

# Chittenden (Ballard) Locks

Keystone of Puget  
Sound's Maritime  
Economy



# Our 100 Year Old Waterway

- Keystone of a billion dollar+ maritime economic system
- Critical environmental control for vast watersheds around Seattle
- Safeguard for tribal fishing rights
- Vital piece of public safety infrastructure
- Only US locks connecting large urban lake/river system directly to the ocean

(Chittenden) Ballard Locks – A Unique National Asset

# The Numbers

- 40,000 annual transits
  - Most in the nation
- 7,500 commercial vessel transits
  - Twelfth highest in the nation
- 1.1 million tons of shipping

Heaviest Locks Utilization in United States System

# The Dollars & Jobs

- **\$480 million** in Locks- dependent annual sales
- **\$120 million** in Locks- dependent annual payroll
- **3,000 full-time equivalent jobs** directly associated with Locks-related business activity
- **\$545 million** in annual commercial fishing harvests by vessels that depend on the Locks
- **\$40 million** in annual spending by 1.25 million visitors and school classes
- **\$1.2 billion in total Locks-related economic activity**

A Treasure for Local Businesses & Visitors

# Low Budgets / High Needs

- Deferred maintenance threatens daily operations
- Lack of investment threatens regional economy
- Flat O&M budgets insufficient

Significant Reinvestment Required

# The Regional Partners

American Waterways Operators	Fremont Dock Company	Pacific Fishermen Shipyard
Ballard Alliance	Kane Environmental	Port of Seattle
Ballard Oil Company	King County	Puget Sound Ports Council Maritime
City of Kenmore	Kirby Offshore Marine	Trades Department AFL-CIO
City of Kirkland	Lake Union Drydock Co.	Seattle Marine Business Coalition
City of Seattle	Malone Law Group	Stabbert Marine
Coastal Transportation	Nautical Landing Marina	Trident Seafoods
Covich-Williams	Northwest Marine Trade Assn	Vigor Industrial
CSR Marine	Northwest Yacht Brokers Assn	United Catcher Boats
Ferguson Terminal	O'Hara Corporation	United States Seafoods
Foss Maritime Company	Pacific Fishermen Shipyard	Western Towboat

The Lake Washington Ship Canal Users Group

# Request for Commission Support

We ask the Port of Seattle Commission to issue a statement requesting federal funding to address the Locks' major, non-routine maintenance needs and to authorize staff to advocate for this funding alongside other members of the Lake Washington Ship Canal Users Group.

The Facts Are In – The Work Continues