

**PORT OF SEATTLE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**COMMISSION AGENDA**  
**STAFF BRIEFING**

**Item No.:** 4b

**Date of Meeting:** January 4, 2011

**DATE:** December 22, 2010

**TO:** Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

**FROM:** Jane Kilburn, Director of Public Affairs

**SUBJECT:** Special Order of Business: the Port's Centennial – 1911 to 2011

The Port of Seattle was the first public port established in the State of Washington after passage of the Port District Act in March 1911. At a special election on September 5, 1911, the voters of King County cast their ballots and approved a measure to create a municipal corporation known as the Port of Seattle. This vote wrested control of the Seattle waterfront from railroad and private interests and gave the citizens of the port district the right to control their waterfront. During this Centennial year, we will celebrate the history of the Port in various ways.

This briefing at the first Port Commission meeting of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year will cover an outline of the Centennial program, a preview of the historical video, and a demonstration of the online timeline.

**OTHER DOCUMENTS OR MATERIALS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS BRIEFING:**

- Video clip.
- Timeline demonstration.
- Calendar of Centennial events for 2011.