



**Port Commission Special Meeting / Work Session
Monday, June 23, 2025
5:00 PM**

Percival Plaza - Olympics Room
626 Columbia Street NW
Olympia, WA 98501

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No public comment or commission action will be taken at this Work Session.

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Environmental Policies: Shawn Gilbertson, Director of Environmental Planning and Programs
- D. Adjourn

Port of Olympia Mission

Creating economic opportunities and building community for all of Thurston County through responsible resource use.

COVER MEMO

Briefing Date/Time:	June 23, 2025
Staff Contact/Title:	Shawn Gilbertson, Director of Environmental Planning and Programs, 360.528.8061, shawng@portolympia.com
Subject:	Port Environmental Policies Briefing
Purpose:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Decision Needed

Overview:

Briefing - No action required

Background:

Port of Olympia environmental policies have been developed and adopted over the last couple of decades. This briefing will describe in general the policies currently in place, the reason for the policies, and opportunities to improve or add to them.

Documents Attached:

PowerPoint presentation

Environmental Considerations:

These environmental policies facilitate the Port's compliance with a multitude of environmental regulations and permits. These policies also outline the environmental stewardship lens with which the Port approaches programs and projects.

Commission Recommendation:

Briefing is to stir conversation and possible direction for improving or adding environmental policies.

Next Steps/Timeframe:

Based on Commission input, further refine or add to Port environmental policies.




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Serving All of Thurston County

Port of Olympia Environmental Policies

Shawn Gilbertson
Director of Environmental Planning and Programs
June 23, 2025




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Today's Presentation

Advisory Only – No Action Required

- Environmental Policies Overview
- Origin and Need
- Adherence to Policies
- Opportunities



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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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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

- 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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Opportunities

- Climate Change Mitigation
- Sustainability and GHG Emissions
- Haz Waste Recycling Advocacy
- Incentives for Tenants
 - Energy audit and implementation of energy reduction actions
 - Green stormwater infrastructure
 - Habitat conservation measures
 - Energy efficient building design



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Next Steps

- Further discussion on desired environmental policy updates
- Ensure environmental and real estate policies align
- Draft new and revised policies
- Commission advisory on proposed new/revised policies
- Commission approval of new policies as required

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Questions and Comments

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