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PORT OF SEATTLE
SEPA NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE
East Waterway Maintenance Dredging Program

The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental analysis, including review of pertinent and available environmental information and preparation of a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist for the following proposal:

Description of Proposed: The proposal includes a 10-year programmatic authorization to conduct routine maintenance dredging as necessary to maintain established navigational and berthing depths within the East Waterway (EW). The East Waterway Maintenance Dredging Program is intended to ensure that permitted operational elevations in the EW are effectively maintained to address customer needs. To accommodate ongoing maintenance activities associated with the East Waterway Maintenance Dredging Program, the Port is requesting a 10-year authorization for the project. This approach will promote comprehensive management of operational elevations within the EW, allow the Port flexibility to respond quickly to tenant lease maintenance obligations, and reduce environmental impacts.

Location of Proposed Action: The proposed East Waterway Maintenance Dredging Program includes aquatic areas south of the Downtown Seattle Central Waterfront District, east of Harbor Island, and north of the Spokane Street Bridge. The project includes berth areas associated with several Port of Seattle facilities, including Terminals 46, 30, 25, and 18, as well as Slip 27 and portions of the federal navigation channel.

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 15-02).

Determination: The Port of Seattle for this proposal has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. As such, an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21, WAC 197-11) and Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and Procedures (Port Commission Resolution 3650). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information which is available upon request. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced within 21 days from the date of last newspaper publication of the notice or be barred.

Public and Agency Comment: No action will be taken on the proposed project until after the 14-day public comment period expires on March 13, 2015. Comments on this proposal must be submitted by 4:00pm on March 13, 2015, addressed to Jon Sloan, Port of Seattle, Seaport Environmental and Planning, Sr. Environmental Program Manager, P.O. Box 1209, Seattle, Washington, 98111, telephone: (206) 787-3675. Alternatively, comments may be submitted by email to SEPA.p@portseattle.org. Include your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic Internet address. Detailed information regarding the proposal is available upon request. The Port will consider comments and publish a final threshold determination no sooner than twenty-one (21) days from the date of this notice.

Signature on File

Linda Styrk, Managing Director Seaport

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Date