\$6 million to go for land near airport

Times maritime columnist

The Port of Seattle yesterday received a \$6.1 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration as part of a properties acquisition program at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport to alleviate neighborhood

Senator Warren Magnuson, a guest of the commission business session at the airport, said the

commission business session at the airport, said the grant brings federal assistance to the port so far to \$23 million in the program started in 1975.

"This \$6.1 million grant will not mean higher taxes," Magnuson said. "The Airport Development Aid Program is funded by user fees (trust fund) already set aside from past taxes and does not constitute a demand on general treasury funds."

Don Shay, port aviation director, said 700 properties were earmarked for acquisition, with 406 acquired so far and the final ones expected to be bought in 1982. The program thus far has cost \$16.6 million, of which \$11.1 million was federal money and \$5.5 million was port funds drawn from airlines using

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In a surprise decision, commissioners agreed to raise moorage fees for commercial fishing vessels at Fishermen's Terminal 15 per cent instead of the previously proposed 22 per cent.

Fishermen's organizations had opposed the 22 per cent increase as excessive.

The 15 per cent increase will boost rates on a sliding scale according to vessel lengths. A 30-foot

sliding scale according to vessel lengths. A 30-foot gillnetter's moorage will be raised from the present

\$24 a month to \$27.50. Moorage for a 40-foot troller will increase from \$36 a month to \$41.60; for a 50-foot seiner, from the present \$45 to \$52 a month, and for a 70-foot halibut vessel from the present \$63 monthly to

But commissioners left intact the 20 per cent increase for forklift rentals and fees for bilge pumping and garbage service. Fishermen had indicated milder opposition to those proposed increases.

Commissioners also gave final approval, subject to a public hearing April 22, to acquiring a 4,150-footlong, narrow property strip between Shilshole Bay Marina and the Burlington Northern railroad tracks. The purchase price will be \$340,000 which Commissioner Jack Block said was excessive. He was

outvoted by Merle Adlum, Paul Friedlander and Henry Simonson. Henry Kotkins, who earlier opposed the acquisition, was absent.

The property, zoned for residential and park use, varies in width from 15 to 45 feet and will be used as a landscaped strip for overflow parking of up to 190 cars in peak marina periods.

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In other business, commissioners accepted a \$617,765 construction contract at Fishermen's Terminal as satisfactorily completed by the American Construction Co

The company built an 810-foot main pier and a 170-foot crossing pier for large vessels such as

crabbers.

This was the second pier built at the terminal at a cost topping \$1.3 million for both.

Crab fleet continues strike over prices

The Bering Sea crabbing fleet today entered its 13th day of a strike for a higher price for opelio

Bob Alverson in Dutch Harbor, negotiating for the fishermen's Alaska Marketing Association, said an estimated 118 boats remained idle.

Alverson said members of the board of the fishermen's association are due in Dutch Harbor today from the Seattle area to join

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said.

The processors have held to their offered 20 cents a pound for opelio crab, which last year paid 30 cents a pound. Fishermen refused to deliver at that price and also were not fishing for bairdi, for which they were oftered 50 cents unchanged from fered 52 cents, unchanged from last year's price.

Alverson said the lesser-valued

opelio, in abundance, often mingle heavily in the catches of bairdi and add to fishermen's work time. He said vessel fuel prices have substantially increased over last year's, adding to higher boat

A spokesman for a major Seat-

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tle-based seafood company said increased operation costs also apply to the receiving buyers, who are encountering market resistance for prices beyond the 20

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