

# Revisions to Port State Environmental Policy Act Policies

# Overview

- Proposed revisions to Port SEPA policies and procedures
- Proposed Port SEPA climate change policy
- Public comment
- Next Steps

## Proposed Revisions to Existing SEPA Procedures

- Would consolidate procedures into a single document;
- Updated to conform with current law;
- Reflect changes to Port organization and process;
- Cleanup and edits that make the document easier to use and read.

# Proposed SEPA Climate Change Policy

## Rationale for Policy:

- Clarify to public and staff how Port will address climate change under SEPA;
- Improve consistency with respect to environmental decision making;
- Promote improvements to projects that reduce GHG emissions.

# Proposed SEPA Climate Change Policy

- Statement of Port policy to consider GHG emissions and the effect of changes in climate on proposed actions;
- Identification and calculation of project emissions;
- Encouraging mitigation;
- Guidance for making “threshold determination”;
- Consideration of effects of climate change on projects.

# Public Comment

- Resolution was put out for 30 day public comment period.
- No comments were received.
- Also conducted environmental review of the proposed resolution and staff is prepared to issue Determination of Non-Significance (DNS).

# Next Steps

- Issue DNS on proposed resolution
- Second reading to Commission (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) - request adoption
- Questions?