

RESOLUTION NO. 3594

A RESOLUTION of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle Seaport
Expressing Commitment to Aligning Seaport Environmental
Stewardship Goals with the Port of Tacoma

WHEREAS, the mission of the Port of Seattle Seaport is to create sound economic growth in King County and Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle Seaport and the Port of Tacoma (hereinafter referred to as “the Ports”) are the Puget Sound region’s leading ports and combined, serve as the third largest container gateway in North America, and after Los Angeles/Long Beach and New York/New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, the Ports provide significant economic benefit for the region coupled with dedicated environmental stewardship of the Puget Sound ecosystem, demonstrating alignment between economic development and resource protection; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin ecosystem is one of the most ecologically diverse in North America, containing a wide range of significant species and habitats; and

WHEREAS, residents of this large region share many natural resources in common: an airshed, watersheds, flyway for migratory birds, and habitat for fish and other marine and terrestrial life; and

WHEREAS, this uniquely valuable inland sea faces increasing urban growth pressures -- The Puget Sound region has a population of over six million people, with projections of nine to eleven million by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound region will be well-served by these two centers of commerce further coordinating environmental stewardship and proactive management through a holistic environmental strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Ports are committed to continued economic development and environmental stewardship; and,

WHEREAS, the Ports have both individually and together made positive impacts on the regional environment as evidenced recently through the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy. In this joint effort of the Ports of Seattle, Tacoma, and Vancouver B.C., performance measures have been set to encourage air emissions reductions from ocean-going vessels, rail, cargo-handling equipment, trucks, and harbor craft.

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

Article I. The Port of Seattle Seaport, in growing its business for the benefit of the region’s economy, will work with the Port of Tacoma to help ensure that the adverse environmental impacts of seaport-related operations on the Puget Sound region are minimized. Focus areas of these joint efforts will include:

Section 1.01 Continued efforts to improve air quality through the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy and other initiatives; and,

Section 1.02 Continued salmon habitat recovery and restoration through collaboration with the Puget Sound Partnership and other key stakeholders; and,

Section 1.03 Coordination in expediting environmental review and permitting with State and Federal agencies; and,

Section 1.04 Achievement of combined Stormwater Management goals; and,

Section 1.05 Promotion of consistent dredged material management criteria.

Article II. **LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED BY** the Commission that the Port of Seattle Seaport will be a leader in conducting business in a way that protects our environmental quality and minimizes the impact of Port activities. We will achieve this goal through improved environmental stewardship, environmental performance excellence and environmental advocacy as follows:

Section 2.01 In improving environmental stewardship, the Port of Seattle Seaport will:

- a) Develop and conduct Port business in a responsible manner that is environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable.
- b) Foster a sense of responsibility for the environment among Port employees.
- c) Be a good steward of Port-owned land, including its wildlife and natural resources, by minimizing adverse environmental impacts and seeking opportunities for enhancement in conjunction with Port projects.
- d) Minimize pollution and waste by reducing pollution sources, reusing materials, where possible, and promoting recycling and the use of recycled materials.
- e) Support environmental stewardship by Port tenants and contractors and ensure that business is conducted in a manner consistent with Port's Environmental Compliance Program, environmental lease provisions, and environmental practices.

Section 2.02 To ensure performance excellence in its environmental practices, the Port of Seattle Seaport will:

- a) Seek opportunities to exceed environmental regulatory requirements and mitigation goals, where practical and appropriate.
- b) Promote and incorporate low impact and environmentally conscious principles in our project designs, including Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) criteria, to the greatest extent practicable.

- c) Set meaningful, measurable goals for environmental performance, implement environmental systems that track progress toward these goals and publicly report our environmental performance.
- d) Continually improve environmental quality on Port property and surrounding region.

Section 2.03 To promote environmental advocacy, the Port of Seattle Seaport will:

- a) Continue to lead by example, demonstrating responsible and progressive environmental practices and supporting research and public policy that contributes to an ever improving local and global environment.
- b) Create a permanent Port of Seattle Seaport culture that is committed, motivated and active in reducing adverse environmental impacts and promoting positive environmental goals.
- c) Engage with employees, tenants, the public, surrounding communities and Tribes and other stakeholders of Port environmental matters.
- d) Maintain good citizenship and a proactive dialogue, and promote alignment on environmental issues with the Suquamish and Muckleshoot Tribes, King County, the City of Seattle, the University of Washington, and other ports, industry, governmental agencies, public officials, communities, environmental groups, and external organizations.

ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle at a regular meeting thereof, held this day of , 2008, and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the seal of the Commission.

Port Commission