



Government Affairs Committee Agenda

October 12th, 2023

Via Zoom

Jay Jennings - NW Marine Trade Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9727844289?from=addon>

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- Call to Order Neil Falkenburg
- Welcome Jay Jennings

- Brief Marina and Boatyard Conference recap highlighting government officials. George Harris
 - Great to have good relationships with those who regulate us, like departments of ecology, labor and industries, and commerce.
 - We have a travel lift and will be seeking inspection
 - Army Corp presentation was a breath of fresh air and offered hope around permitting.
 - Brad Doll offered concern about the potential expansion of the industrial stormwater permit to marinas (and many other businesses).

- Recreational Fishing Meetings (10/19) George Harris
 - George encouraged participation on the 19th at Fife and Everett as promoted in WaterLife.

- Tacoma event with Speaker Jinkins Tarin/Rachel/Jay

- Jay and Rachel from NMMA encouraged participation in the October 26th event on the Tacoma waterfront as promoted in WaterLife.

- **Hot issues?**

Jay Jennings/All

- Hoby Douglass reported on efforts to keep cars moving along Westlake and Route 40.
- Mauri Schuler reported a victory and thanked NMTA for support to end the moratorium which was struck down in court, thankfully.
- Jay introduced the San Juan Destination Management plan and provided Trevor and Bob from RBAW to go into more detail about a stakeholder letter we are partnering on.

- **2024 Legislative agenda development**

Jay/Roman/Carl/All

- Jay and Roman hit topics on the legislative agenda including length of vessels eligible for a cruise permit, pilotage exemption for small yachts, watercraft excise depreciation schedule, and derelict vessels.
- Roman provided a status of the planning for our annual Boating Day in Olympia with the Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW). The date is likely to be within the third week of January 2024.

- **Political Action Committee**

- **Decision making**

Jay Jennings/All

- Jay reiterated that PAC governance organization and balance (approx. \$61K)

- **2023 Proposal**

Roman/Jay/Carl/All

- Jay, Roman and Carl presented a PAC engagement and contribution plan to spend approximately \$29K during 2024, a major election year.
- The committee was encourage to question and offer comment to the proposal for the next several days before we move forward to implementation.
- Discussion ensued around the great golf tournament and how excitement continues to build around the golf and conference editions 2024.
- James Weaver from the Port of Bremerton expressed how much the Port appreciates “hosting” the conference and his team was thanked for all their efforts in support of the conference.

- **For the good of the order/Adjourn**

Neil Falkenburg

You're Invited!

TACOMA BOATING INDUSTRY MEET & GREET RECEPTION

with State and Local Elected Representatives of Washington State

OCTOBER 26, 2023

5:30 pm-7:30 pm

At Foss Landing Marina
1940 E D St, Tacoma, WA 98421

Join us to introduce and educate lawmakers on recreational boating, the challenges facing the industry, and its priorities going forward.

Opening Remarks

Laurie Jenkins, Washington Speaker of the House
Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier and other legislative speakers to follow.

Refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

Hosted by Dock Street Marina and Foss Harbor Marina, in coordination with the National Marine Manufacturers Association, Northwest Marine Trade Association, and the Watersports Industry Association

RSVP

Kindly RSVP to Rachel Fischer by email: rfischer@nmma.org

