



# AGENDA

Port of Bandon  
Regular Commission  
July 23, 2026, 5:00pm  
Bandon Public Library  
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| <b>A.</b> | <b>Call To Order</b>                                                      | Commissioners       | Verbal |
| <b>B.</b> | <b>Roll Call by Secretary-Treasurer</b>                                   | Commissioners       | Verbal |
| <b>C.</b> | <b>Consent Calendar</b>                                                   |                     |        |
| i.        | June Minutes                                                              | Commissioners       | A-B    |
| ii.       | June Financials                                                           | Commissioners       | C-M    |
| <b>D.</b> | <b>Presiding Officer and Commissioner Comments</b>                        |                     |        |
| <b>E.</b> | <b>Ordinances and Resolutions</b>                                         | Commissioners       |        |
| <b>F.</b> | <b>Public Contracts and Purchasing</b>                                    | Commissioners       |        |
| <b>G.</b> | <b>Public Hearings</b>                                                    | Commissioners       |        |
| <b>H.</b> | <b>Port Directors Report</b>                                              |                     |        |
| i.        | Coquille Indian Tribe Nasomah Memorial lease / Ownership Structure Review | Jeff/Commissioners  | 1      |
| iii.      | US / Japan Sea Urchin Knowledge Exchange                                  | Jeff/Commissioners  | 2-3    |
| iv.       | Federal Funding Update                                                    | Jeff/Commissioners  | Verbal |
| v.        | Other misc                                                                | Jeff/Commissioners  | Verbal |
| <b>I.</b> | <b>Port Staff Reports</b>                                                 |                     |        |
| i.        | Harbor Office Update                                                      | Shawn/Commissioners | Verbal |
| ii.       | Temporary staff hire                                                      | Kathy/Commssioners  | Verbal |
| <b>J.</b> | <b>Public Comment</b>                                                     |                     |        |
| <b>K.</b> | <b>Other Misc Matters</b>                                                 |                     |        |
| <b>L.</b> | <b>Executive Session</b>                                                  |                     |        |
| <b>M.</b> | <b>Adjournment</b>                                                        |                     |        |

NOTES:

Port of Bandon  
Regular Commission Meeting  
June 25, 2026, 5:00 pm  
Bandon Public Library  
Bandon, OR

Commissioners Present: Don Starbuck, Lori Osborne (by Zoom), Donny Goddard, and Reg Pullen

Commissioners Absent: Wayne Butler

Staff: Jeff Griffin - Port Manager, Josh Adamson – Port Specialist, and Shawn Winchell – Harbormaster

Guests: Stephanie Stone and John Towne

Commissioner Pullen opened the meeting at 5:00pm

**Commissioner Starbuck made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner Goddard seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Per Resolution 2024-01 a new moorage rate sheet was discussed showing an annual 3% increase. This increase will sunset in 2029.

Quotes were presented for two separate projects - a new roof on The Loft building and for exterior painting of the High Dock Harbor Office. Pioneer Roofing has submitted a quote for \$15,000 for The Loft and J.W. White Painting's quote was for \$15,675 for the office. Griffin stated these were the lowest bids received. **Commissioner Starbuck made a motion to approve the quote from Pioneer Roofing in the amount of \$15,000. Commissioner Osborne seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Commissioner Goddard made a motion to approve the J.W. White Painting quote in the amount of \$15,675. Motion seconded by Commissioner Osborne. Motion passes unanimously.**

Bandon Bait owner Brian Foley approached Griffin for the Port to purchase the newly installed hood and ventilation system. Foley shared that the Port currently owns other systems in Port owned buildings and offered to sell to the Port at a discounted price than he purchased. Griffin and Foley agreed to \$9,300.81.

Griffin was approached in email to discuss the annual Poles for Kids by it's organizer, Bulldog. The Port has previously contributed \$2,000 annually to the charity. After Commission discussion, it was decided that without a representative present and the request early in nature, Griffin would respond to Bulldog and request his presence as a future meeting to make the request in person.

With Maintenance Supervisor, Shawn Winchell on vacation, Griffin gave a status update on the progress of the harbor office. T&G ceiling boards have been stained, concrete sidewalks have not been completed, and the Port is hoping for a soft opening in September. The chamber has been contacted and will do a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

SHN has completed survey work for a trail around Redmon Pond. The wetland inventory has been completed. There should be a preliminary design in the next few weeks. Griffing is looking into two different grant sources for funding the trail.

The maintenance crew is short staffed during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Landscaping, signage and safety are the top priorities for the 4<sup>th</sup>. Shawn will be returning back from vacation on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Chris Foltz has finished and delivered the commissioned sculpture. No specified placement was discussed.

The stolen plaques were approved in a recent insurance claim.

Adamson discussed the details of the upcoming annual Port of Bandon Cardboard Boat Regatta. This is the only 4<sup>th</sup> of July event for the Port and draws a huge crowd. Adamson is hopeful for many participants.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Towne mentioned the chainsaw festival and the work that goes into the sculptures.

Regular meeting was adjourned at 5:32pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Joshua Adamson

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**Port of Bandon**  
**Reconciliation Summary**  
**10100 - Banner Bank Checking, Period Ending 05/31/2026**

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|                                   | May 31, 26  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance                 | 92,532.91   |
| Cleared Transactions              |             |
| Checks and Payments - 55 items    | -109,560.12 |
| Deposits and Credits - 17 items   | 59,366.23   |
| Total Cleared Transactions        | -50,193.89  |
| Cleared Balance                   | 42,339.02   |
| Uncleared Transactions            |             |
| Checks and Payments - 14 items    | -31,136.67  |
| Total Uncleared Transactions      | -31,136.67  |
| Register Balance as of 05/31/2026 | 11,202.35   |
| New Transactions                  |             |
| Checks and Payments - 33 items    | -86,921.66  |
| Deposits and Credits - 10 items   | 75,060.81   |
| Total New Transactions            | -11,860.85  |
| Ending Balance                    | -658.50     |



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## Statement of Account

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#### SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Complete Public Funds Checking XXXXXXXXXXXXX \$42,339.02 ✓

#### CHECKING ACCOUNT

XXXXXXXXXXXX

#### Complete Public Funds Checking

Account Title: Port of Bandon

Account Number

XXXXXXXXXXXX

Statement Dates

5/01/26 thru 5/31/26

Previous Balance

92,532.91

Days in the statement period

31

13 Deposits/Credits

55,206.23

Average Ledger

47,151.63

8 Debits

36,792.51

Average Collected

46,853.26

39 Checks

68,607.61

Service Charge

.00

Interest Paid

.00

Current Balance

42,339.02

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**Port of Bandon**  
**Reconciliation Summary**  
**10120 · LGIP Local Gov Investment Pool, Period Ending 05/31/2026**

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|                                   | <u>May 31, 26</u>           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Beginning Balance                 | 804,394.83                  |
| Cleared Transactions              |                             |
| Deposits and Credits - 2 items    | <u>7,061.80</u>             |
| Total Cleared Transactions        | <u>7,061.80</u>             |
| Cleared Balance                   | <u>811,456.63</u> <i>JS</i> |
| Register Balance as of 05/31/2026 | 811,456.63                  |
| New Transactions                  |                             |
| Checks and Payments - 1 item      | <u>-50,000.00</u>           |
| Total New Transactions            | <u>-50,000.00</u>           |
| Ending Balance                    | <u><u>761,456.63</u></u>    |

For the Month Ending **May 31, 2026**F

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# Port of Bandon Reconciliation Summary

10110 · Banner Bank Merchant, Period Ending 05/31/2026

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|                                   | May 31, 26        |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance                 | 16,687.81         |
| Cleared Transactions              |                   |
| Checks and Payments - 2 items     | -25,594.69        |
| Deposits and Credits - 5 items    | 16,659.13         |
| Total Cleared Transactions        | -8,935.56         |
| Cleared Balance                   | 7,752.25 <i>✓</i> |
| Register Balance as of 05/31/2026 | 7,752.25          |
| Ending Balance                    | 7,752.25          |

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Port of Bandon  
Merchant Services Account  
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## SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Basic Public Funds Checking XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX \$7,752.25 ✓

## CHECKING ACCOUNT

XXXXXXXXXXXX

### Basic Public Funds Checking

Account Title: Port of Bandon

Merchant Services Account

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Account Number     | XXXXXXXXXXXX |
| Previous Balance   | 16,687.81    |
| 4 Deposits/Credits | 16,659.13    |
| 2 Debits           | 25,594.69    |
| Service Charge     | .00          |
| Interest Paid      | .00          |
| Current Balance    | 7,752.25     |

|                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Statement Dates              | 5/01/26 thru 5/31/26 |
| Days in the statement period | 31                   |
| Average Ledger               | 18,545.93            |
| Average Collected            | 18,545.93            |

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**Port of Bandon**  
**Reconciliation Summary**  
10130 · Banner Bank PEDF Account, Period Ending 05/31/2026

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|                                   | <u>May 31, 26</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance                 | 8,112.64          |
| Cleared Transactions              |                   |
| Checks and Payments - 1 item      | -10,000.00        |
| Deposits and Credits - 3 items    | 3,361.10          |
|                                   | <u>-6,638.90</u>  |
| Total Cleared Transactions        |                   |
| Cleared Balance                   | <u>1,473.74</u>   |
| Register Balance as of 05/31/2026 | 1,473.74          |
| Ending Balance                    | 1,473.74          |

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#### SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Basic Public Funds Checking XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX \$1,473.74 ✓

#### CHECKING ACCOUNT

XXXXXXXXXXXX

#### Basic Public Funds Checking

|                               |              |                              |                      |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Account Title: Port of Bandon |              | Statement Dates              | 5/01/26 thru 5/31/26 |
| Account Number                | XXXXXXXXXXXX | Days in the statement period | 31                   |
| Previous Balance              | 8,112.64     | Average Ledger               | 8,117.11             |
| 2 Deposits/Credits            | 3,361.10     | Average Collected            | 7,782.16             |
| 1 Debits                      | 10,000.00    |                              |                      |
| Service Charge                | .00          |                              |                      |
| Interest Paid                 | .00          |                              |                      |
| Current Balance               | 1,473.74     |                              |                      |

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**PORT OF BANDON**  
CHECK TRANSACTIONS



**MAY 2026**

| DATE    | CK # NAME                            | AMOUNT               |
|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 5/13/26 | 6864 Oregon Dept of Agriculture      | (\$49.00)            |
| 5/13/26 | 6865 Country Media                   | (\$107.45)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6866 The Coquille Valley Sentinel    | (\$840.00)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6867 Bandon Ace Hardware             | (\$670.42)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6868 Golder's Bay Area Napa          | (\$220.90)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6869 Coastal Paper                   | (\$701.59)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6870 Bandon Supply Inc.              | (\$1,282.67)         |
| 5/13/26 | 6871 Industrial Steel                | (\$722.40)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6872 Englund Marine Supply           | (\$196.88)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6873 South Coast Tire & Auto         | (\$1,482.64)         |
| 5/13/26 | 6874 United Rentals                  | (\$552.11)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6875 Cascade Home Center             | (\$471.84)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6876 Canon Solutions America         | (\$169.59)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6877 Stericycle Inc.                 | (\$28.62)            |
| 5/13/26 | 6878 Banner Bank                     | (\$2,217.82)         |
| 5/13/26 | 6879 Aquatic Research Systems        | (\$22,351.50)        |
| 5/13/26 | 6880 Oregon Corrections Enterprises  | (\$72.00)            |
| 5/13/26 | 6881 CNA Surety                      | (\$100.00)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6882 Oregon Overseas Timber Co. Inc. | (\$69.30)            |
| 5/13/26 | 6883 Bandon Key Works                | (\$35.00)            |
| 5/13/26 | 6884 Industrial Resources            | (\$84.00)            |
| 5/13/26 | 6885 McGowne Ironworks, LLC          | (\$2,652.75)         |
| 5/13/26 | 6886 south Coast Septic              | (\$330.00)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6887 Les County Sanitary Service     | (\$38.28)            |
| 5/13/26 | 6888 Mike's Welding & Fabrication    | (\$195.00)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6889 City of Bandon                  | (\$4,232.51)         |
| 5/13/26 | 6890 Special District Ins Services   | (\$10,197.95)        |
| 5/13/26 | 6891 Pacific Power                   | (\$21.32)            |
| 5/13/26 | 6892 Joseph's Janitorial             | (\$220.00)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6893 Art by the Sea                  | (\$200.00)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6894 Jamie Painter                   | (\$256.00)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6895 Jeff Holiman                    | (\$290.08)           |
| 5/13/26 | 6896 Eric Erickson                   | (\$290.08)           |
| 5/14/26 | 6897 541 Welding & Fabrication       | (\$7,950.00)         |
| 5/27/26 | 6898 Pacific Power                   | (\$21.32)            |
| 5/27/26 | 6899 Felton Dry Wall                 | (\$13,850.00)        |
| 5/27/26 | 6900 south Coast Septic              | (\$215.00)           |
| 5/27/26 | 6901 Kyle Electric Inc               | (\$7,239.64)         |
| 5/27/26 | 6902 FF Manufacturing, Inc.          | (\$2,240.00)         |
| 5/27/26 | 6903 Joseph's Janitorial             | (\$440.00)           |
| 5/27/26 | 6904 Bayshore Paints                 | (\$370.85)           |
| 5/27/26 | 6905 South Coast Tire & Auto         | (\$874.72)           |
| 5/27/26 | 6906 Industrial Steel                | (\$262.80)           |
| 5/27/26 | 6907 McGowne Ironworks, LLC          | (\$280.34)           |
| 5/27/26 | 6908 Clear Choice Glass & Window     | (\$322.00)           |
| 5/27/26 | 6909 Addox Heating Center            | (\$4,625.00)         |
|         |                                      | <b>(\$90,041.37)</b> |

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**PORT OF BANDON**  
BALANCE SHEET

May 2026



| CURRENT ASSETS               | GENERAL FUND        | CAPITAL FUND        | RESERVE FUND        | ALL FUNDS           |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Banner Bank Checking Account | \$11,202.35         | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$11,202.35         |
| Banner Bank Merchant Account | \$7,752.25          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$7,752.25          |
| Banner Bank PEDF Account     | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$1,473.74          | \$1,473.74          |
| LGIP Investment Account      | \$209,297.79        | \$270,441.00        | \$331,717.84        | \$811,456.63        |
| Petty Cash                   | \$100.00            | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$100.00            |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>  | <b>\$228,352.39</b> | <b>\$270,441.00</b> | <b>\$333,191.58</b> | <b>\$831,984.97</b> |

  

| EQUITY                    | GENERAL FUND        | CAPITAL FUND        | RESERVE FUND        | ALL FUNDS           |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Fund Balance, Beg of Year | \$275,432.82        | \$437,690.49        | \$202,140.80        | \$915,264.11        |
| Current Net Income        | (\$47,080.43)       | (\$167,249.49)      | \$131,050.78        | (\$83,279.14)       |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>       | <b>\$228,352.39</b> | <b>\$270,441.00</b> | <b>\$333,191.58</b> | <b>\$831,984.97</b> |

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# PORT OF BANDON

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026



| REVENUE ACCOUNT         | BUDGET              | MAY              | TOTAL YEAR          | \$ REMAINING    | % REMAINING  |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Bank Interest           | 45,000.00           | 2,743.99         | 34,191.22           | 10,808.78       | 24.02%       |
| Misc. Revenue           | 56,000.00           | 2,693.45         | 83,339.77           | (27,339.77)     | -48.82%      |
| Moorage                 | 75,000.00           | 7,624.00         | 74,290.79           | 709.21          | 0.95%        |
| Property Tax Collection | 643,871.00          | 4,317.81         | 644,560.40          | (689.40)        | -0.11%       |
| Rental Revenue          | 271,640.00          | 24,411.98        | 252,959.33          | 18,680.67       | 6.88%        |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>    | <b>1,091,511.00</b> | <b>41,791.23</b> | <b>1,089,341.51</b> | <b>2,169.49</b> | <b>0.20%</b> |

| PERSONNEL SERVICES | BUDGET            | MAY              | TOTAL YEAR        | \$ REMAINING      | % REMAINING   |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>TOTAL MONTH</b> | <b>596,901.00</b> | <b>46,925.60</b> | <b>479,214.02</b> | <b>117,686.98</b> | <b>19.72%</b> |

| MATERIALS * SERVICES                  | BUDGET            | MAY              | TOTAL YEAR        | \$ REMAINING      | % REMAINING   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Office Supplies                       | 15,000.00         | 383.97           | 5,699.85          | 9,300.15          | 62.00%        |
| Printing & Advertising                | 5,000.00          | 947.45           | 2,547.74          | 2,452.26          | 49.05%        |
| Building Maintenance                  | 35,000.00         | 3,824.68         | 54,521.15         | (19,521.15)       | -55.77%       |
| Dock Maintenance                      | 20,000.00         | 306.36           | 12,400.13         | 7,599.87          | 38.00%        |
| General Operations                    | 20,000.00         | 3,970.82         | 23,973.26         | (3,973.26)        | -19.87%       |
| Grounds Maintenance                   | 20,000.00         | 4,478.46         | 20,674.53         | (674.53)          | -3.37%        |
| Utilities & Phone                     | 25,000.00         | 2,453.02         | 20,043.94         | 4,956.06          | 19.82%        |
| Commission Expenses                   | 10,000.00         | 0.00             | 279.10            | 9,720.90          | 97.21%        |
| Legal Fees                            | 10,000.00         | 0.00             | 3,144.00          | 6,856.00          | 68.56%        |
| Audit                                 | 15,000.00         | 660.00           | 12,010.00         | 2,990.00          | 19.93%        |
| Insurance                             | 105,000.00        | 0.00             | 105,696.52        | (696.52)          | -0.66%        |
| Dues & Fees                           | 20,000.00         | 724.78           | 22,805.46         | (2,805.46)        | -14.03%       |
| Miscellaneous                         | 25,000.00         | 1,981.45         | 12,195.72         | 12,804.28         | 51.22%        |
| Employee Expenses                     | 15,000.00         | 98.93            | 5,119.14          | 9,880.86          | 65.87%        |
| Marketing                             | 6,000.00          | 0.00             | 2,300.00          | 3,700.00          | 61.67%        |
| Boardwalk Art Show                    | 7,500.00          | 0.00             | 0.00              | 7,500.00          | 100.00%       |
| Taxes                                 | 5,000.00          | 0.00             | 3,714.93          | 1,285.07          | 25.70%        |
| Professional Fees                     | 20,000.00         | 0.00             | 0.00              | 20,000.00         | 100.00%       |
| Contract Grounds Services             | 100,358.00        | 0.00             | 0.00              | 100,358.00        | 100.00%       |
| <b>TOTAL MATERIALS &amp; SERVICES</b> | <b>478,858.00</b> | <b>19,829.92</b> | <b>307,125.47</b> | <b>171,732.53</b> | <b>35.86%</b> |

| CAPITAL OUTLAY              | BUDGET            | MAY         | TOTAL YEAR        | \$ REMAINING        | % REMAINING    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Equipment                   | 30,219.00         | 0.00        | 45,726.20         | (15,507.20)         | -51.32%        |
| Building Expenses           | 15,000.00         | 0.00        | 0.00              | 15,000.00           | 100.00%        |
| Property Improvements       | 70,005.00         | 0.00        | 171,239.25        | (101,234.25)        | -144.61%       |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b> | <b>115,224.00</b> | <b>0.00</b> | <b>216,965.45</b> | <b>(101,741.45)</b> | <b>-88.30%</b> |

| TRANSFERS                | BUDGET            | MAY               | TOTAL YEAR        | \$ REMAINING | % REMAINING  |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Transfer to Reserve Fund | 133,117.00        | 133,117.00        | 133,117.00        | 0.00         | 0.00%        |
| Transfer to Capital Fund | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00         | 0.00%        |
| <b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>   | <b>133,117.00</b> | <b>133,117.00</b> | <b>133,117.00</b> | <b>0.00</b>  | <b>0.00%</b> |

| SUMMARY                  | BUDGET           | MAY                 | TOTAL YEAR         | \$ REMAINING      | % REMAINING   |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Total Revenue            | 1,365,253.82     | 41,791.23           | 1,089,341.51       | 275,912.31        | 20.21%        |
| Total Expenses           | 1,324,100.00     | 199,872.52          | 1,136,421.94       | 187,678.06        | 14.17%        |
| <b>TOTAL NET REVENUE</b> | <b>41,153.82</b> | <b>(158,081.29)</b> | <b>(47,080.43)</b> | <b>463,590.37</b> | <b>35.01%</b> |

# Nasomah Memorial

In 2011 the Coquille Indian Tribe, Port of Bandon, the City of Bandon and archaeologists from Southern Oregon University met to discuss the creation of a memorial garden on land owned by the Port of Bandon that would tell the story of the people who lived in the area prior to the arrival of European settlers. Native species plantings, pavers laid in an original tribal basket weaving design, and groupings of Tupper ("Grandmother") Rock, (sacred to the Nasomah People) were used in the landscaping. Interpretive signs focusing on the Nah-so-Mah village located in the area now called "Old Town" were placed in 2013. Walking through the memorial produces a contemplative feeling of history and nature blending in the area.

# U.S AND JAPAN - SEA URCHIN ROE ENHANCEMENT KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

**Project Number**

A/EA-52

**Project Date Range**

2025-09 - 2026-08

**Funding Agency**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

**Focus Area(s)**

Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture

**Status**

Active

**PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:**

U.S. researchers, farmers, processors and divers who are developing purple sea urchin aquaculture will visit research facilities and farms in Japan to learn advanced techniques for improving the quality of urchins collected from the wild on the West Coast. They will share their findings with U.S. aquaculture communities through a white paper and conference presentations, supporting efforts that also reduce the dense urchin populations that damage kelp forests.

**PROJECT SUMMARY:**

Purple sea urchins have multiplied rapidly along parts of the U.S. West Coast, overgrazing large areas of kelp and creating underwater “urchin barrens,” stretches of seafloor stripped bare of kelp. In these areas, the urchins survive but contain little edible roe (or uni, which is prized as a seafood delicacy), making the animals difficult for fishers to sell. This project explores how aquaculture could help by collecting these undernourished urchins and raising them in controlled conditions for several weeks until their roe is fuller, higher quality and marketable.

To do so, U.S. researchers, farmers, processors and divers who are working to develop purple sea urchin aquaculture will collaborate with experts in Japan, where sea urchin cultivation has been studied and practiced for decades. A U.S. delegation will visit research facilities and farms in Hokkaido and participate in a joint symposium with Japanese scientists and producers. During these tours and discussions, participants will learn advanced techniques for raising and improving the quality of urchins, with a focus on boosting roe production in animals collected from West Coast urchin barrens.

The team will share findings with West Coast and national aquaculture communities through a public white paper, conference presentations and other outreach. By improving the value of the abundant purple sea urchins already crowding parts of the West Coast, the project could create new economic opportunities for coastal fishing communities while reducing dense urchin populations that limit the recovery of kelp forests. It will also strengthen partnerships among researchers, divers, seafood processors and farmers who are working to support the future of the West Coast sea urchin industry.

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