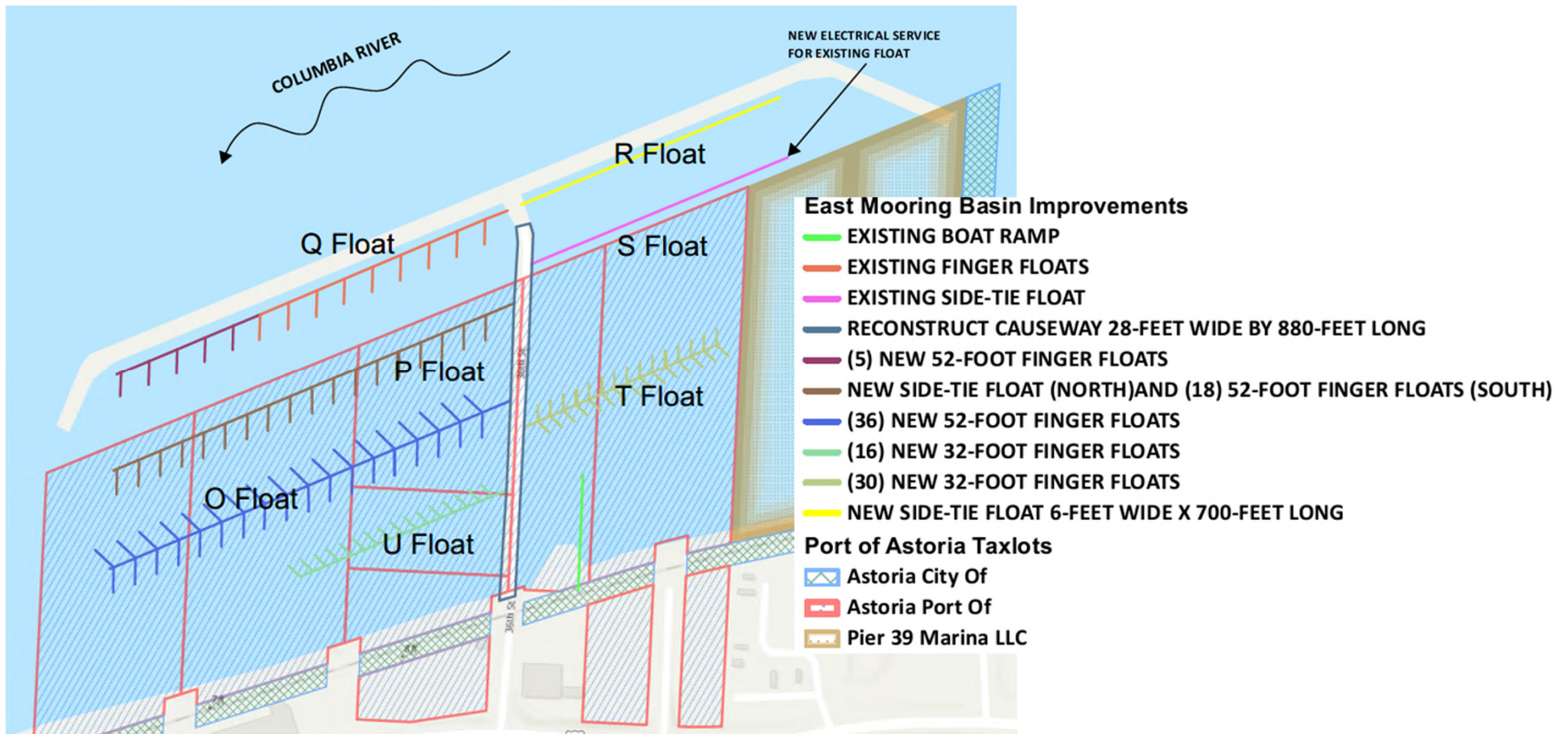
East Mooring Basin



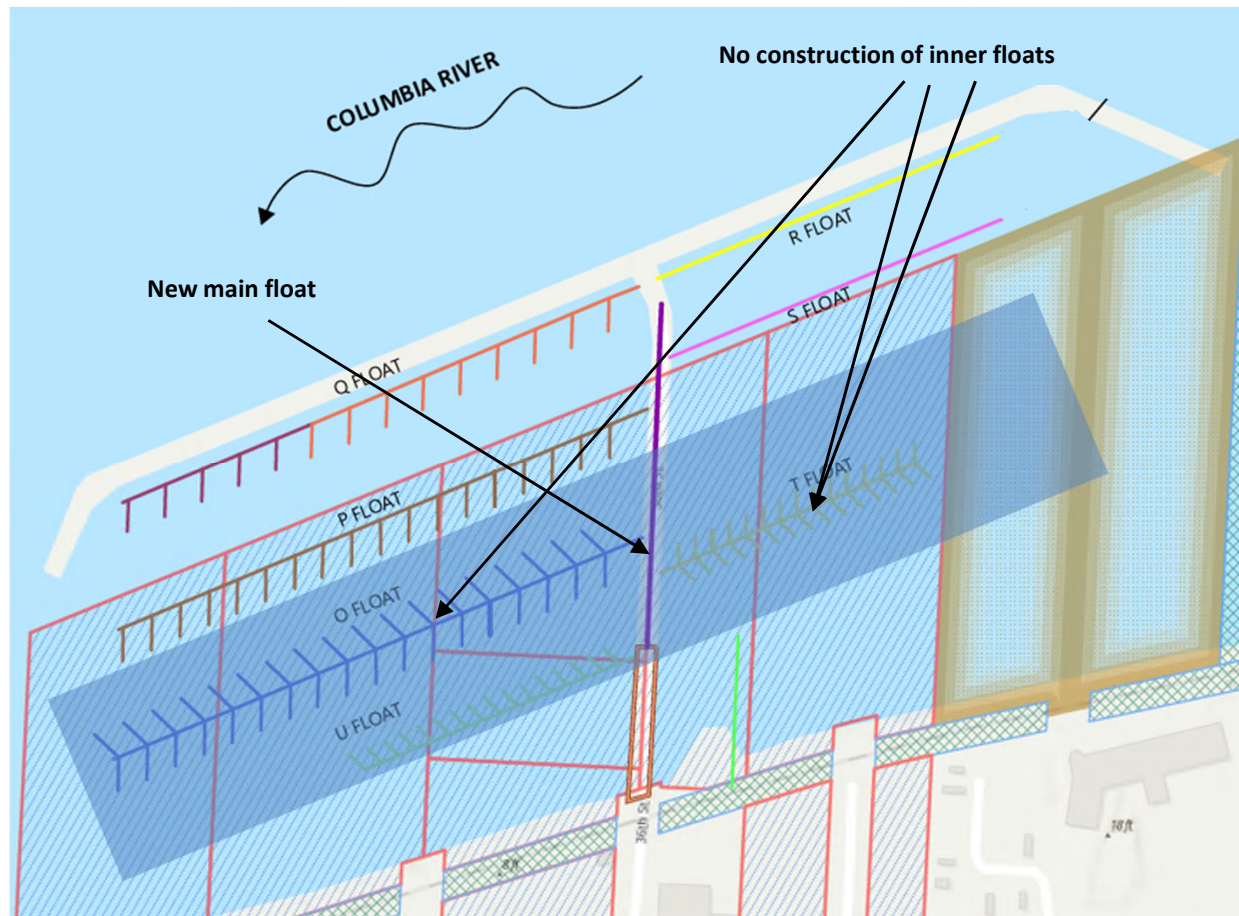
Length	2011	Current	Proposed	Waitlist
20	10	-	10	5
24	10	10	10	10
30	23	23	69	50
36	-	-	-	30
40	16	6	10	23
50	18	18	71	25
100	12	12	19	17
Total	89	69	189	143

Source: Port of Astoria (In 2012 docks O and S were unavailable); BST Associates/Bud Shoemake/PBSUSA -- 31 --

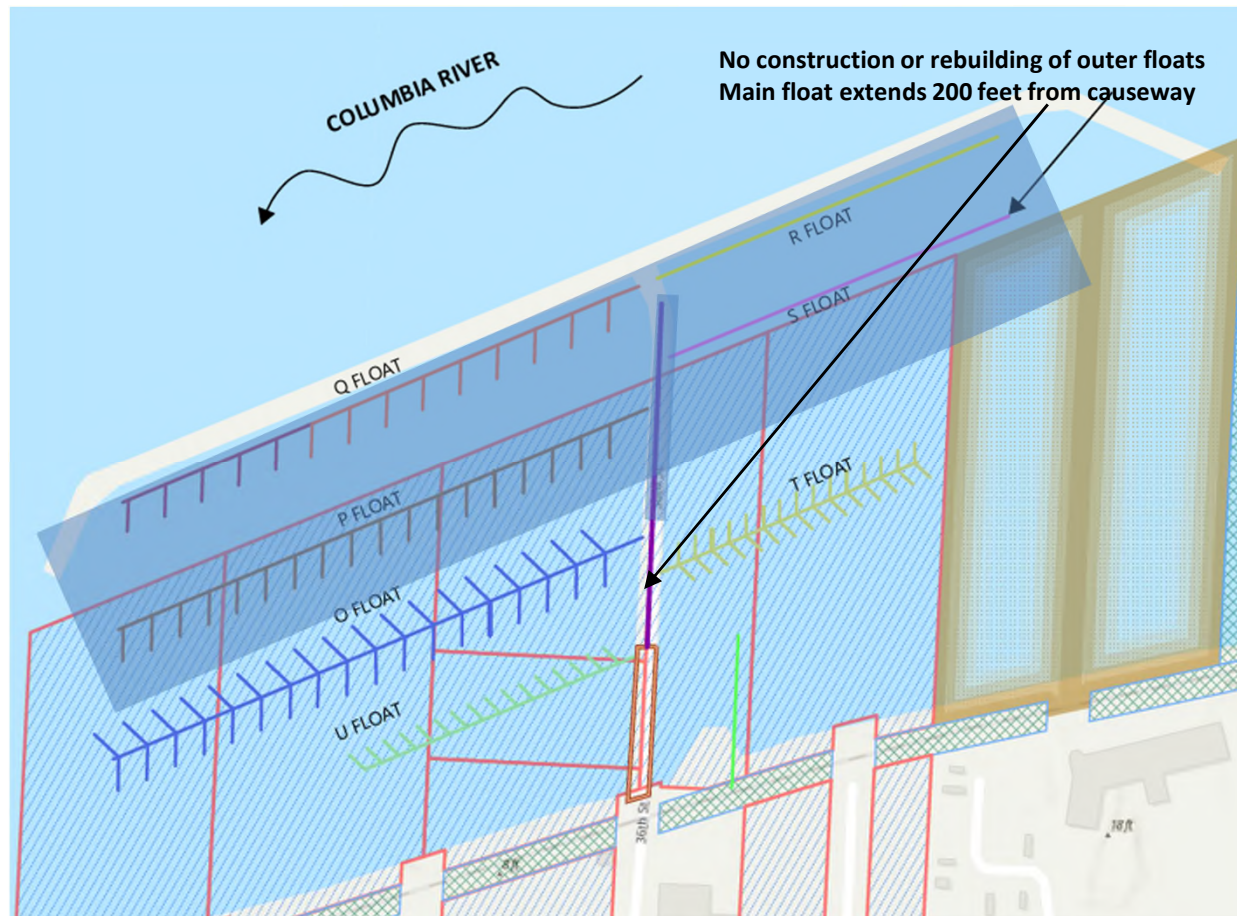
East Mooring Basin Improvements



East Mooring Basin Improvements – Alternate 1



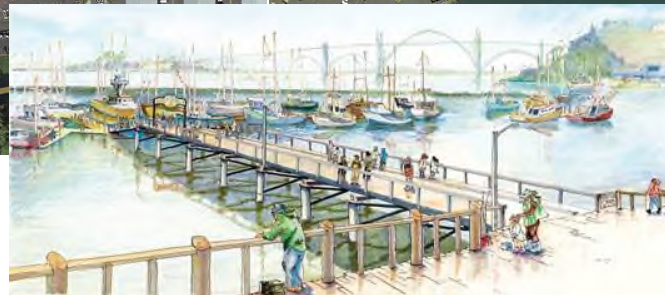
East Mooring Basin Improvements – Alternate 2



Comparison of Basins Astoria and Newport

ASTORIA EAST MOORAGE BASIN
1,000 FT CAUSEWAY

NEWPORT DOCK 5
253 FT MAIN DOCK



Length = $168 + 85$ (ramp) = 253
Width = 20 feet
Cost = \$2.2 million
EDA = \$1.2 million (grant)

East Mooring Basin Cost Total Cost

Detail	Original Estimate	Alternative Estimate 1	Alternative Estimate 2
Causeway Reconstruction	\$11,680,615	\$6,575,903	\$5,463,018
Dredging	\$2,250,000	\$1,511,250	\$1,511,250
Marina Expansion	<u>\$19,997,477</u>	<u>\$7,998,895</u>	<u>\$12,189,896</u>
Total	<u>\$33,928,092</u>	<u>\$16,086,048</u>	<u>\$19,164,164</u>

Alternative 1: rebuild 300 feet of causeway, add 650 feet of main float, rebuild outer docks (P, Q, R, S)

Alternative 2: rebuild 300 feet of causeway, build inner docks (O, T, U)

East Mooring Basin Cost Causeway Construction

Item	Detail	Qty	Unit Cost	Original Estimate	Alternative Estimate 1	Alternative Estimate 2
PREPARATION						
	Mobilization			\$804,450	\$409,350	\$325,970
DEMOLITION						
	Causeway removal	33500	\$15.00	\$502,500	\$502,500	\$502,500
	Pile Removal	1	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
CAUSEWAY CONSTRUCTION						
	New fixed causeway 28 x 950	24640	\$300.00	\$7,392,000		
	New fixed causeway 28 x 300	8400	\$300.00		\$2,520,000	\$2,520,000.00
	New main float 8 x 650	5200	\$230.00		\$921,000	
	New main float 8 x 200	5200	\$230.00			\$283,385
SOFT COSTS						
	Sub-Total			\$2,831,665	\$2,073,053	\$1,681,164
CAUSEWAY TOTAL				<u>\$11,680,615</u>	<u>\$6,575,903</u>	<u>\$5,463,018</u>

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East Mooring Basin Cost Dredging

Item	Detail	Qty	Unit Cost	Original Estimate	Alternative Estimate 1	Alternative Estimate 2
PREPARATION						
	Mobilization			\$250,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
DREDGING						
	Clamshell excavation	50,000	\$25.00	\$1,250,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
SOFT COSTS						
	Sub-Total			<u>\$750,000</u>	<u>\$536,250</u>	<u>\$536,250</u>
DREDGING TOTAL				<u>\$2,250,000</u>	<u>\$1,511,250</u>	<u>\$1,511,250</u>

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East Mooring Basin Cost Marina Expansion

Item	Detail	Qty	Unit Cost	Original Estimate	Alternative Estimate 1	Alternative Estimate 2
PREPARATION						
	MOBILIZATION (10% of items below)	15360		\$1,203,942	\$481,571	\$733,889
NEW FLOATING DOCKS						
	New 6' Main Floats + 5' Fingers (50', 52', 32')	15360	\$226.89	\$10,800,000	\$4,215,630	\$6,584,370
ELECTRICAL						
	Electrical	15360	\$26.00	<u>\$1,239,420</u>	<u>\$600,080</u>	<u>\$754,520</u>
SOFT COSTS						
	Total			<u>\$6,754,115</u>	<u>\$2,701,613</u>	<u>\$4,117,117</u>
MARINA EXPANSION TOTAL				<u>\$19,997,477</u>	<u>\$7,998,895</u>	<u>\$12,189,896</u>

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Financial/Economic Findings

East Mooring Basin

Financial/Economic Impact	EMB Rebuild Original	EMB Rebuild Alt 1	EMB Rebuild Alt 2
Financial - NPV of net revenues (\$mil) at interest Rate			
3.0%	\$3.6	\$1.5	\$1.4
5.0%	\$2.7	\$1.2	\$1.0
Cost of improvements (\$mils)	\$33.3	\$16.0	\$19.2
Economic Impact			
Total Impacts - \$mils (year 2044)			
Income	\$1.2	\$0.6	\$0.6
Jobs FTEs	23.4	11.6	11.6
NPV of Direct Income (10 yrs. of ops, 5%)	\$2.9	\$1.7	\$1.7

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Draft Findings

East Mooring Basin

There is interest in using the East Basin (from survey).

- Most survey respondents indicated they do not need vehicular access.
- Approximately half said that linear moorage was acceptable (as opposed to individual slips)

However, revenues don't cover costs.

Sea-lion control and dock refurbishment are needed.

Consider public-private or public-public partnership(s).

Summary

Comparison of Options

	Boatyard - 85 MT Lift		Boatyard - 300 MT Lift		East Mooring Basin		
	Original Estimate	Alternative Estimate	Original Estimate	Alternative Estimate	Original Estimate	Alternative Estimate 1	Alternative Estimate 2
Revenue NPV (\$mils): 3.0%	\$12.0	\$12.0	\$2.8	\$2.8	\$3.6	\$1.5	\$1.4
Revenue NPV (\$mils): 5.0%	\$9.3	\$9.3	\$2.1	\$2.1	\$2.7	\$1.2	\$1.0
Cost of improvements (\$mils)	\$18.0	\$6.2	\$19.5	\$7.6	\$33.9	\$16.1	\$19.2
Economic Impact (in year 2044)							
Income (\$mils)	\$1.7	\$1.7	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.2	\$0.6	\$0.6
Jobs (FTE)	30.7	30.7	16.5	16.5	23.4	11.6	11.6
NPV of Income (\$mils 10 yrs. / 5%)	\$7.5	\$7.5	\$3.9	\$3.9	\$2.9	\$1.7	\$1.7

Summary Results

	Boatyard - 85 MT Lift		Boatyard - 300 MT Lift		East Mooring Basin		
	Original Estimate	Alternative Estimate	Original Estimate	Alternative Estimate	Original Estimate	Alternative Estimate 1	Alternative Estimate 2
Market Strength	●	●	◐	◐	○	○	○
Cost of Improvements	◐	●	◐	●	○	◐	◐
Financial Performance	◐	●	◐	◐	◐	○	○
Economic Impact	●	●	◐	◐	●	◐	◐
Summary (rank)	2	1	4	3	5	6	6

June 15, 2022

To the Port of Astoria Board of Commissioners:

By resolution of the Finance Committee on June 15, 2022, the Finance Committee does hereby make a recommendation to the Port of Astoria Board of Commissioners to entertain putting a 'For Sale or Lease' sign up on the approximately 12 acres of Port-owned land on the east side of the intersection of Hwy 101 and SE Neptune Dr in Warrenton.

June 21, 2022

Mr. Douglas Boren
Pacific Regional Director
US Department of the Interior
Pacific OCS Region
760 Paseo Camarillo
Camarillo, CA 93010

Dear Director Boren:

The Port of Astoria Commission is concerned about the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) plan to establish an offshore wind energy program off the coast of Oregon and its potential negative impacts on the fishing/seafood industry.

The Port of Astoria believes certain steps should be taken to ensure that existing ocean users and stakeholders are protected in the process of offshore wind energy development. Harvesters, processors, and marine suppliers all benefit from Oregon's sustainable fisheries. Annual fishery landings total more than 170 million pounds in Astoria alone, and the seafood industry supports thousands of jobs in coastal communities in Astoria and throughout Oregon. The value of Oregon's fishery landings is well over \$150,000,000 annually. Moreover, a fishing dollar turns over many times in the community, and an authentic working waterfront is a tremendous draw for the tourism industry.

The Port of Astoria recommends a greater emphasis on outreach to the various stakeholders potentially impacted by this plan, including fishermen, buyers, processors, retailers, restaurants and consumers. We urge caution in developing large scale wind turbine farms until all the risks to marine mammals, sea birds, fisheries and the marine environment are clearly understood. Additionally, we urge BOEM to conduct a comprehensive peer reviewed economic analysis (as part of an EIS) focused on the potential economic impacts to coastal communities and the state of Oregon, and relevant tradeoffs.

The Pacific Northwest is unique in the frequency, strength and duration of storms. Given this dynamic, it would be prudent to consider a small demonstration site (similar to PacWave) to test offshore wind technology. It is unclear whether the technology for floating offshore wind can withstand the harsh elements of the Pacific Ocean and prove viable in the long term.

The Port of Astoria Commission recognizes that offshore wind energy may be an important component to our state's transition to cleaner energy, however, we urge stronger community outreach at the local level, particularly with those groups most significantly impacted.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank Spence
Commission President, Port of Astoria