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Dear Marina Customer,

In August we shared with you that the Port of Seattle was set to launch a \$78.5 million renewal program at Shilshole Bay Marina. As we began more detailed planning, it became clear that cost increases throughout the construction industry could have a great impact on the project budget. Our goal is to upgrade Shilshole and stay within the authorized budget. As a result, we have decided to delay the landside portion of the project for two months while we examine the cost of rebuilding the facility.

This delay **will not** affect the construction of new docks. Our priority remains to rebuild the 20 main docks at the marina and enhance the small boat sailing center in the north-end with a new pier, new hoists and launching floats. Utility upgrades and a new one-story marina building will also be completed. The Port Commission will decide on the proposed changes to the landside portion of the plan at a public meeting on December 14, and construction on the landside portion will likely begin in March. The three-year schedule for rebuilding the docks will begin this summer as planned.

As we said before, the marina will remain open throughout construction. We expect to be able to accommodate all of our customers' vessels within the marina and will contact each vessel owner regarding changes to slip assignments during construction. We value your business and hope you choose to keep your boat at Shilshole.

As the project moves ahead, we will do our best to keep you informed. Look for periodic updates in your monthly billing, postings throughout the marina, website updates and a Community Open House early next year. I also encourage you to subscribe to email updates via the Port's website. Simply visit www.portseattle.org and click on "Sign up for E-mail lists".

Sincerely,

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