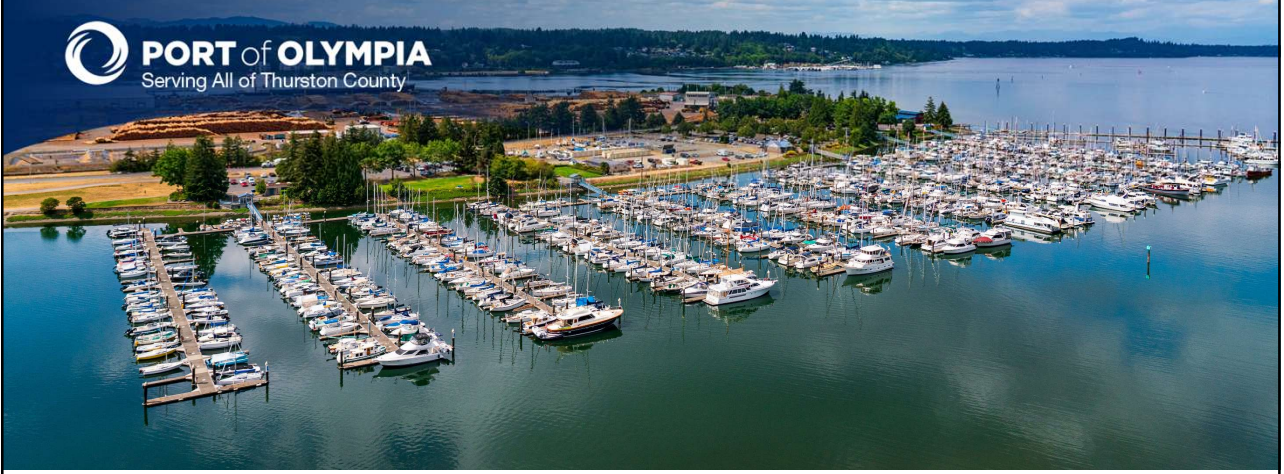




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Environmental Policy Updates

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Today's Presentation

Briefing Only – No Action Required

- Summary of Port of Olympia environmental policies
- Updates requested by Commission in May 2025
- New and updated policies
- Status of policy updates
- Next steps and goals for completion



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Port Environmental Policies

- Policy 1301 – Environmental Stewardship and Compliance
 - “The Port recognizes the value of the natural environment in which it operates, and is committed to fulfilling its mission of economic development within Thurston County in a manner that promotes long-term environmental sustainability in the region.”



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Port Environmental Policies

- Policy 1301 – Environmental Stewardship and Compliance
 - Compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local environmental statutes, regulations, enforceable agreements, and environmental permit requirements.
 - Clarity and consistency in the Port's environmental management efforts.
 - Transferable institutional knowledge.
 - Continuous improvement in environmental performance.



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Environmental Policies

Operational Policies Summarized

- Air Quality and Dust Suppression
- Contaminated Property Discovery, Reporting, and Cleanup
- In-Water Work, Wetland, and Aquatic Area Pollution Prevention
- Hazardous Materials Handling, Storage, and Transport
- Waste Material Minimization, Characterization, and Handling



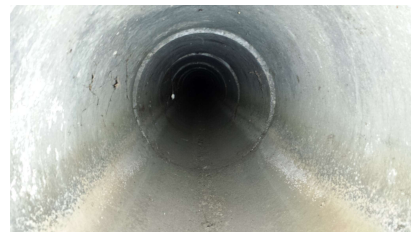
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Environmental Policies

Operational Policies Summarized

- Environmental Incident Response
- Fuel Storage Management
- Lighting Practices and Impact Minimization
- Noise and Vibration Mitigation
- Soil and Sediment Management



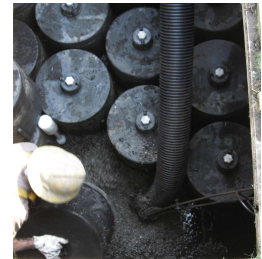
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Environmental Policies

Permit-Driven Policies Summarized

- Wastewater Discharges to Sewer
- Construction Stormwater Management
- Industrial Stormwater Management
- Municipal Stormwater Management
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Response
- Integrated Pest Management



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SEPA Policy

- Resolution 2015-12 (SEPA Resolution/Policy)
- Adopts Chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) and Chapter 197-11 WAC (SEPA Rules)
- Revisions for Port-specific terminology and mission

43.21C.020 RCW (SEPA)

(a) Foster and promote the general welfare; (b) create and maintain conditions under which human beings and nature can exist in productive harmony; (c) and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations of Washington citizens.

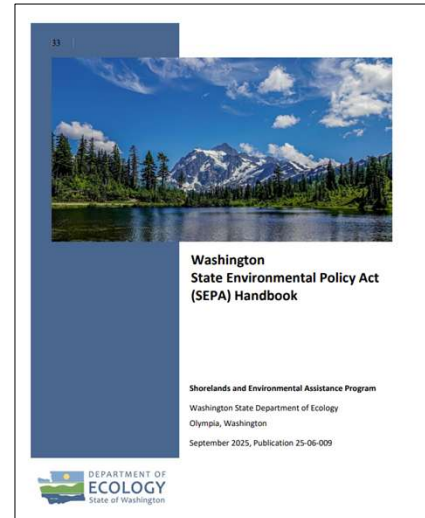
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SEPA Policy Potential Updates

- Integrate WA Climate Change requirements
- Adjust review periods for consistency with State regulations
- Change from administrative appeal process to Superior Court appeal option
- Align response to comments section with State regulations



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Climate Change Policy

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- Recognizes the urgency of climate change and ensures the Port is committed to minimizing environmental impacts
- Goals
 - Reduce greenhouse gases
 - Prepare/adapt to climate change impacts including sea level rise
 - Collaboration
 - Improve air and water quality
- Offers implementation strategies to meet the goals



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Slide 10

JW1 Maybe “draft” is better? New could be read to mean it is adopted.
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Regional Approach

- Success depends on collaboration:
 - SLR Collaborative
 - Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan – resolutions
 - Olympia/Tumwater/Lacey/Thurston County/State have the regulatory authority, but we can influence their decisions
 - Tribes are vital collaborators

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Sustainability Plan Draft

- The Climate Change Policy provides the broad direction and intentions; the Sustainability Plan offers the detailed plans for reaching goals and measuring success and the necessary tools.
 - Federal and state grants
 - Partnerships with tribes and other local governments
 - Regular greenhouse gas inventories
 - Tenant incentivization: green leases and collaborations

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Example Goal: Climate Change Resilience

Sea Level Rise Response

- Collaborative between the Port, LOTT and City of Olympia
- Short, medium and long-term SLR actions
- Trackable metrics include
 - Rate of sea level rise
 - Flooding frequency
 - Erosion rates
- Supporting activities:
 - LiDAR to track erosion
 - Adaptation measures through the Master Plan

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Example goal: Decarbonization

Activity: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory update

- Previous inventories in 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019
- Consultant getting ready to complete for 2025
- Offers trackable metrics to compare results over the long term, allowing us to view reductions in emissions and plan for future reductions
- Desired outcome is a reduction in gas emissions
- Economic benefits include supporting "green" jobs while helping the environment

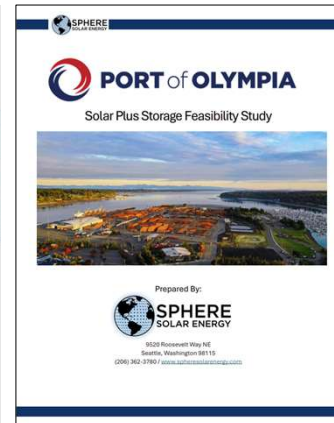
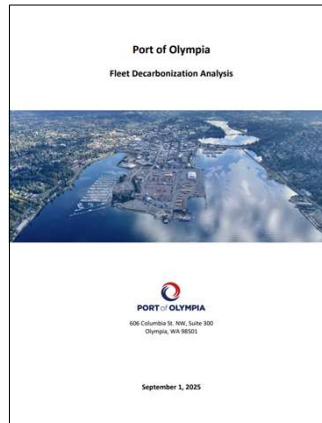
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Decarbonization Efforts for Port Operations

- Clean Energy Fund grant
- Solar feasibility
- Fleet decarbonization
- Implementation



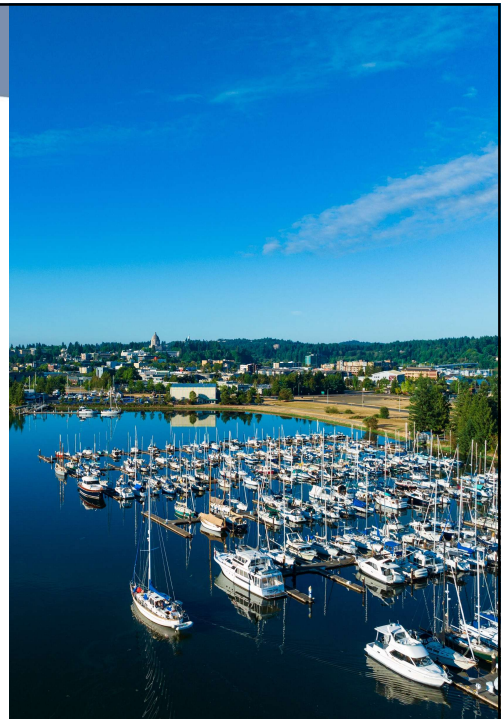
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Policy Update Schedule

- Finalize draft based on Commission input Q4 2025
- Port internal and legal review Q1 2026
- Commission advisory on final draft Q1 2026
- Adopt updated policies Q2 2026



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Questions and Comments

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