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## Schuster Group to develop waterfront retail, restaurants for Port of Everett

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The Port of Everett has selected the Seattle-based Schuster Group to develop restaurants and retail in the 65-acre Waterfront Place Central development.

Port commissioners on Tuesday authorized the CEO to sign a long-term lease with an LLC associated with Schuster Group. The lease includes five parcels within Waterfront Place's 12-acre Fisherman's Harbor district. One of the parcels was the site where the historic Weyerhaeuser Building once stood.



Image by Stephanie Bower/RMC Architects [\[enlarge\]](#)

**Fisherman's Harbor is the first phase of the port's 65-acre Waterfront Place Central project.**

Schuster Group President Holly Gardner told the DJC that the LLC would be responsible for designing, developing, leasing and managing the retail space.

The expected opening is mid- to late 2019.

“We will be partnering with a retail broker for leasing, as well as an architect and contractor for design and construction. We will be identifying these team members in the (near future),” Gardner said.

The size of the new development will depend on the design and tenant mix. The current plan is to build seven structures that could each house one or two tenants.

The developer and the port envision a mix of high-quality Northwest restaurants and retailers.

The port says the lease is expected to bring millions of dollars a year in new business to the local economy.

Fisherman's Harbor is the first phase of Waterfront Place Central, a mixed-use complex that could eventually have 660 housing units, a hotel, up to 10 restaurants, and 662,000 square feet of commercial, retail and marine sales and services.

Other work on Fisherman's Harbor is underway. American Classic Homes is building a 266-unit apartment project, and Columbia Hospitality is planning a 142-room Hotel Indigo, with meeting and event space.

The district will also have a waterfront esplanade; a “dock walk” that gives visitors direct access to the water; an old-fashioned wooden wharf with commercial fishing vessels; and Pacific Rim Plaza, with an elaborate splash fountain.

The Schuster Group has been active in a variety of projects, including restaurants, retail, multifamily and mixed-use. Recent projects include Mosler Lofts and Joseph Arnold Lofts in Belltown, and Muriel's Landing in the University District.