

2019 State Government Affairs Agenda

Port Competitiveness

Build support for strengthening the competitiveness of the NWSA through the establishment of a Port Competitiveness Coalition of supportive partners and a Port Competitiveness Caucus within the Legislature.

Terminal 5 Modernization Project

Support a comprehensive package of state investments for the Terminal 5 Modernization Project to meet changing container industry requirements, ensure the long-term competitiveness of the gateway and meet our environmental and community goals. This includes, but is not limited to, transportation multi-modal funding, tax financing, Clean Energy Fund dollars, and Volkswagen settlement funds. This also includes supporting efforts to authorize municipal utilities to engage in and promote the build-out of shore-power infrastructure.

Puget Sound Gateway

Support the on-time and early implementation of the Puget Sound Gateway project (SR 167/SR 509). To ensure early delivery of the project, the alliance supports proposals to authorize tolling on the corridor, expedited funding for the project, and ensured project cost savings are reinvested in the corridor. The alliance also supports toll scenarios that incentivizes the use of these corridors by freight vehicles.

Unregistered vehicles as cargo

Support legislation exempting vehicles shipped as marine cargo that operate within a port area from requirements to register with the state.

Clean air investments

Support funding for alliance air quality projects to improve the long-term sustainability and competitiveness of alliance facilities. Specifically, support:

- Increased state appropriations for transportation electrification in the Clean Energy Fund;
- using Clean Energy Fund dollars for investments shore-power infrastructure and clean cargo handling equipment;
- other capital or transportation budget investments; and
- authorizing municipal utilities to engage in and promote the build-out of shore-power infrastructure.

Remedial Action Grants (RAGs)

Support mechanisms to ensure long term solvency and sustainability of toxics accounts under the Model Toxics Control Act to support the pursuit of a healthier Puget Sound.

Stormwater

NWSA takes its environmental responsibilities seriously and recognizes stormwater management is key to the health of the Salish Sea. To better manage the public funds ports provide for environmental initiatives, including enhanced stormwater treatment, we support

1 regulatory updates clarifying that marine cargo wharves without industrial activities as defined
2 by, and consistent with, EPA’s multisector general permit are not subject the NPDES permit
3 program driven by the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) Industrial activities are defined by CWA
4 as vehicle maintenance, equipment cleaning operations, airport deicing operations.

5 **SEPA and greenhouse gas emissions**

6 Support efforts by the Washington Public Ports Association to obtain clarity on what constitutes
7 “significant” greenhouse gas emissions from development projects and how developers might
8 mitigate for those emissions under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

9 **Self-insurance for Board of Pilotage Commissioners**

10 Support agency-request legislation by the Board of Pilotage Commissioners to allow small state
11 agencies and commissions the opportunity to access government risk pools to cover liabilities
12 under \$10 million.