

RESOLUTION NO. 3534, as Amended

A RESOLUTION of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle
Expressing Commitment to Maritime Air Quality

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is committed to responsible environmental stewardship as an element of the Port's strategic goals, and

WHEREAS, the Seattle area is currently in compliance with all local, state, and federal ambient air quality standards, and

WHEREAS, vessels, cargo-handling equipment, locomotives, buses, and trucks that support the shipping industry are significant generators of diesel emissions, and

WHEREAS, diesel emissions are a growing concern for public health and reduction of emissions is a top priority of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and other regulators, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle has taken steps to reduce emissions from its own Seaport and Airport operations, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is working with the maritime industry and other ports to develop a marine emissions inventory for the region, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle has adopted as a goal the development of an air pollution reduction and prevention plan for our own facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is interested in working with the maritime industry and regulators to examine the cost-effectiveness and feasibility of various options to reduce Seaport-related emissions, and

WHEREAS, any solutions focused on ocean going vessels should be addressed industry-wide and involve international associations to promote broad compliance and equal application of regulations, and

WHEREAS, any solutions focused on ocean going vessels applicable in only the United States or Canada could divert the emissions and economic benefits of the related business to a different community rather than reducing air pollution, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is a recognized leader in collaborative efforts to promote economic vitality in hand with environmental protection,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle that:

Section 1. The Port of Seattle will adopt as a policy goal to apply its best efforts to work with the broad maritime industry and regulators to help ensure that the Puget Sound region continues to meet local, state, and federal ambient air quality standards, and that

Section 2. The Port will continue to work with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, the Washington Public Ports Association, the U.S. EPA, the Washington Department of Ecology as well as industry and other groups to find meaningful solutions to air emissions problems, and that

Section 3. The Port of Seattle will strongly urge the governments of the United States and Canada to seek the designation of the entirety of the United States and Canada as a Sulfur Emissions Control Area (SECA) under Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Annex VI).

ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle at a regular meeting thereof, held this _____ day of _____, 2005, and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the seal of the Commission.

Port Commission