

The Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District will host two meetings to discuss the R.A.I.S.E grant application for a new marina. The dates for the meetings will be:

Monday, February 20, 2023 at 2:00P.M.

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 5:30P.M.

Both meeting will be held at 250 Industrial Drive, Port Isabel, Texas 78578

OVERVIEW: New Marina

The navigation district proposes to construct a new marina with 30 boat slips that would accommodate vessels up to 25'x100' in size. The site would be constructed at the former 6.5 acre shrimp farm located in the northernmost peninsula of the navigation district. The site is owned by the PISBND. It is bordered on the northern end by the Port Isabel Side Channel that vessels would use to enter the marina off of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

Public Safety Vessels. The port currently provides docking space and ramp access to multiple law enforcement agencies such as U.S. Customs and Border Protection/Homeland Security (current port subtenant), U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (current port subtenant), U.S. Coast Guard, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. The new marina would provide the agencies with the ability to coordinate missions and convene as needed at the proposed Marina Annex described below.

Commercial Vessels. The port would provide docking space for commercial vessels seeking a safe location on the west side of the Laguna Madre. Users would include vessels that support offshore energy sector companies conducting current operations in the Gulf or exploring the viability of additional energy projects, especially wind projects.

Recreation Vessels. The port would provide docking space for private vessels that visit the Laguna Madre area or vessels owned by local individuals.

OVERVIEW: Other Port Infrastructure Improvements

Marina Annex. Marina users will need to have access to safe and secure parking for vehicles for themselves or others they plan to visit when docked in Port Isabel. The project proposes to construct a parking lot and Annex Building adjacent to the new marina. The site would be at the 3.4-acre former shrimp hatchery site that the port cleared for new projects.