

**DRAFT MOTION ON PUGET SOUND RESTORATION**

The following is a draft motion that will be open for public comment until June 30, 2012.

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle sees itself an important implementer of many actions items in the Puget Sound Partnership's Action Agenda;

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle is aware that even if the Puget Sound's Partnership's Action Agenda were implemented immediately, orca and wild salmon populations would be unlikely to recover before 2020, so time is of the essence;

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle understands the critical link between land use, habitat protection, habitat restoration, water and sediment quality and Puget Sound's recovery;

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle has constructed more than 25 acres of fresh water, estuarine, and near shore fish and wildlife restoration and enhancement habitat, and has compiled substantial data documenting the performance of these habitat actions;

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle understands aquatic and terrestrial insect diversity and abundance are indicators of stream and river health;


**WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle understands depressed dissolved oxygen concentrations in Puget Sound undermine the ecosystem;

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Seattle has already expressed its interest in developing, with the Puget Sound Partnership, an initiative that focuses the efforts of all Puget Sound ports in restoring the health of the Sound, including near shore and estuarine environments in with many Port operations take place; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved, the Port of Seattle:

**WILL** invite the Puget Sound Partnership to collaborate in developing a draft initiative that identifies how Puget Sound ports can contribute to Puget Sound's restoration;

**WILL** inform the Washington Public Ports Association's (WPPA) environmental technical and policy committees of this initiative and invite other port commissioners and staff from other ports to be involved in this initiative's development;



**WILL** restore, create and enhance forty (40) additional acres of habitat in the Green/Duwamish watershed and Elliott Bay during the next 25 years;

**WILL** work with the Puget Sound Partnership, possibly universities, research institutions and other community organizations, to develop a method of monitoring and a program for recording insect population levels at Turning Basin 3 in the Duwamish and to help develop additional cost effective methods and programs to monitor the performance of the Port's watershed, estuarine, and near-shore fish and wildlife habitat restoration and enhancement sites along the Duwamish;

**WILL** ensure its operations are consistent with the Puget Sound Partnership's dissolved oxygen water quality goals;

**WILL** collaborate with the Department of Ecology and Puget Sound Partnership as they develop data driven proposals for "No Discharge Zones"; and

**WILL** present a draft initiative to the Seattle Port Commission in public session, prior to October 30, 2012.