

**Portland Fish Exchange  
Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
9:30 AM, June 1, 2022, via Zoom**

**Board:** Rob Odlin (President), Bill Needleman (Vice President), Tae Chong, Avis Leavitt, Nick Alfiero, Tim Merrill, John Arnold (Quorum of Members)

**Staff:** Steven Schultz, Michael Goldman

**Public:** Mary Hudson, Bens Martens, Alan Tracy, Meredith Mendelson

1. **Meeting called to order** at 9:33 AM by President
2. **Discussion of potential future operational opportunities for the Portland Fish Exchange.**

The Board with public input discussed the request by May 31, 2022, Portland Fish Pier Authority Board of Directors.

*Bill Needleman made the following motion:*

Motion: Consistent with direction provided by the Portland Fish Pier Authority Board of Directors when approving subsidy for the continued operation of the Portland Fish Exchange, the Portland Fish Exchange Board of Directors directs the General Manager to work with city staff to immediately initiate a **Request for Interest (RFI)** process to seek options for delivery of services and management at the Portland Fish Exchange (the **Alternative Business Model Search Process.**) Staff will return with a draft RFI to the Board for review and approval at the next available meeting.

Context: Such a process will be open to public, private, and not-for-profit entities and partnerships. The goal of the Request for Interest process is to discover whether there are sustainable alternatives to the current quasi-municipal model. Based on the responses to the RFI, the Board may request formal proposals for management of the Portland Fish Exchange from one or more of the respondents to the RFI. The process does not compel the Portland Fish Exchange, the Portland Fish Pier Authority, or the City of Portland to select an alternative management entity; however, in order to ensure continuity of services to the ground fish fleet the Portland Fish Exchange commits to seek in good faith a more sustainable business model than the current system has provided for many years. This motion was seconded by Tae Chong. After some discussion the motion was approved 6-1-0

3. **Executive Session – Consistent with Executive Session Statute 1 MRS 405(6)(A)(C)&(E), the Board vote to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matter Motion made by Rob and seconded by Avis. Passed 7-0-0**
4. **Public portion of meeting adjourned 11:10 AM**
5. **After completing the purpose of the Executive Session, the meeting adjourned at about noon.**
6. **Next Meeting: 3 PM, June 16, 2022**