



NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY

VESSEL NAMED “FINESS”

The Port of Kingston declared the vessel “Finess” with the registration “WN7636JF” left on the Port’s Linear A dock as abandoned or Derelict. The vessel is a 1977 Fiberglass Sail Vessel.

Port of Kingston, acting as an authorized public entity with the authority granted in RCW 79.100, intends to take custody of the vessel on **February 19, 2026**. After taking custody of the vessel, the Port of Kingston may use, auction, or dispose of it without further notice to the owner.

In order to keep the vessel, before the Custody Date, the owner must:

- Pay the Port of Kingston back for costs incurred to date, and
- Get authorization to moor or anchor the vessel in its current location, **or** move it to an anchorage area, moorage facility, or storage location that authorizes the vessel.
- Remove the vessel from the water.

If the owner wants to reclaim the vessel after the Port of Kingston has custody or wants to challenge the Port of Kingston’s decision to take custody, the owner must file a written appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) and serve a copy to the Port of Kingston. Addresses are in the boxes below:

<p>Pollution Control Hearings Board (send one original and one copy)</p> <p>Physical address: 1500 Jefferson Street S.E. Olympia, WA 98501</p> <p>Mailing address: PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903</p> <p>Phone: 360-664-9160</p>	<p>Port of Kingston 25864 Washington Boulevard Kingston, WA 98346</p>
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The appeal must include the following information:

- A copy of this notice or a copy of the notification letter to the owner.
- Your name and address (mailing and legal, if different) and, if applicable, the name and address of your representative.
- A daytime phone number.
- A brief statement of why you are appealing.
- A statement of what you want the Pollution Control Hearings Board to do.
- Your signature or that of your representative. This signature certifies that the content of the appeal is true.

See <https://eluhg.wa.gov/> or call the PCHB at the number above with appeal questions.

The owner may submit the appeal immediately, but the PCHB must receive it no later than **March 21, 2026**. **The owner waives the right to a hearing if the PCHB does not receive an appeal on or before the Appeal Date. The owner is then liable for any costs incurred by the Port of Kingston in responding to the vessel.**

These costs may include all administrative costs incurred by the Port of Kingston, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damage directly or indirectly caused by the vessel. If there is a lawsuit, the successful party may receive reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.

The Port of Kingston also may pursue any other remedies available under law. For example, the Port of Kingston may take temporary possession of the vessel under the circumstances described in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 79.100.040(3). You can find a copy of this law online at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=79.100> .

For more information, contact the Marina Office at the Port of Kingston at phone #360-297-3545 or email info@portofkingston.com