

Revisions to Port State Environmental Policy Act Policies

Overview

- Summary of Resolution 3650
 - Revisions to existing Port SEPA procedures
 - New Port climate change policy
- Public comment
- Proposed revisions after First Reading

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.

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

- Resolutions were put out for 30 day public comment period.
- No comments were received.

Revisions After First Reading

Section 5.3 Delegation

- The responsible official may delegate his or her responsibilities under SEPA in writing to another Port official *with the concurrence of the Chief Executive Officer.*

Revisions After First Reading

Section 15.2 Additional Optional Notice

For proposals of sufficient size and complexity or that have community sensitivity, in addition to notification required under Chapter 197-11 WAC, the Port may:

1. Publish notice in Port newsletters, if any;
2. Notify the news media orally or by press release, including neighborhood newspapers or trade journals;
3. Post the property, for site specific proposals;
4. *Increase the length of public comment;*
5. Request that a notice be posted on the main bulletin board, if any, at the city or county council or planning department where the proposal is located;
6. Create or maintain a mailing list for a particular proposal or type of proposal, which may include the identification of citizen and public interest organizations, and send notice to those on the mailing list; or
7. Use other reasonable methods appropriate to a particular proposal.

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