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ANACORTES – The Port of Anacortes Commission announced an update to their regular meeting format during their meeting of October 20, 2011. The Commission's regular meeting agenda has traditionally contained two public comment periods, one at the beginning, specifically for comments on items on the regular agenda and a second at the end, for subjects other than regular agenda items. Comments from local resident John Firlotte concerning the current format for public comment inspired a discussion by the Commission who were of a consensus that members of the public wishing to address the Commission be allowed to offer comment on *any* subject related to the Port at *either* comment period, regardless of whether that subject was on the regular agenda.

This new policy takes effect during the regular meeting portion of the Port Commission's November 3rd meeting, following the public hearing on the Port's 2012 budget.

The Port Commission is dedicated to informing and involving the community in its public meetings. Port Commission President, Keith Rubin, stated the Port appreciates the input it receives from Port district residents in a respectful public process. The Port has broadcast its public meetings each Wednesday and Saturday on local cable television since 2006 and on streaming video via Skagit County's website since 2010.

Port Commission meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission meeting room of the Main Port Warehouse Transit Shed. The public is welcome to attend all regular and special meetings unless otherwise noted. Commission meeting agendas, notices, past minutes and other information are listed on the Port's website, www.portofanacortes.com



About the Port of Anacortes

The Port of Anacortes was formed in 1926 to promote economic development for Anacortes and the surrounding area. The Port district is led by a board of five elected commissioners: Keith Rubin, Pat D. Mooney, Ray Niver, Steve Hopley, and Bill Short. Public meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Main Port Warehouse, 1st & Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, WA. For more information, visit www.portofanacortes.com or contact Julie Johnson Lindsey, Executive Assistant, julie@portofanacortes.com