

**DATE:** December 29, 2022  
**TO:** Port Commission  
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**SUBJECT:** The Tacoma Youth Marine Foundation update at the January 17, 2023  
Port Commission Meeting

**A. ACTION REQUESTED**

There will be no request for action. The Tacoma Youth Marine Foundation presentation at the January 2023 Port Commission Meeting will provide the Port Commission an opportunity to receive an update from the program's Executive Director Monique Valenzuela. Ms. Valenzuela will update the Commission on the Foundation's new vessel, activities, trainings, current business plan, and up-coming improvements planned for their programs.

**B. BACKGROUND**

It is the mission of the Tacoma Youth Marine Foundation to provide an opportunity for all youth of Tacoma/Pierce County to experience quality maritime skills training that also teaches solid values, effective leadership and teamwork, and concern of the environment. The Tacoma Youth Marine Center provides a place for marine-related training programs for young men and women. It is a place to develop skills and confidence through training in leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness that instills strength of character and positive life values.

A tenant since January of 2007, the Port of Tacoma entered into a 30-year lease with the Youth Marine Foundation in December of 2016 for the premises of: 1.17 acres of land including 16,108 square feet of warehouse, 4,561 square feet of office space and floating docks. The Youth Marine Foundation currently pays \$2178 in monthly rent, a number conservatively discounted at around \$15,000/mth over market rate.

During the fifteen years they have occupied this space, the Tacoma Youth Marine Center has provided training and educational programs to hundreds of youths in our region.

**C. NEXT STEPS**

There will not be further steps related to this presentation.