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2022 MARITIME FEDERAL PRIORITIES

As the region and the world continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Port of Seattle is committed to creating a safe and healthy travel and trade experience, and to serving as a key contributor to regional and statewide economic recovery. We are focused on developing more modern, high-tech facilities that will facilitate maritime activities; better connecting the Puget Sound region to the world; maximizing the environmental sustainability of our operations; and ensuring that our local communities and residents thrive. The federal government can help us achieve this vision by:

I. INVESTING IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

a. Leverage IJA Dollars: We will work closely with federal partners to invest infrastructure grant dollars Deepening: We support funding for continued in key Port and regional projects that increase freight federal operation and maintenance of the locks, as mobility, facilitate more efficient operations and/or well as additional funding for priority, non-routine reduce environmental and community impacts. maintenance. In addition, we support design and b. Continue Existing Infrastructure Programs: We construction phases of projects to deepen the federal support full funding for a strengthened national channels serving the Seattle and Tacoma Harbors. multimodal freight strategy and related grant e. Support Key Funding Needs: We will monitor programs, including continued authorization and additional discussions regarding supplemental federal funding for the RAISE, INFRA and PIDP discretionary relief for businesses impacted by the pandemic; in grant programs. In addition, we support establishing particular, we support additional federal support for a sustainable funding source for freight infrastructure. the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to assist local Finally, we support federal funding to restore capacity restaurants impacted by reduced dining and travel of the West Seattle Bridge for both cargo and because of the Omicron variant. commuters. f. Support an Efficient and Sustainable Fishing c. Implement Harbor Maintenance Tax Reform: We will Industry: Support key federal priorities for the North work closely with our federal partners to translate the Pacific fleet, ranging from economic support for fishing passage of this long-sought legislation into actionable fleet modernization to key environmental sustainability regulations. We also support full appropriations for the initiatives that address the impacts of climate change "donor port" HMT rebate program. on the fishing industry.

COVID-19 CONTINUES TO IMPACTS CRUISE

The Port of Seattle Alaskan cruise season had Home Port Cruise Calls Annual Cruise Passengers

• 2021: 82 • 2021: 229,060
has begun to recover from COVID-19 • 2020: 0 • 2020: 0
• 2019: 211 • 2019: 1,210,722

II. FACILITATING A RETURN TO TRAVEL AND TRADE d. Fund Maritime Decarbonization, Emissions Reductions, and Renewable Energy: We support

a. Adjust to Changing Travel Protocols: We will monitor authorization and full funding for the U.S. Environmental changes to current national and international guidance Protection Agency Diesel Emissions Reduction Act regarding protocols to protect the health of passengers program, as well as federal programs and funding that and employees while simultaneously restoring traveler support electrification, alternative fuel use, and other confidence in a return to cruise travel. emissions reductions strategies at ports. We will engage b. Improve Trade Competitiveness: We will advocate for with key federal stakeholders to effectively advocate for productive engagement and negotiations that ensure progress at the International Maritime Organization on a fair and level playing field for mutually beneficial maritime decarbonization policies, and we will support trade; ensure that enforcement actions such as tariffs efforts and funding that advance the offshore wind and quotas are a measure of last resort and, when industry, particularly in ways that create opportunities necessary, be carefully and narrowly targeted to address for the Pacific Northwest to become a leader in the problem and minimize the unintended impacts on manufacturing, assembly, deployment and maintenance. American producers and consumers. In addition, we will e. Support Efficient and Consistent Permitting Processes:

advocate for continued federal engagement in solutions
We support increased regulatory staff funding for the U.S.
to help alleviate supply chain congestion, including
Army Corps of Engineers, NOAA Fisheries and the U.S.
funding for supply chain resilience and congestion
Fish and Wildlife Service to reduce permit backlogs. In
reduction programs.

particular, we will work to ensure sufficient resources and

c. Partner with Federal Agencies: We support adequate staffing for US Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District to
federal staffing levels to ensure efficient movement of review and approve mitigation banking applications in an
cargo through the Puget Sound gateway and facilitation efficient and timely manner. Finally, we oppose changes
of cruise passengers. If necessary, we will advocate to the process for permitting projects that jeopardize
for federal funding to supplement lost user fees, ports' ability to fulfill their economic, environmental and
and to ensure that the federal government resumes social missions.

responsibility for funding CBP services, equipment and

facility development. IV. ADDRESSING COMMUNITY IMPACT

d. Monitor the Jones Act and the Passenger Vessel a. Support Immigration Reform: We will be a leading
Services Act: We support the Jones Act's crucial role voice on immigration policies that ensure the Port,
in keeping the U.S. domestic maritime industry viable. its partners and its customers have the workforce to
In addition, we will monitor proposed changes to the succeed in the global economy, and that immigrants and
Passenger Vessel Services Act that would impact the refugees are fully welcomed into the opportunities that
Port's Alaska cruise business. our region's economy provides, particularly related to the
arrival and resettlement of Afghan refugees.

III. IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL

b. Support Economic Development, Tourism, Small
SUSTAINABILITY

Business Recovery and Workforce Development: We

a. Fight Climate Change We support comprehensive support additional federal funding for key priorities
proposals for sector-specific and economy-wide solutions within the Port's economic development, workforce
to address the climate crisis with legislation to reduce development, and tourism promotion programs,
greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful toxic including realigning federal funding, programs and
pollutants while providing flexibility to respond to policies to support rebuilding the U.S. small business
changing market conditions and technological advances. sector, reviving entrepreneurship, closing the racial

b. Oppose Pebble Mine at Bristol Bay and Offshore wealth gap and providing worker training, worker
Drilling: We oppose mining activity and other advancement and increased earning opportunities for
development proposals in the Bristol Bay watershed that King County residents employed at Port facilities.
put Bristol Bay fisheries at risk. We oppose offshore oil c. Address Racial Equity: We will advocate for

and gas drilling in both state and federal waters off the comprehensive federal policing reforms that further the
coastline of Washington state. goals of the Port Commission's Task Force on Policing and

c. Restore Puget Sound: We will advocate for increased Civil Rights. In addition, we support federal legislation on
federal resources and federal agency involvement for biometric technology that ensures protections for privacy,
Puget Sound restoration and Southern Resident Killer equity and civil liberties.

Whales recovery d. Fight Human Trafficking: We will partner with federal
agencies to improve human trafficking prevention and
intervention efforts.

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