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**Port of Bremerton Community Outreach/Public Participation
Citizen Advisory Committee**

BREMERTON, Wash. – The first meeting of a citizen committee to help advise the Port of Bremerton Commission on their recently approved Community Outreach and Public Participation (COPP) policy was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at the terminal building at Bremerton National Airport.

Earlier this year, the Bremerton Port Commission adopted the COPP policy with a goal of enabling citizens, business persons and other stakeholders of the Port district to become better informed and engaged in Port business and its processes. One method of advancing this goal was to form a citizen committee to work with Commissioner Bill Mahan and Port staff members to provide input and feedback to the Commission on the COPP. Commissioner Bill Mahan asked that the group review the policy and suggest any amendments or revisions to the Commission.

Members of the citizen group include Bremerton resident John Hanson; Seabeck resident Robert Moyer; and South Kitsap residents Ardena Miller, Roger Jensen, and Clarke Coulter.

Discussion points of the meeting included possible televising of public meetings, Port website improvements, written published community reports, advanced public meeting notice, public document access and public comment opportunities.

Member John Hanson stated "this community outreach program is a great first step in the Port of Bremerton's endeavor to be more transparent and have genuine public participation. The Port has shown a sincere interest in improving this area and I will work hard with four other community members to provide solid recommendations."

The committee will meet again on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room in the terminal building at Bremerton National Airport. Any interested members of public are welcome to attend.

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