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PRESS RELEASE

Working Waterfront Coalition Endorses NO on Portland's Question 2

PORTLAND, Maine (October 26, 2015)—A group of more than 20 local fishermen, waterfront workers and waterfront business owners today announced their endorsement of a 'NO' vote on Question 2, which will appear on the city ballot on November 3.

Members of the Portland Working Waterfront Coalition held a press conference on Union Wharf to voice their concerns about the potential negative impact of the proposed Scenic View Ordinance on their livelihoods. The group believes that, in its attempt to preserve views, the proposed ordinance puts the working waterfront at great risk by impeding waterfront businesses' ability to make the investments and upgrades necessary to keep the waterfront working and viable. The Portland Waterfront Coalition joins Portland's Future, and a long list of other "NO on 2" endorsements.

Charlie Poole, President of Proprietors of Union Wharf and Custom Float Services, noted that he and other property/business owners have fought for decades for land use policies that have resulted in an economically vibrant working waterfront. "This ordinance would undo much of that hard work and could really put the brakes on future investing in our waterfront" Poole said.

Phineas Sprague Jr., owner of Portland Yacht Services, concurred. "I moved up the Fore River so I could expand my waterfront business," Sprague said. "If this ordinance passes, I worry whether I'll be able to do that."

Other members of the Working Waterfront Coalition include: Scott Dyer of Custom Float Services; Steve DiMillo of DiMillo's Marina; Larus Isfed of Eimskip; Roger Hale Sr. of General Marine; Roger Hale Jr. of Fore Dock and Dredge; Ray Swenton; Mark Klopp of Portland Pilots Inc.; Stephen Goodrich of Maine Wharf; Mike Fox of ILA Portland Longshore Local 861; Phineas Sprague Jr. of Portland Yacht Services; John Ready of Ready Seafood; Coley Mulkern of Lionel Plante Associates; Jon Leavitt of Chase Leavitt; Pete Ayers of Hamilton Marine; Paul Stevens of SMRT; and Cianbro. **Please see the full letter from the Coalition below.**

Members of the working waterfront community will join AARP Maine, Associated General Contractors of Maine, Avesta Housing, GrowSmart Maine, Maine Port Authority, Homeless Voices for Justice, the Maine State Building & Construction Trades Council, the Portland Community Chamber of Commerce, the Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce, The Portland Society of Architecture, and dozens of small businesses and entrepreneurs in Opposition to Portland's Question 2.

For more information about Portland's Future, visit www.portlandsfuture.com or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FutureOfTheEasternWaterfront>

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To: Voting Residents of Portland, Maine

From: Portland Working Waterfront Coalition

Re: Proposed Scenic View Ordinance – Referendum Question #2

Date: October 26, 2015

The Working Waterfront Coalition represents the working waterfront of Portland, Maine. We are workers, local businesses, taxpayers and individuals that rely on the waterfront to make a living, support our families and provide employment for others.

We believe in an active, vibrant, multi-use and multi-purpose working waterfront.

We believe views of the working waterfront are important and adequately protected by the existing and extensive land-use laws and ordinances.

We believe the working waterfront is Portland's single-greatest asset.

After thorough review and careful consideration we have come to the collective conclusion that the proposed Scenic View Ordinance places the working waterfront at great risk.

In its attempt to preserve views of the working waterfront, the proposed ordinance puts the working waterfront at great risk by impeding our ability to make the investments and upgrades necessary to keep our waterfront working and viable.

We, the Working Waterfront Coalition, are joining with Portland's Future to endorse a "NO on #2" vote.

The Working Waterfront Coalition,

Charlie Poole/ Proprietors of Union Wharf
Scott Dyer/Custom Float Services
Cianbro
Larus Isfed/Eimskip
Steve DiMillo/DiMillo's Marina
Roger Hale Sr./General Marine
Roger Hale Jr./Fore Dock and Dredge
Angelo Ciocca/Nova Seafood
Becky Rand/Becky's Diner
Ray Swenton
Mark Klopp/Portland Pilots Inc.
Stephen Goodrich/Maine Wharf
Michael Fox/ILA Portland Longshore Local 861
John Ready/Ready Seafood
Coley Mulkern/Lionel Plante Associates
Jon Leavitt/Chase Leavitt
Pete Ayers/Hamilton Marine
Paul Stevens/SMRT
Patrick Arnold/Soli DG, Inc.
Phineas Sprague Jr./Portland Yacht Services
Anthony Gatti & Dan Jacques/ Merrill's Wharf
Mike Marino
Joe Schmader/Gowen Inc.
Peter McAleney/New Meadow Lobster
Peter Kelly Widgery Wharf
Mason Sears/SF Marina
New England Regional Council of Carpenters