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HEALTHY HABITATS

Celebrating Industry and Community-led Change on Earth Day

On Earth Day 2022, the Port of Seattle celebrates the industry and community partners helping to lead change. Duwamish River People's Park, one of the most significant habitat restoration projects on the Duwamish River in a generation, will open to the public on July 16 through a Port partnership with the Duwamish River Community Coalition. The Port also recognized industry partners Fishermen's Finest, Bellair Charters/Airporter Shuttle, Southwest Airlines, and Delta Air Lines with 2022 Sustainable Century Awards.

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TAKE FLIGHT

Port Welcomes First Flight into New IAF at SEA



The Port welcomed the first passenger flight to use the new International Arrivals Facility (IAF) at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) this week with the arrival of Delta Air Lines flight 196 from Seoul-Incheon. The flight kicks off the final readiness testing phase of the project. Between now and May 10, the airport will bring a limited number of flights through the new facility to complete orientation and activation.

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CRUISE

Port Kicks Off 2022 Cruise Season This Saturday



The Port welcomes its first cruise ship of the season this Saturday, April 23 with Norwegian Cruise Line's *Bliss* at Bell Street Pier Cruise Terminal at Pier 66. The arrival marks the return of a full cruise season at the Port with an expected 1.2 million revenue passengers and 295 ship calls. Cruise in Seattle is an important piece of the Port's strategy to expand economic opportunity particularly in the region's maritime, tourism, hospitality, and supplier sectors.

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COMMISSION

Commission Adds \$2M to Youth Career Launch Pilot



The Port Commission approved another two million dollars in funding for its Youth Career Launch Pilot Program, nearly doubling its resources. This puts total funding for the program, an evolution of the Port's Opportunity Youth Initiative, at \$4.1 million for the next three years. The additional revenue comes directly from the faster-than-expected recovery of the Port's cruise business and directly supports maritime industry jobs.

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EXPAND OPPORTUNITY

Port Releases Diversity in Contracting Report



The Port released its third annual Diversity in Contracting report on its program operations for 2021. The Port of Seattle established a 16 percent Women and Minority Owned Business Enterprise (WMBE) utilization goal for 2021 for its organization divisions and departments. Despite 2021's economic challenges, the Port continued to make great strides surpassing 2020's results in achieving Port-wide WMBE utilization goals for 2021.

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Port Commission meeting recap

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RECAP APRIL 12: The Port Commission authorized an order to increase the three-year investment in the Youth Career Launch Program from \$2.1 million to \$4.1 million, and heard a briefing on Sound Transit 3 – West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Ballard/Interbay Segments. Commissioners also heard a Diversity in Contracting Annual Report, a C Concourse Expansion Project Briefing, and Youth Internship Programs Update. [View video→](#)

UP NEXT APRIL 26: The Port Commission will issue a Holocaust Remembrance Day Proclamation, and will hear a Baggage Optimization Program Update – Second Quarter 2022, and a presentation on the Sustainable Century and Fly Quiet Awards.

The Port Commission will also consider authorization of an agreement with the Seattle Aquarium for a project investigating Urban Kelp Forest, and will consider authorizing a cooperative research and development agreement with Pacific Northwest National Labs, Sandia National Labs and Seattle City Light to study risk assessment of large-scale hydrogen storage in a Port environment.

In Case You Missed It



TRAVEL TIPS Ryan Fox, a frequent SEA traveler who has autism, shares how he navigates airport facilities, programs, and services and his advice for accessible travel. [Keep reading→](#)



WHAT ARE GREEN JOBS? "Port-related industries" refer to the industries of aviation, construction, maritime, and green jobs. For Earth Month find out more about green jobs and what these jobs entail. [Keep reading→](#)



NEW CANINE OFFICER The POSPD Explosive Detection Canine Unit has a new four-legged officer in training. Mando was adopted from the Humane Society and is brand new to the working world and the port. [Keep reading→](#)



HYBRID COMMISSION MEETINGS Starting April 26, the Commission will return to in-person meetings while maintaining a remote access link for the participating public. [Keep reading→](#)

Did You Know?

Kelp can help protect Puget Sound because as it grows it pulls and retains (or sequesters) CO₂ from the ocean. This creates a buffer zone around kelp forests where pH is higher than the surrounding water and the effects of ocean acidification are reduced.

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