

- **Legislative Advocacy and Political Contributions Review:** Jay, Roman Daniels-Brown, and JMB led a detailed review of the NMTA's recent political contributions, discussed the rationale for supporting specific legislative candidates, and highlighted the importance of maintaining relationships with pro-business and maritime-friendly legislators, with input from Trevor and others.
 - **Overview of PAC Contributions:** Jay and Roman Daniels-Brown presented an overview of the NMTA's \$40,000 spend for the year, noting that the organization has built up healthy reserves and that the contributions are strategically allocated to candidates and organizational committees that support the maritime and recreational boating industry.
 - **Candidate Selection Rationale:** JMB and Roman explained the selection of candidates, emphasizing support for moderate, pro-business voices across both parties, and discussed the importance of maintaining legislative balance and relationships with key figures such as Steve Berquist, Adam Berenbaum, Katie Cornell, Addison Richards, and others.
 - **District-Specific Insights:** The team provided district-level insights, such as the competitiveness of the 26th district, the open seat in the 39th, and the importance of supporting incumbents and new candidates who have demonstrated support for NMTA priorities, with JMB and Roman offering context on candidate backgrounds and legislative dynamics.
 - **Organizational Committee Contributions:** Jay described contributions to party organizational committees, explaining that these funds can be transferred to candidates as needed, and highlighted the strategic value of supporting both Senate and House committees to ensure broad legislative influence.
 - **Fundraiser and Event Participation:** Roman and Trevor reported on recent fundraisers, such as the event for Julia Reed, noting good turnout and productive conversations, and discussed ongoing efforts to build relationships with newer, more cooperative legislators before they become entrenched in caucus politics.
- **State Revenue Forecast and Budget Challenges:** Roman Daniels-Brown and Jay discussed the state's bleak revenue forecast, the likelihood of budget cuts or new taxes, and the ongoing need for defensive advocacy to protect industry interests amid fiscal pressures.
 - **Revenue Forecast Overview:** Jay referenced a snapshot prepared by Roman and Abby showing a slight uptick in capital gains but an overall significant budget shortfall, with the governor stating no new taxes in the proposed budget but leaving open the possibility of tax increases through legislative action.
 - **Implications for Industry:** Jay and Roman emphasized the need for continued defensive advocacy, noting that the industry must be vigilant to avoid being targeted as a revenue source and that past promises of no new taxes have not always been upheld.
 - **Tourism and Economic Development Concerns:** Jay highlighted Washington's low ranking in tourism promotion spending, the decline in cross-border travel,

and the lack of robust state investment in tourism, suggesting that increased promotion could benefit the industry and the state economy.

- **Local and State Regulatory Issues Impacting Marinas and Boatyards:** Jay, Mauri - LULA, Dennis, and Foss Harbor Marina Tarin Todd discussed a range of regulatory challenges, including shoreline master plan updates, wake surfing restrictions, derelict vessel management, and infrastructure funding and permitting difficulties.
 - **Shoreline Master Plan and Floating Residences:** Mauri - LULA described recent advocacy efforts regarding the closure of Salmon Bay Marina, property assessments for floating residences, and a successful challenge to a restrictive city interpretation on rebuilding houseboats, with ongoing uncertainty about the Seattle Shoreline Master Plan update.
 - **Wake Surfing and Local Restrictions:** Jay and Markham discussed the proliferation of local wake surfing restrictions, noting specific proposals in Mason County and the challenges these pose for boat owners and the industry, with concerns about the patchwork nature of local regulations.
 - **Boatyard Permit Revisions:** Jay reported ongoing work with the Department of Ecology on revising boatyard permits, emphasizing the need for scientifically based benchmarks and a balanced approach that protects both the environment and business viability, with the next draft expected in January 2027.
 - **DNR Upland Lease Assessments:** Jay and Foss Harbor Marina Tarin Todd discussed the burden of upland lease assessments on marinas, the tradition of including upland valuations in lease agreements, and ongoing efforts to communicate the impact to DNR and seek relief.
- **Derelict and Abandoned Vessel Program Updates:** Jay, Foss Harbor Marina Tarin Todd, Dennis, and others reviewed the status of the derelict vessel program, recent victories in protecting its funding, operational challenges for marinas, and the growing issue of end-of-life fiberglass boats.
 - **Program Funding and Legislative Defense:** Foss Harbor Marina Tarin Todd and Jay recounted efforts to prevent a proposed \$10 million sweep of the derelict vessel account, ultimately succeeding in protecting the program's funding, which is critical for ongoing vessel removal operations.
 - **Operational Challenges for Marinas:** Dennis and Tarin described the process marinas follow when dealing with abandoned vessels, including reimbursement limitations, the burden of unpaid moorage, and the need for more direct access to the vessel turn-in program for private marinas.
 - **End-of-Life Fiberglass Boats:** Tarin highlighted the emerging challenge of disposing of the first generation of fiberglass boats reaching end-of-life, noting that the derelict vessel program's workload is increasing and will likely continue to grow.
 - **Insurance and Liability Issues:** Jay and Tarin discussed the limitations of insurance coverage for abandoned vessels, with insurance typically lapsing before abandonment, leaving marinas to bear the costs of removal and remediation.
- **Industry Events and Member Engagement:** Jay announced upcoming events including the PAC Golf Tournament and Legislative Fishing event, encouraged member participation, and highlighted the importance of ongoing communication and advocacy within the group.

- **Event Announcements:** Jay promoted the PAC Golf Tournament scheduled for September 21st and the Legislative Fishing event with CCA, encouraging members to participate, sponsor, and help fill event rosters with legislators.
 - **Member Outreach and Communication:** Jay and Foss Harbor Marina Tarin Todd encouraged members to reach out with issues, questions, or to get on future agendas, emphasizing the value of sharing local challenges and collaborating on advocacy efforts.
- **Marina Infrastructure and Permitting Challenges:** Dennis, Jay, and Foss Harbor Marina Tarin Todd discussed the difficulties marinas face in upgrading infrastructure due to funding and permitting barriers, and ongoing advocacy efforts at the federal and state levels to address these issues.
 - **Funding and Permitting Barriers:** Dennis described the challenges of securing funding and permits for infrastructure upgrades, noting that both public and private marinas face similar obstacles, which can lead to increased rates for customers.
 - **Federal and State Advocacy:** Jay and Tarin outlined ongoing efforts to engage congressional delegations and federal agencies, including work with Cantwell's and Strickland's offices, to push for permitting reforms and greater support for marina reinvestment.
- **Industry Business Developments and Market Trends:** Mary, Jay, and Dennis discussed recent business developments such as the bankruptcy of American Tug, private equity acquisitions of marinas, and the impact of aging infrastructure and market shifts on the industry.
 - **American Tug Bankruptcy:** Mary raised concerns about the impact of American Tug's Chapter 7 bankruptcy on customers with ongoing builds, and Jay provided background on the situation and its implications for the local industry.
 - **Private Equity Acquisitions:** Jay and Dennis noted recent marina acquisitions by private equity firms, discussed the potential implications for maritime use and industry priorities, and agreed to track further developments.
 - **Aging Infrastructure:** Dennis highlighted the consensus among marine operators regarding the challenges posed by aging infrastructure and the need for improved funding and permitting processes to support necessary upgrades.
- **Maritime Workforce and Pilotage Updates:** Mauri - LULA shared news about their son becoming a Puget Sound pilot, and Jay discussed the challenges and costs associated with pilotage for large vessels, as well as the group's ongoing relationship with the pilotage commission.
 - **Puget Sound Pilot Achievement:** Mauri - LULA announced their son's recent licensure as a Puget Sound pilot, describing the career transition and the rigorous training involved.
 - **Pilotage Costs and Industry Impact:** Jay discussed the high costs and logistical challenges of pilotage for super yachts and large vessels, the need for ongoing advocacy with the pilotage commission, and the importance of maintaining good relationships with pilots and regulators.

Follow-up tasks:

- **Shoreline Master Plan Update Advocacy:** Coordinate with Mauri - LULA to discuss details and broader outreach regarding the Seattle Shoreline Master Plan update and ensure all stakeholders are informed and engaged. (Jay, Mauri - LULA)
- **Permitting Issue Federal Advocacy:** Reach out to Dennis and MMA to collaborate on federal permitting issues, including engaging with congressional delegation members and sharing updates on progress. (Foss Harbor Marina Tarin Todd, Dennis)
- **Mitigation Calculator Updates:** Provide updates to the group on any developments regarding the mitigation calculator as new information becomes available. (Foss Harbor Marina Tarin Todd)