



Government Affairs Committee Agenda

December 14th 2023 at 9:00AM

Via Zoom: Neil Falkenburg, Bill Devoe, Mauri Schuler (LULA), Hoby Douglass, Susan Mahoney, Monique Webber, Trevor Justin (RBAW), Roman Daniels-Brown, Jay Jennings, Wyatt Asbury

Jay Jennings - NW Marine Trade Zoom Meeting:

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- Welcome/Call to Order Neil Falkenburg
- Dock Expo highlights - Nashville Neil Falkenburg
 - Focused on freshwater. Impressive amperage at Superyacht docks along the intercoastal waterway, new marinas
- News and notes Jay Jennings
 - Sport-fishing leadership meetings and actions.
 - Wyatt introduced the SBS24 Career Fair
 - Route40 corridor campaign
 - New NMTA website, new members, and SBS24 tickets for sale and website live!
- What's up in Olympia Jay/Roman Daniels-Brown

- Legislative Session begins January 8th, 60-days, 6 initiatives to the legislature, lots of money/no money.
 - [HB 1906](#) would broaden eligibility for non-resident cruising permits to vessels up to 300ft LOA from the previous statutory limit of 200ft. Our Olympia team will be advocating for this change sought by SYNW to welcome more yachts and tourism dollars, while also delivering more revenue to state coffers.
 - [HB 1919](#) would expedite the legal process toward removal of derelict vessels.
 - HB XXXX – presumed pilotage exemption for vessels under 65ft
- NMTA/RBAW - Boaters Day in Olympia 1/25 Jay/Tevor
 - Shoreline Management Plan updates Mauri Schuler
 - “legal marina” definition in Seattle’s developing update to their Shoreline Management Plan, broad relevance including house boats and LULA.
 - WMF Maritime Impact Jay
<https://www.maritimefederation.com/>
 - For the good of the order/Adjourn Neil Falkenburg
 - Monique Weber alerted the attendees to the Equal Pay and Equal Opportunity Act. There was discussion and Jay was encouraged to find materials to optimize awareness and encourage compliance with the broad new law.