

PORT OF PORT ORFORD PORT COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

**Minutes**

FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Port Orford City Hall, 555 20th St., Port Orford & Via Teleconference (Google Meet):

**1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM.**

a. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Aaron Ashdown, President

Brett Webb, Commissioner

Pat Cox, Secretary/Treasurer

Scott Mecum, Commissioner

Commissioners online:

Clark Kocurek, Commissioner

b. Declaration of potential conflicts of interest

i. Commissioner Mecum declared a potential conflict of interest for both items.

ii. Commissioner Ashdown declared a potential conflict of interest for item 2b.

**2. Public Comment**

- a. Faith Townsend (Communications Coordinator) expressed concern about the persistent spread of misinformation by the Elahka Alliance. She stated that their staff have overgeneralized the effects of sea otter reintroduction to commercial fisheries, and are telling the public that otters will not harm any commercial fisheries in Oregon. She suggested that the commission contact the alliance directly and that she will continue to advocate for the Port and fleet at any public events she participates in.

**3. Action or Discussion Items (Action May Occur)**

a. Seawater System RFP

i. Commissioner Kocurek moved to approve the Seawater Delivery System RFP with the discussed changes, and Commissioner Mecum seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

b. Dungeness Crab Rule Change Petition

i. The Commission will work with staff to draft and submit a letter to ODFW regarding the Port's concerns around the proposed rules changes.

**4. Executive Session**

Port administrator performance review pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i) was postponed to a future meeting.

- 5. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Regular Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 PM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Submitted by

Name: Catherine Scobby

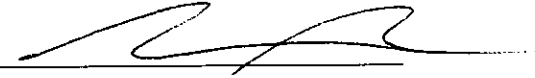
Approved by

Name: Aaron Ashdown

Port Administrator

Date: 02/17/2026

President's Signature:

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Title: *Commission President*

Date:

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