



PRIORITY AGENDA ITEMS

HARBOR MAINTENANCE TAX (HMT) REFORM

Continue efforts to reform the HMT to ensure United States tax policy does not disadvantage United States ports and maritime cargo and to provide greater equity for HMT donor ports through expanded use of Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund revenues.

DONOR PORT AND REBATE FUNDING

Support a \$50 million appropriation in FY17 and FY18 spending bills for the “donor port” and rebate program authorized under Section 2106 of the 2014 Water Resources Reform and Development Act to compensate for the current structure and impacts of the Harbor Maintenance Tax.

FISHING FLEET MODERNIZATION

Advocate for reforms to NOAA’s Fisheries Finance Program that would remove prohibitions on loans and loan guarantees for the construction and reconstruction of fishing vessels and that would include safeguards that prevent overfishing, including limitations on the use of replaced vessels in international fisheries. Support other policies and programs that improve access to financing in order to facilitate modernization of the North Pacific fleet.

SEATTLE HARBOR DEEPENING

Support an appropriation of \$500,000 for the final year of the feasibility study on deepening the federal channels serving T-18, T-30 and T-5; on completion of the study and Chief’s Report, advocate for authorization and funding for design and construction.

NATIONAL FREIGHT POLICY AND FUNDING

Continue to engage with key partners at the national level to implement and fund a national multimodal freight strategy and related grant programs that recognize the significance of U.S. West Coast ports. In addition, support continued authorization and funding for the TIGER Discretionary Grant program, and work with members of the Washington State Congressional Delegation and others to secure additional federal funding for key Port freight mobility priorities, including for Terminal 5 modernization.

SAFE AND EFFICIENT CARGO SCREENING

Work with the federal government and key members of Congress for expedited deployment by Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) of radiation portal monitors capable of scanning containers in a more efficient manner for marine container terminals utilizing straddle carriers. Overall, secure adequate CBP staffing levels to ensure efficient movement of cargo through the Puget Sound gateway.

PUGET SOUND RESTORATION

Support increased federal resources for Puget Sound restoration, including appropriations for the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project.

PRIORITY ISSUE AREAS

TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Support policies that level playing fields for international commerce and protect workers and the environment. In addition, engage actively in both policies and programs that boost economic, workforce and tourism development programs, and augment existing Port efforts to promote the health of small businesses.

ENVIRONMENT

Support proposals that may reduce carbon emissions from Port operations and promote energy efficient operation of transportation infrastructure. In particular, pursue policies and funding that boosts the Port's environmental initiatives, including reducing emissions and improving water quality.

CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Support funding and approval for major infrastructure projects that increase capacity, efficiency and impact of maritime facilities, including container terminals and the Chittenden Locks. In addition, advocate for tax policy changes that increase resources for Port infrastructure and related investments.

THRIVING COMMUNITIES & QUALITY OF LIFE

Closely monitor, and engage appropriately, on efforts that make our region a better place to live, work and play, including policies and funding for improved working conditions, affordability and public safety.

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