

1 **2019 State Government Affairs Agenda**

2 **Port Competitiveness**

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

6 **Terminal 5 Modernization Project**

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

14 **Puget Sound Gateway**

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

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1 **Unregistered vehicles as cargo**

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

4 **Clean air investments**

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

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

14 **Remedial Action Grants (RAGs)**

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

17 **Stormwater**

18 NWSA takes its environmental responsibilities seriously and recognizes stormwater
19 management is key to the health of the Salish Sea. To better manage the public funds ports
20 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.

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