

# **SOLAR ENERGY AT THE PORT**

The installation of two solar arrays on Port properties demonstrates the Port's commitment to developing renewable energy sources and making progress towards the Century Agenda.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS**

- For Port-owned emission sources: Reduce GHG emissions 15 percent by 2020, 50 percent by 2030 and be carbon-neutral or negative by 2050 compared to 2005
- For Port-leased emission sources: Reduce GHG emissions 50 percent by 2030 and 80 percent by 2050, compared to 2007

"Meet all increased energy needs through conservation and renewable sources"

Century Agenda Goal

# **SOLAR BENEFITS**

- Solar energy reduces electricity bills and results in a cost savings compared to purchasing power
- Using solar power instead of fossil fuels helps to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and other pollutants in our atmosphere
- Investments in solar energy supports our local economy and the green tech economy in Washington
- Increases energy independence during peak demand times and in the event of an emergency
- Demonstrates Port leadership in renewable power generation
- Solar energy is a renewable resource and is available every day



Pier 69 Solar Project



Fishermen's Terminal Solar Demonstration Project

#### **CURRENT PORT SOLAR INSTALLATIONS**

# Fishermen's Terminal Solar Demonstration Project (Net Shed 5)

#### Completed:

December 2017

The net sheds at Fishermen's Terminal are used to store fishing nets and gear for the North Pacific Fishing Fleet. Fishermen's Terminal Net Sheds 3, 4, 5, and 6 all needed new roofs, so the Port coupled solar implementation with a roof replacement as a demonstration project to gather data to inform future solar panel installations.

#### **Project Facts:**

- Includes 44 Washington-sourced Solar Panels on Net Shed 5
- Designed and installed by A&R Solar

#### **Project Impact:**

- During the first year of operation, the array produced over 18,000 kWh, a 60 percent increase over the initial projections of 11,000 kWh for the entire year
- The net shed takes 10,000 kWh per year to power, so the electricity produced renders Net Shed 5 "net zero," with any remaining energy produced distributed to other buildings within the Fishermen's Terminal boundary
- The array is also expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 365 pounds a year, which is equivalent to the power needed to charge over 21,000 smartphones

### **Pier 69 Solar Project**

#### Completed:

April 2019

The solar array was installed on the roof of Port of Seattle's headquarters, a three-story 191,000 square foot-structure that was built in 1931 by American Can Company, a salmon cannery. The facility was purchased by the Port in 1988 and later remodeled and renovated. The sloped metal-clad roof faces directly south making Pier 69 the ideal location to install a solar array.

### **Project Facts:**

- Jointly funded by the Port of Seattle and a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce
- Monocrystalline PV panels were constructed in Washington
- Designed and installed by Puget Sound Solar

#### **Estimated Impact:**

- Designed to generate approximately 127,000 kWh annually
- Offset GHG emissions by 1.8 Metric Tonnes annually, which is equivalent to over 4,400 miles driven by an average passenger vehicle
- Projected to save \$10,000 in energy costs per year

## PORT SOLAR LOCATIONS





