



# United States Coast Guard



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To the Port of Seattle Commission:

I apologize for not being available to speak in person to relay my appreciation on behalf of the entire Puget Sound area for the strong support that the Port of Seattle has given to the Area Maritime Security Committee; of particular note is Mr. Arif Ghose as co-chair for the Committee and Mr. Rod Hilden as the chair of the Technology Subcommittee. The Area Maritime Security Committee has worked for the last several years to significantly improve the recovery and resiliency planning and capability within Puget Sound. Also, as the Fiduciary Agent for 07 and 07B PSGP the Port of Seattle has significantly improved the region's insight on Port Security needs. I fully support the Port of Seattle in leading the way forward in some key areas.

It is my understanding that the Port of Seattle is a key player in the development of a regional Port Consortium that will assist in building a predicting framework of economic and societal impacts to the complex Puget Sound maritime system. There is no question that the ports within the Puget Sound Region are interdependent in all aspects; e.g. trade, infrastructure, labor, response resources, etc. There has never been a comprehensive approach that incorporates these complex relationships, including public and private sectors, within the region. Without a strong understanding of the regional interdependent workforce, economic structure, transportation constraints and emergency management dynamics we cannot provide a "best solution" for recovery from a significant loss of even one port or facility's capabilities, much less a threat to the entire region. I thank the Port Commission, in advance, for any support that they can give to this initiative.

In addition, I recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Washington to collaborate in leveraging the many emerging technologies that could enhance our preparedness and resiliency in the Puget Sound. In particular, throughout the course of the summer we are exploring the existing Dynamic Preparedness System and its use in sharing information as it relates to response

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and emergency management. This system also has the potential to significantly improve the coordination and ease of developing large scale exercises. I am highlighting this to you as a demonstration of my continued commitment to collaboration with the Port of Seattle, the City of Seattle, the State Department of Transportation and State Emergency Management. I am confident that we can provide a common operating picture for the entire transportation system and enable the public, as well as our elected officials, access to real-time response information.

Thank you for your time. I hope I can attend a future Commission meeting to personally update you on these projects and other port activities that may interest you.

Respectfully,  
Captain Suzanne Englebert  
U.S. Coast Guard  
Captain of the Port, Puget Sound