Port of Seattle Maritime Innovation Center to Help Anchor Economic Recovery for Fishing and Maritime Industries

The Port of Seattle’s Maritime Innovation Center (MInC) will help drive modernization and sustainability within Washington State’s maritime industry. Through knowledge transfer, business incubation, workforce development and research and development, the MInC can serve as a beacon that guides the maritime industry towards success.

Restoration of the Port’s historic Ship Supply building at Fishermen’s Terminal will support next generation inventions and companies that drive the competitiveness of Washington’s Blue Economy. The facility will bring together leaders from education, industry, and government to address both challenges and opportunities within the industry.

FAST FACTS

Project: Maritime Innovation Center  
Location: Fishermen’s Terminal  
Project Cost*: $26.5 Million

Additional Funders:
• State of Washington at $5 Million

Timing
• Construction Start Q4 2023  
• Grand Opening Q3 2025

Sustainability
• Living Building Challenge

* At 100% design
BUILDING BACK BETTER:
Incorporating State of the Art Sustainability Features

- Serve as a focal point for maritime innovation
- Offer incubator and accelerator environment
- Support investment in BlueTech start-ups and new technologies
- Drive equitable economic development
- Support workforce development and maritime career exploration
ACCELERATING INNOVATION

The Port of Seattle has worked in partnership with Washington Maritime Blue to organize and sponsor a new maritime business accelerator program. The intensive, four-month program provides access to a global network of mentors and advisors to help maritime businesses develop, grow, and secure funding in a sector where capital is often scarce.

Over 30 companies have participated in the first three accelerator cohorts and a fourth cohort of promising ventures is starting in early 2023.

The Port’s Maritime Innovation Center (MInC) will host accelerator programs and serve as an ongoing incubator for emerging maritime companies.

Maritime is one of Washington’s biggest and oldest industries, and it’s becoming one of the most innovative through this new partnership between the Port of Seattle and Washington Maritime Blue.

The program is advancing key elements of the state’s Strategy for a Blue Economy to chart a course to becoming a thriving, world-class, sustainable maritime industry by 2050.

Maritime Blue will also work on joint industry projects (e.g., Electrifying State Ferries), advance the Maritime Youth Collaborative workforce development initiative, and support maritime industry cluster work within the MInC.

Maritime Blue Innovation Accelerator Video
The Port of Seattle is open to public and/or private investments that would support the MInC’s development or operation. The Port of Seattle has made a long-term commitment to sustainability and innovation at Fishermen’s Terminal by incorporating Living Building standards into the MInC. The state-of-the-art facility may be attractive to partners that want to support maritime innovation or gain visibility from supporting specific building enhancements.

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