

 PORT of OLYMPIA POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL			
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POLICY: The Port of Olympia recognizes that climate change presents significant operational, environmental, and economic challenges to our lines of business and the communities we serve. The port is committed to sustainable and resilient operations and land management and assigns high value to environmental stewardship. Anticipating and preparing for potential environmental and economic impacts from climate change is a priority for the port. We are committed to proactive leadership in addressing climate risks while creating economic opportunities and building community for all of Thurston County.

GOALS: The port has multiple goals for addressing climate change impacts. Those goals include the following:

Reducing Carbon Emissions – The Port of Olympia is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions across our operations and facilities. We will pursue energy efficiency improvements, transition to low- and zero-emission vehicles and equipment where feasible, expand the use of renewable energy, and support cleaner fuels and technologies in maritime and aviation activities. Through transparent tracking and reporting of emissions, we will establish measurable targets and continuously evaluate progress toward decarbonization.

Building Climate Resilience – We will strengthen the resilience of our marine terminal, airport, and supporting infrastructure to withstand the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise, extreme weather events, wildfire smoke, flooding, and heat. Climate risk assessments will inform capital planning, asset management, and emergency preparedness. We will incorporate adaptive design standards into new construction and rehabilitation projects to ensure long-term durability, operational continuity, and public safety.

Working with Regional Partners – Recognizing that climate change is a shared regional challenge, the Port of Olympia will collaborate with local governments, tribes, industry partners, tenants, community organizations, state and federal agencies, and neighboring ports. We will align our strategies with regional climate goals, coordinate infrastructure investments, and seek innovative partnerships that accelerate emissions reductions and strengthen climate resilience across transportation networks. We will actively partner with, provide access to physical infrastructure for, and invest in, local efforts to incubate advanced technology/zero carbon technologies.

Environmental Stewardship and Community Engagement – We are committed to responsible environmental stewardship and to engaging our community in climate action. The Port of Olympia will prioritize projects that improve air quality, restore and protect natural habitats, and enhance environmental health. Public transparency and stakeholder input will guide our climate initiatives to ensure accountability.

Through thoughtful planning, strategic investment, and regional collaboration, the Port of Olympia will safeguard critical infrastructure, reduce our carbon footprint, and contribute to a more resilient and sustainable future.

The Port of Olympia's ongoing initiatives, programs, and projects are available in the Sustainability Action Plan and Strategy which is incorporated into this Policy by reference. The Sustainability Action Plan and Strategy will be updated periodically to ensure consistent implementation of this Policy.

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