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| **Briefing Date/Time:** | May 27, 2025 |
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| **Subject:** | Green Marine Briefing |
| **Purpose:** | ☒ Information Only  ☐ Decision Needed |

**Overview:**
Briefing with no action required.

**Background:**
The Port of Olympia has participated in Green Marine, the leading environmental certification program for the maritime industry—since 2016. Staff will provide an overview of how the program works and encourages continuous environmental improvement.

**Documents Attached:**
PowerPoint presentation

**Summary and Financial Impact:**
$10,000 is allocated in the 2025 budget for Green Marine certification expenses, including third-party verification, renewal fees, and staff time.

2025 program charges:
- $4,584 annual certification fee
- $3,942 for required bi-annual third-party verification

**Options with Pros and Cons:**
This is only a briefing of the Green Marine program for informational purposes.

**Environmental Considerations:**
The Green Marine certification program strives to mitigate environmental challenges and risks associated with operating a Marine Terminal. Adherence to and advancement through the Green Marine achievement levels indicates continuous improvement in environmental management and implementation of best management practices. These practices prevent pollution and other environmental impacts.

**Staff Recommendation:**
None at this time.

**Commission Recommendation:**
None at this time.

**Next Steps/Timeframe:**
The next step is to meet 2025 goals that aim to increase performance indicator levels in preparation for 2026 re-certification. In particular, the 2025 focus is on enhancing the Port's performance in Environmental Community Relations.

**Conclusion:**
The Port's voluntary involvement in Green Marine enables the implementation of impactful environmental practices at the marine terminal. With annual performance assessments and a focus on continual improvement, the program enhances accountability and increases visibility for our sustainability achievements.