

**June 15, 2023****ILWU & PMA Tentatively Agree to a New Six Year Contract for U.S. West Coast while the ILWU Canada Considers a Strike**

U.S. West Coast ports will see some resolve over recent disruptions and delays caused by job actions after a thirteen-month long period of negotiations. Short of the final stages and ratification required, if all goes through without any obstacles, the contract will be for six years.

There is still a critical need to watch the progress of the unrelated ILWU-Canada and the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association contract negotiations, which impact key Canadian west coast ports like Vancouver and Prince Rupert. Last Friday, the ILWU Canada members finalized their two-day vote with an outcome of 99% in favor of supporting a strike. The ILWU Canada and BCMEA negotiations have already involved the Canadian federal government, mediators, and cooling off periods. Unfortunately, that oversight expired the end of May and has now resulted in this potential strike action. Based on their formal process, it has been cited that the earliest the ILWU Canada can take action to implement a lockout or strike is June 24th, which will have to be triggered by a 72-hour notice. While the U.S. West Coast ports are seeing resolution, an ILWU Canada potential strike will still have significant impact and in particular, U.S. inland points that utilize this routing.

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