

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC RECORDS RELEASE SHOWS PORT LEASE DISCLOSED TO INDUSTRY LONG BEFORE ANY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Yesterday, we received another installment of records under the Public Records Act (available at the link below).

The biggest revelation is that there was an intensive industry and labor lobbying effort in December urging the Commission to enter into the lease with Foss and the focus was for a homeport for Shell's Arctic drilling fleet. Most of the released emails (only some of the letters that were attached to the emails have been released) went to John Creighton, who sent the same response, personalized, to the senders.

In mid-December, Creighton told Larry Ehl of the Port staff that the Commissioners are getting lobbied regarding the Foss lease in a letter writing campaign and personally at events. He asked whether they are still subject to a nondisclosure agreement, observes that the proponents aren't abiding by it, wants to know how much they can say publicly, and notes that there are two proposals by Foss for use of Terminal 5, one of which has the green light from the Commission. [page 59].

Ehl responds by saying that they are in the process of developing a briefing for the 1/27 Commission meeting and that they would "try to get Commissioners a 1:1 in advance. "

There is also a July 2014 email from John Creighton to Port staff and the other Commissioners indicating an interest in convincing Foss to relocate its boatyard currently on Lake Union to the Port and making Foss an anchor tenant. There is a suggestion that entering into an interim lease with Foss for Terminal 5 would help strengthen relations between the Port and Foss for future business options.

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