



Government Affairs Committee Agenda

July 11th 2024th @ 10:30 am

Via Zoom

25 participants

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

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- Jay Jennings highlighted the Marina and Boatyard Conference and Golf Tournament.
- **Welcome/Call to Order** Tarin Todd

Tarin Todd of Foss Harbor Marina was introduced and offered comment as the new Chair of the NMTA Government Affairs Committee. Tarin commended our work and stated that we should continue our good work as we have.
- **Political Action Committee financials** Jay Jennings

Jay reviewed the PAC balance and expenditures, highlighted the need for PAC funds and the PAC Golf Fundraiser on October 9th at Trophy Lake.
- **Election Cycle 2024** Jay Jennings

Jay provided his own handicapping on the November elections and noted new poll from the DePoe camp showing Patrick DePoe gaining traction in the race for Public Lands Commissioner.

- Governor
 - Public Lands Commissioner/DNR
 - Legislature
 - Seattle City Council
- **Legal Landscape Update** with discussion Brad Doll (**Doll|Mack|Wells**)
Bill DeVoe (Law office of
Willam DeVoe)

Jay welcomed and thanked Brad Doll and Bill DeVoe to the call and for their time in addressing the committee with updates from the courts and other legal matters.

Brad Doll thoroughly briefed the committee on the recent US Supreme Court case known as *Chevron*. While the court seems to be tightening the reins on regulators, it will only come to fruition after aggressive and expensive legal action from the regulated community to challenge agency interpretations.

Brad updated the progress of Ecology's revised Industrial General Stormwater Permit noting that while Marinas are not within the stated scope of the revised draft, activities such as material handling could inadvertently render a marina doing such activities subject to the permit.

Bill DeVoe thoroughly briefed the implementation of NMTA's House Bill 1919 which cuts the grace period in half for non-paying moorage customers in the private sector (from 90-45 days).

- **Legislative/Regulatory Issues** Jay Jennings
 - Revised Load Testing Directive
 - Leaseholder CPI basis – we are investigating and laying the foundation for a more reasonable inflation factor for aquatic lands leasing.
 - LOA cruise permits
 - Vessel exemptions

Jay solicited ideas for legislative changes to optimally prepare for the 2025 legislative session.