

Interlocal Agreement with Washington Public Ports Association and Nine Puget Sound/Columbia River Ports

Endangered Species Act liaison

July 28, 2020

Request

- Requesting Commission authorization for the E.D. to execute a five-year ILA with the Washington Public Ports Association and nine Puget Sound and Columbia River ports.
- Facilitates Endangered Species Act liaison to conduct reviews for NOAA and USFWS on behalf of ports.
- Total of up to \$300,000 funded through future capital projects -- no funding is being requested at this time.

Background

- Liaison position was hosted by Port of Tacoma previously
- Improves/expedites reviews for port projects under ESA
- Will be co-located with NMFS/USFWS office
- Nine other ports participating:
 - Port of Vancouver USA
 - Port of Anacortes
 - Port of Bellingham
 - Port of Everett
 - Port of Kalama
 - Port of Longview
 - Port of Olympia
 - Port of Port Angeles
 - Port of Tacoma

Schedule

- Commission authorization July 2020
- Ports and WPPA execute the ILA Aug. 2020
- Advertise position Aug.-Sept. 2020
- Interview candidates Sept.-Oct. 2020