THE NORTHWEST SEAPORT ALLIANCE MEMORANDUM

MANAGING MEMBERS Item No. ACTION ITEM Date of Meeting

Date of Meeting September 3, 2019

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DATE: August 21, 2019

TO: Managing Members

FROM: John Wolfe, CEO

Sponsor: Kurt Beckett, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Project Manager: Elizabeth Black, Sr. Port Counsel, Port of Seattle

SUBJECT: Settlement with Puget Soundkeeper Alliance and TTI

A. ACTION REQUESTED

As referenced in NWSA Resolution No. 2018-01, Exhibit A, Delegation of Authority Master Policy, Paragraph 8.c.iii., states project costs exceeding \$300,000 require approval from Managing Members.

Request authorization from Port of Seattle Commissioners for Port of Seattle Executive Director Stephen Metruck to sign the proposed consent decree and to carry out the requirements of the consent decree related to cruise operations.

Request authorization from the NWSA Managing Members to carry out the requirements of the consent decree related to cargo operations, which may entail costs in excess of \$300,000 for required best management practices and if it becomes necessary to upgrade or replace the existing stormwater treatment system at Terminal 46.

B. SYNOPSIS

This request is to enable final settlement of the lawsuit by Puget Soundkeeper Alliance against NWSA's tenant Total Terminals International (TTI) and the Port of Seattle by way of the attached consent decree.

The consent decree obligates NWSA to take certain actions with regard to stormwater management at Terminal 46 depending on the nature of future cargo operations at the terminal. It also obligates the Port of Seattle to perform certain best management practices associated with cruise operations, in the event that a portion of Terminal 46 is used for a cruise terminal. TTI will be obligated to make a \$735,000 payment-in-lieu-of-penalty donation to the Rose Foundation and will pay Puget Soundkeeper's attorneys' fees in the amount of \$165,000. Pursuant to the lease termination agreement with TTI, NWSA will reimburse TTI \$300,000.

C. BACKGROUND

Soundkeeper sued NWSA's tenant TTI on April 12, 2018. Soundkeeper added the Port of Seattle to the lawsuit on October 31, 2018. NWSA Managing Members approved an agreement to terminate TTI's lease on March 29, 2019, which included settlement of potential claims between TTI and the Port of Seattle/NWSA. TTI provided notice of its intent to cease operations at Terminal 46 on August 31, 2019. NWSA, the Port of Seattle, TTI, and Soundkeeper have now negotiated a proposed consent decree to resolve all claims in the lawsuit.

D. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS

There is no additional project work associated with this request.

E. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial Impact

The lease termination agreement between NWSA and TTI provides that NWSA will reimburse TTI \$300,000 for costs associated with this settlement agreement.

Future costs will be incurred depending on the nature of future operations. If the requirement to upgrade or replace the existing stormwater treatment system is triggered and costs are anticipated to exceed \$300,000, project staff will request approval and funding from Managing Members at that time.

F. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

Alternative 1) Do not settle; proceed with litigation.

Alternative 2) Proceed with settlement via consent decree.

Alternative 2 is the recommended course.

G. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS/REVIEW

Permitting:

There are no direct permitting implications as a result of this settlement, but future permits may be required of NWSA or NWSA tenants depending on the nature of future operations.

Remediation:

There are no remediation impacts.

Stormwater:

This settlement impacts how the Port of Seattle and the NWSA will manage operations and stormwater permits for future operations at Terminal 46. Additionally, site operations may trigger a requirement to upgrade or replace the existing stormwater treatment system.

Air Quality:

There are no identified impacts to air quality.

H. ATTACHMENTS TO THIS REQUEST

- Computer slide presentation.
- Proposed consent decree.

I. PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Amount</u>
August 2018	Executive authorization for litigation funds	\$250,000
March 29, 2019	Commission authorization of TTI lease termination agreement	\$300,000
May 7, 2019	Commission authorization for additional litigation funds	\$350,000
TOTAL		\$900,000

J. NEXT STEPS

Once all parties have signed the consent decree, it will be submitted to the court for approval. The U.S. Department of Justice has the opportunity to review and comment on the consent decree. It will likely be finalized and ordered by the court to take effect in late fall 2019.

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7		RICT OF WASHINGTON SEATTLE	
8	PUGET SOUNDKEEPER ALLIANCE,)	
9	Plaintiff,) Case No. 2:18-cv-00540-RSL	
10	V.)) CONCENT DECREE	
11	TOTAL TERMINALS INTERNATIONAL, LLC; and PORT OF) CONSENT DECREE)	
12	SEATTLE,)	
13	Defendants.)	
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15	I. STIPULATIONS		
16	WHEREAS, Plaintiff Puget Soundkeeper Alliance ("Soundkeeper") filed an amended		
17	complaint against Defendants Total Terminals International, LLC ("TTI") and the Port of Seattle		
18	(the "Port") (collectively "Defendants") alleging violations of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33		
19	U.S.C. § 1251 et seq., relating to discharges of stormwater from TTI's and the Port's facility		
20	located at 401 Alaskan Way S, Seattle, WA 98104 (the "Facility"), and seeking declaratory and		
21	injunctive relief, civil penalties, and attorneys' fees and costs.		
22	WHEREAS, TTI will be vacating the Facility, terminating its lease with the Port, and		
23	ceasing operation at the Facility by December 31, 2019.		
24	WHEREAS, as of the date of entry of this Consent Decree, the Port does not yet have a		
25	replacement tenant for TTI at the Facility. The	he Port anticipates that a portion of the Terminal 46	
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1	site may become a cruise ship terminal and the remaining portion may have marine cargo		
2	operations.		
3	WHEREAS, Soundkeeper, TTI, and the Port agree that settlement of these matters is in		
4	the best interest of the parties and the public, and that entry of this Consent Decree is the most		
5	appropriate means of resolving this action.		
6	WHEREAS, Soundkeeper, TTI, and the Port stipulate to the entry of this Consent Decree		
7	without trial or adjudication of any issues o	f fact or law regarding Soundkeeper's claims that	
8	remain undecided, and without any admissi	ons other than those expressly provided in this	
9	Consent Decree.		
10	DATED thisth day of, 2019)	
11	KING & SPALDING LLP	SMITH & LOWNEY PLLC	
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13	By <u>s/</u> Adam Sowatzka, <i>pro hac vice</i>	By <u>s/Alyssa Englebrecht</u> Alyssa Englebrecht, WSBA #46773	
14	Joseph Akrotirianakis, pro hac vice	Knoll Lowney, WSBA #23457 Attorneys for Plaintiff	
15	BAUER MOYNIHAN & JOHNSON LLP	Puget Soundkeeper Alliance	
16	By <u>s/</u>		
17	Matthew Crane, WSBA #18003 Attorneys for Defendant		
18	Total Terminals International, LLC		
19	STOEL RIVES LLP	PUGET SOUNDKEEPER ALLIANCE	
20	By <u>s/</u>		
21	Beth Ginsberg, WSBA #18523 Veronica Keithley, WSBA #52784	By Walt Tabler	
22	Attorneys for Defendant Port of Seattle	Puget Soundkeeper Board Member	
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7	By Stephen	P. Metruck	
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10		I.	ORDER AND DECREE
11			ne Court upon the foregoing Stipulations of the parties.
12	Having considered the Stipulations and the promises set forth below, the Court hereby ORDERS,		
13	ADJUDGES	s, and DECREES as follow	vs:
14	1.	This Court has jurisdict	ion over the parties and subject matter of this action.
15	2.	Each signatory for the J	arties certifies for that party that he or she is fully
16	authorized by the party or parties he or she represents to enter into the terms and conditions of		
17	this Consent Decree and to legally bind the party or parties, their successors in interest and		
18	assigns of the parties to it.		
19	3.	This Consent Decree ap	plies to and binds the parties and their successors and
20	assigns.		
21	4.	This Consent Decree an	d any injunctive relief ordered within will apply to the
22	operation, oversight, or both by the Port and TTI of the Facility, which is currently subject to		
23	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. WAR000465 (the "NPDES		
24	permit").		
25	5.	This Consent Decree is	a full and complete settlement, covenant not to sue, and
26	release of all	the claims alleged in the	amended complaint, and all other claims known and
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1	unknown, contingent or otherwise, for any acts or omissions, existing as of the date of entry of
2	this Consent Decree, that could be asserted under the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387
3	arising from operations of the Facility against TTI, its parent, affiliates, subsidiaries, employees,
4	agents, successors and assigns and/or the Port, its affiliates, employees, or agents. These claims
5	are released and dismissed with prejudice.

- 6. This Consent Decree is a settlement of disputed facts and law. This Consent Decree is not an admission or adjudication regarding any specific allegations by Soundkeeper in this case or of any fact or conclusion of law related to those allegations that remain undecided, nor evidence of any wrongdoing or misconduct on the part of TTI or the Port.
- 7. TTI and the Port agree to the following terms and conditions in full and complete satisfaction of all the claims covered by this decree:
 - a. Until such time as TTI vacates the Facility and ceases all operations there, TTI and the Port will comply with all conditions of the NPDES permit and any successor, modified, or replacement permit authorizing discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity from the Facility. Until such time as TTI vacates the Facility and ceases all operations there, TTI and/or the Port will continue to implement all monitoring and best management practices ("BMPs") which are currently being implemented at the Facility;
 - b. Within thirty (30) days after TTI's departure from the Facility, the Port and/or TTI will inspect and clean all stormwater lines, catch basins, and the existing treatment systems, at the Facility. Within thirty (30) days after TTI's departure from the facility, TTI and/or the Port will sweep the entire Facility and properly dispose of all swept material. Within ten (10) days after the date upon which TTI and/or the Port has completed the inspection, stormwater system cleaning, and sweeping obligations described in this paragraph, the Port will permit Soundkeeper and its consultant to inspect the Facility to confirm that the Port and TTI have completed the work described above,

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l	ITI has ceased all industrial activity, properly vacated the facility, and has obtained	
2	Ecology's concurrence that TTI has terminated its coverage under the NPDES permit.	
3	The parties will work cooperatively to find a mutually agreeable time for Soundkeeper'	
4	inspection. If for any reason Soundkeeper is unable to enter the Facility by the deadline	
5	provided in this paragraph, TTI and the Port's obligation to permit Soundkeeper onto the	
6	Facility will continue and the parties will cooperate to schedule a time for Soundkeeper's	
7	entry as soon as practicable.	
8	c. The Port will perform regular and necessary maintenance on the Facility's	
9	existing treatment systems per the Operation & Maintenance manual's recommendations	
10	and more frequently as needed to provide optimal treatment function, until any of the	
11	following occurs:	
12	i. The existing treatment systems are replaced with another properly	
13	engineered and approved treatment system, or;	
14	ii. A new tenant commences marine cargo operations or other permit	
15	triggering industrial operations at the Facility in any basin, applies for and	
16	receives Industrial Stormwater General Permit ("ISGP") coverage at the Facility,	
17	and assumes full responsibility for maintaining the treatment system(s), or;	
18	iii. A new tenant commences cruise ship terminal operations in any	
19	basin in which the existing treatment system(s) is currently installed, implements	
20	the BMPs identified in paragraph 7.d.i, below, and assumes full responsibility for	
21	maintaining the treatment system(s).	
22	d. In the event that all or a portion of the Facility becomes a cruise ship	
23	terminal, the Port will, for that portion of the Facility:	
24	i. Implement the BMPs for cruise ship operations identified in	
25	paragraph 8 of the July 6, 2016 consent decree entered in Puget Soundkeeper	
26	Alliance v. Cruise Terminals of America, LLC et al., W.D. Wash. No. 2:14-cv-	

1	00476, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment A, at this Facility
2	immediately upon commencement of operations as a cruise ship terminal. The
3	Port will either implement these BMPs itself, or the Port will require its tenant or
4	a designee to implement these BMPs. If the Port chooses to require its tenant to
5	implement these BMPs, the implementation of these BMPs will be an enforceable
6	provision of the Port's lease with that tenant. Any failure to implement the BMPs
7	in Attachment A will be a violation of this Consent Decree. The Port, its
8	designee, or its tenant will provide Soundkeeper with a report twice per year,
9	consistent with Paragraph 9 of Attachment A, and which additionally documents
10	the implementation of such BMPs with photos provided to Soundkeeper. The
11	requirement to implement such BMPs shall specifically be made an obligation of
12	the tenant in any future lease between the Port and cruise terminal tenants. In
13	consideration of these obligations, Soundkeeper covenants not to sue the Port, or
14	materially support, financially or otherwise, any other person to sue the Port, for
15	any of the discharges associated with cruise-related activities. ¹
16	ii. Include in any request for proposals for a cruise operator, or
17	otherwise notify potential cruise operators in writing with a copy to Soundkeeper,

- prior to commencing cruise operations, that ISGP coverage may be required at this Facility.
- e. In the event that all or a portion of the Facility is used for marine cargo operations which have vehicle maintenance activity, equipment cleaning operations, or airport deicing operations, or other permit-triggering industrial operations,² the Port will,

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¹ By agreeing to the obligations set forth in subsections 7(d) of this Consent Decree, Soundkeeper does not concede, and expressly retains the right to contest in future litigation, the proposition that cruise ship terminals do not engage in industrial activity requiring ISGP coverage for associated stormwater discharges.

² By agreeing to the obligations set forth in subsection 7(e), Soundkeeper does not concede, and expressly retains the right to contest in future litigation, the proposition that the conditions of the ISGP apply only to those portions of the 26

1	for the entire footprint ³ of the portion of the Facility which is being leased as a marine
2	cargo terminal or other permit-triggering operation, and areas otherwise used by the
3	tenant including all exclusive and preferential use areas identified in the lease:
4	i. Sweep, or require that the future tenant sweep, the wharf area ⁴ of
5	the Facility, as identified on the map attached hereto as Attachment B, so that the
6	entire surface of the wharf area is swept bi-weekly;
7	ii. Conduct, or require that the future tenant conduct, quarterly
8	sampling of at least one representative discharge point from the wharf, identified
9	on the map attached hereto as Attachment B, and the results of this quarterly
10	sampling must be submitted to Ecology and Soundkeeper, consistent with the
11	requirements of the Port's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4")
12	permit, except that the Port need not sample during unsafe conditions. If, at any
13	point during the period of this Consent Decree, a Court orders that the wharf area
14	of marine cargo terminals is subject to the requirements of the ISGP in the
15	absence of industrial activities on the wharf, then the results must be submitted
16	quarterly;
17	iii. In the event the Port enters into a lease agreement with an
18	international container terminal operator with operations substantially similar to
19	TTI's (i.e., a maritime transshipment terminal handling international
20	containerized cargo at a rate of at least 110 container lifts per acre per month on
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facility upon which vehicle maintenance or equipment cleaning is performed, rather than the entire footprint of marine transportation facilities.

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³ By agreeing to the obligations set forth in subsection 7(e), the Port does not concede, and expressly retains the right to contest in future litigation, the proposition that the conditions of the ISGP apply to the entire footprint of marine transportation facilities, rather than only to those portions of the facility upon which vehicle maintenance or equipment cleaning is performed.

⁴ By agreeing to the obligations set forth in subsection 7(e), the Port does not concede, and expressly retains the right to contest in future litigation, the proposition that the wharf area is covered under the ISGP in the absence of industrial activities on the wharf.

1	average), the Port will design of fife a consultant to design a stormwater		
2	treatment system to modify or replace the existing treatment system(s) for all		
3	basins used for any such operations and draft an engineering report detailing the		
4	proposal. The Port will complete the draft engineering report sufficiently in		
5	advance of the initiation of operations by the new tenant such that the process set		
6	forth in subparagraphs 7.e.iii.A-7.e.iii.F, infra, can take place before operations		
7	begin. In this case, the Port will consult with Soundkeeper as follows:		
8	A. The Port will provide the engineering report to		
9	Soundkeeper within ten (10) days of its completion;		
10	B. Soundkeeper will have thirty (30) days to provide		
11	objections, comments, and/or proposed revisions to the draft engineering		
12	report. During this thirty (30) day time period, the Port will permit		
13	Soundkeeper to inspect the Facility. The parties will work cooperatively to		
14	find a mutually agreeable time for Soundkeeper's inspection. If for any		
15	reason Soundkeeper is unable to enter the Facility by the deadline		
16	provided in this paragraph, the Port's obligation to permit Soundkeeper		
17	onto the Facility will continue and the parties will cooperate to schedule a		
18	time for Soundkeeper's entry as soon as practicable;		
19	C. The Port will respond in writing to Soundkeeper's		
20	objections, comments, and/or proposed revisions within fourteen (14)		
21	days;		
22	D. Should the Port not accept any of Soundkeeper's		
23	comments, objections, and/or proposed revisions, the parties, including the		
24	author of the Port's draft engineering report, will meet and confer in good		
25	faith about any remaining disagreements as soon as practical;		
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I	E. Should the Port not accept Soundkeeper's comments,
2	objections and/or proposed revisions, the Port and/or its tenant will submit
3	the engineering report, as reviewed and revised, along with Soundkeeper's
4	comments, objections and/or proposed revisions, to Ecology with a
5	citation to this Consent Decree and a joint request from the Port and/or its
6	tenant and Soundkeeper that Ecology review the Port's/its tenant's
7	submittal and determine what changes are necessary for approval, if any,
8	in light of Soundkeeper's comments, objections and/or proposed revisions;
9	F. The Port will promptly comply with the engineering report
10	in the form revised and/or approved by Ecology and will make all
11	reasonable efforts to install the treatment system prior to the
12	commencement of marine cargo terminal or other permit-triggering
13	operations at the facility.
14	iv. In the event a future tenant that is not an international container
15	terminal operator with operations substantially similar to TTI's (i.e., a maritime
16	transshipment terminal handling international containerized cargo at a rate of at
17	least 110 container lifts per acre per month on average) triggers a Level 3
18	corrective action as defined by ISGP Condition S8.D or any comparable condition
19	in its Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan's Sampling Plan, the Port will design
20	or hire a consultant to design a stormwater treatment system to modify or replace
21	the existing treatment system(s) for all basins used for any marine cargo terminal
22	operations or other permit-triggering industrial operations and draft an
23	engineering report detailing the proposal. The Port will consult with Soundkeeper
24	as outlined above in subparagraphs 7.e.iii.A-7.e.iii.F.
25	v. In the event any new tenant triggers a Level 2 or 3 corrective
26	action, as defined by ISGP Condition S8.D or any comparable condition in any

1	subsequent iteration of the ISGP, and if the tenant thereafter requests a
2	modification of permit coverage in the form of a waiver or an extension of time to
3	complete the Level 2 or 3 corrective action, per ISGP Condition S8.C.4 or S8.D.5
4	or any comparable condition in any subsequent iteration of the ISGP, the Port
5	and/or the tenant will inform Soundkeeper in writing of this request
6	simultaneously with Ecology.
7	vi. In the event that future tenant(s) at the Facility do not have
8	operations which have vehicle maintenance activity, equipment cleaning
9	operations, or airport deicing operations, or other permit-triggering industrial
10	operations, and therefore do not obtain ISGP coverage for the Facility, the Port
11	will provide a twice yearly report to Soundkeeper, in June and December of each
12	year prior to the expiration of this Consent Decree, identifying the tenant(s)
13	operating at the Facility and the nature of their operations.
14	8. In the spirit of demonstrating a cooperative resolution to the community, the
15	Parties will endeavor to work together in good faith in issuing a joint press release regarding
16	filing of this Consent Decree. The party planning to issue such release shall give the other parties
17	48 hours opportunity to review the draft and provide their respective input. If any party objects
18	to any language of that draft press release within one (1) business day (24 hours) (or the same
19	time on the following business day if over a weekend or holiday) of receiving the draft, the
20	parties shall in good faith work together to resolve the issue(s) prior to issuing the press release.
21	If, after 72 hours, the parties are unable to agree on a joint press release, each is free to issue their
22	own respective press release. Nothing in this decree limits any of the parties from issuing press
23	releases around other past or future milestones in the course of this case and/or settlement.
24	Nothing in this decree in any way limits statements that can be made to the press.
25	9. Not later than ten (10) days after the entry of this Consent Decree by this Court,

TTI will pay a total of \$735,000 to the Rose Foundation for projects to improve the water quality

- of Elliott Bay, as described in <u>Attachment C</u> to this Consent Decree, for which TTI and the Port
- 2 are jointly and severally liable. The check will be made to the order of The Rose Foundation and
- delivered to: The Rose Foundation, 201 4th Street, Suite 102, Oakland, CA 94607. Payment will
- 4 include the following reference in a cover letter or on the check: "Consent Decree, Soundkeeper
- 5 v. Total Terminals International, LLC, et al." A copy of the check and cover letter, if any, will
- 6 be sent simultaneously to Soundkeeper and its counsel.
- 7 10. Within ten (10) days of entry of this Consent Decree by the Court, TTI will pay a
- 8 total of \$165,000 dollars to cover Soundkeeper's litigation fees, expenses, and costs (including
- 9 reasonable attorney, expert witness and post-Consent Decree fees) by check payable and mailed
- to Smith & Lowney, PLLC, 2317 East John St., Seattle, WA 98112, attn: Knoll Lowney. TTI's
- and the Port's payment will be in full and complete satisfaction of any claims Soundkeeper has
- or may have, either legal or equitable, and of any kind or nature whatsoever, for fees, expenses,
- and costs incurred in the Litigation.
- 14 11. The payments described in Paragraphs 9 and 10 above shall be in full and
- 15 complete satisfaction of any claims Soundkeeper has or may have against the Port or TTI, either
- legal or equitable, and of any kind or nature whatsoever, for fees, expenses, and cost incurred in
- this litigation, or for civil penalties, or payments in lieu of civil penalties pursuant to a
- supplemental environmental project under the CWA.
- 19 12. With the exception of actions to enforce this Consent Decree, and in consideration
- 20 of TTI's and the Port's obligations under this Consent Decree, for the term of this Consent
- Decree, as defined in paragraph 15, below, Soundkeeper covenants not to sue TTI, the Port, the
- Northwest Seaport Alliance as agent of the Port, or materially support, financially or otherwise,
- any person to sue TTI, the Port, the Northwest Seaport Alliance as agent of the Port, for any and
- 24 all claims alleged against TTI or the Port in the Amended Complaint and all other claims, known
- and unknown, existing as of the date of entry of this Consent Decree, that could be asserted

1	against TTI or the Port arising under the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387 with respect			
2	to the Facility.			
3	3 13. A force majeure event is any	event outside the reasonable control of TTI and/or		
4	4 the Port that causes a delay in performing ta	sks required by this decree that cannot be cured by		
5	5 due diligence. Delay in performance of a tas	k required by this decree caused by a force majeure		
6	6 event is not a failure to comply with the term	ns of this decree, provided that TTI and/or the Port		
7	7 timely notifies Soundkeeper of the event; the	e steps that TTI and/or the Port will take to perform		
8	8 the task; the projected time that will be need	ed to complete the task; and the measures that have		
9	9 been taken or will be taken to prevent or min	been taken or will be taken to prevent or minimize any impacts to stormwater quality resulting		
10	from delay in completing the task.	from delay in completing the task.		
11	TTI and/or the Port will notify Sound	lkeeper of the occurrence of a force majeure event as		
12	soon as reasonably possible but, in any case,	soon as reasonably possible but, in any case, no later than fifteen (15) days after the occurrence		
13	of the event. In such event, the time for perf	of the event. In such event, the time for performance of the task will be extended for a		
14	reasonable period of time following the force majeure event.			
15	By way of example and not limitation	n, force majeure events include		
16	a. Acts of God, war, inst	urrection, or civil disturbance;		
17	b. Earthquakes, landslide	es, fire, floods;		
18	c. Actions or inactions o	f third parties over which defendants have no		
19	19 control;			
20	d. Unusually adverse we	eather conditions;		
21	e. Restraint by court ord	er or order of public authority;		
22	f. Strikes;			
23	g. Any permit or other a	pproval sought by TTI and/or the Port or a future		
24	Port tenant from a gov	vernment authority to implement any of the actions		
25	required by this conse	ent decree where such approval is not granted or is		
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1	delayed, and where TTI and/or the Port has timely and in good faith		
2	sought the permit or approval; and		
3	h. Litigation, arbitration, or mediation that causes delay.		
4	14. This Court retains jurisdiction over this matter. And, while this Consent Decree		
5	remains in force, this case may be reopened without filing fee so that the parties may apply to the		
6	Court for any further order that may be necessary to enforce compliance with this decree or to		
7	resolve any dispute regarding the terms or conditions of this Consent Decree. In the event of a		
8	dispute regarding implementation of, or compliance with, this Consent Decree, the parties must		
9	first attempt to resolve the dispute by meeting to discuss the dispute and any suggested measures		
10	for resolving the dispute. The provisions of CWA section 505(d), 33 U.S.C. § 1365(d),		
11	regarding awards of costs of litigation (including reasonable attorney and expert witness fees) to		
12	any prevailing or substantially prevailing party, will apply to any proceedings seeking to enforce		
13	the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree.		
14	15. The parties recognize that, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1365(c)(3), no consent		
15	judgment can be entered in a Clean Water Act suit in which the United States is not a party prior		
16	to forty-five (45) days following the receipt of a copy of the proposed consent judgment by the		
17	U.S. Attorney General and the Administrator of the U.S. EPA. Therefore, upon the filing of this		
18	Consent Decree by the parties, Soundkeeper will serve copies of it upon the Administrator of the		
19	U.S. EPA and the Attorney General, with a copy to TTI and the Port.		
20	16. This Consent Decree will take effect upon entry by this Court. It terminates three		
21	(3) years after that date.		
22	17. All parties have participated in drafting this Consent Decree.		
23	18. This Consent Decree may be modified only upon the approval of the Court.		
24	19. If for any reason the Court should decline to approve this Consent Decree in the		
25	form presented, this Consent Decree is voidable at the discretion of either party. The parties		
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1	agree to continue negotiations in good faith in an attempt to cure any objection raised by the		
2	Court to entry of this Consent Decree.		
3	20. Notifications required by this Consent Decree must be in writing. The sending		
4	party may use any of the following methods of delivery: (1) personal delivery; (2) registered or		
5	certified mail, in each case return receipt requested and postage prepaid; or (3) a nationally		
6	recognized overnight courier, with all fees prepaid. For a notice or other communication		
7	regarding this decree to be valid, it must be delivered to the receiving party at the one or more		
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ATTACHMENT A

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

PUGET SOUNDKEEPER ALLIANCE,

CASE NO. C14-0476 JCC

Plaintiff,

ORDER ENTERING CONSENT DECREE

v.

CRUISE TERMINALS OF AMERICA,

LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

THIS MATTER comes before the Court upon the parties' joint stipulated motion for entry of a consent decree (Dkt. No. 121). Having considered the stipulations and the promises and agreements set forth below, the Court ORDERS, ADJUDGES, AND DECREES as follows:

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this action.
- 2. Each signatory for the parties certifies that he or she is authorized to enter into the agreements set forth below for that party.
- 3. This Consent Decree applies to the cruise terminal at Pier 66, 2225 Alaskan Way, Seattle, Washington 98121 (the "Facility").
- 4. This Consent Decree binds Soundkeeper's successors and assigns and any successor owner or operator of the Facility.

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- 5. The parties are concurrently executing an agreement with respect to implementation of best management practices at the cruise terminal at Pier 91, 2001 West Garfield St., Seattle, Washington 98119 ("Pier 91 Agreement"). Certain terms of the Pier 91 Agreement are referenced in this Consent Decree, but the Pier 91 Agreement sets forth the exclusive terms of, remedy for enforcement of, and resolution of disputes arising under the Pier 91 Agreement.
- 6. This Consent Decree is a full and complete settlement of the claims in the First Amended Complaint and all other claims known and unknown and existing as of the date of entry of this Consent Decree that could be asserted against CTA or the Port under the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387, arising from ownership or operations of the Facility (the "Claims"). The Claims are released and dismissed with prejudice. Enforcement of this decree is Soundkeeper's exclusive remedy for any violation of its terms.
- 7. This Consent Decree is a settlement of disputed facts and law. It is not an admission or adjudication regarding any allegations by Soundkeeper in this case or of any fact or conclusion of law related to those allegations. It is not an admission by CTA or the Port of any liability and is not evidence of any wrongdoing or misconduct on the part of CTA or the Port.
- 8. As partial consideration for the releases and settlement of claims as provided herein, the Port agrees that it, its tenant, or a designee will implement the following best management practices (BMPs) for cruise operations at the Facility on Pier 66, after entry of the Consent Decree:

a. Fueling and Maintenance:

- i. No fueling, except for the gangway and cranes which are discussed below, may occur on any portion of the Facility that discharges stormwater to Elliott Bay.
- ii. No maintenance of vehicles may occur on any portion of the Facility that discharges stormwater to Elliott Bay. Maintenance of vehicles includes, but is not limited to, changing lubricating, hydraulic and/or

transmission oil; topping off fluids, changing oil and/or fuel filters, grinding, sanding, welding, mechanical repairs, and/or painting.

- iii. For the main passenger gangway system and cranes at the facility:
 - 1. Drip collection pans or other effective containment devices must be placed under equipment that are subject to fluid leaks, including but not limited to areas where fluids are changed and topped off, fuel is added, and fuel tanks are exchanged;
 - 2. Tarps or drop cloths must be placed under equipment being repaired if the equipment is immobile or emergency repairs must be made before it can be removed off-site; and
 - 3. The contents of the containment devices, tarps and/or drop cloths must be collected after each procedure and disposed of in a manner consistent with federal, state and local laws.

b. Storage of Equipment:

- i. When parked or stored without covered protection from precipitation, drip collection pans or other containment devices are to be placed under any parts of mobile equipment that have petroleum-based materials exposed to precipitation and/or runoff. The containment devices must have sufficient depth and/or capacity to contain any precipitation that enters. The contents of the containment devices must be collected and disposed of in a manner consistent with federal, state, and local laws. These measures must be applied to the following equipment at a minimum:
 - 1. Parts of the main passenger gangway, including but not limited to screw jacks and exposed drive and positioning mechanisms. Drip pans or other effective containment devices must be employed in both the cruise-season and off-season locations.
 - 2. Parts of the cranes including but not limited to gearing and hydraulic oil lines/connections
 - 3. Parts of the fork lifts including but not limited to greased components and hydraulic oil lines/connections.

c. Product Delivery and Waste Removal:

i. At the pier, drip collection pans or other effective containment devices must be placed under all hose connections during fluid transfers to and

from ships and at all hose connection points. The contents of the containment devices must be disposed in a manner consistent with federal, state, and local laws.

- ii. All hoses used in fluid transfers must be inspected immediately before they are used to transfer fluids and any damaged or flawed hose sections replaced before any transfer. For oil and hazardous material transfers, a record of these inspections, observations made and replacements provided will be kept on the Declaration of Inspection Prior to Bulk Cargo Transfer required by the US Coast Guard under 33 CFR 156.
- iii. The following fluid transfer operations at the Facility will be conducted as follows:
 - 1. Lubricating oil deliveries to vessels: The measures in c. i. and ii will be used at each connection point at the delivery trucks, and booms will be installed around oil delivery truck tanks before transfers begin. Storm drains located within the area controlled by the land boom will be protected. The Port will have land boom, drain covers, and drip pans available for vendors.
 - 2. Oily bilge water removal from vessels: The measures in c. i. and ii will be used at each connection point at the removal truck.
 - 3. Sewage removal from vessels: The measures in c. i. and ii will be used at each connection point at any storage tank on the Pier or any removal trucks.

d. Vessel Painting and Washing:

- i. Any washing and spraying of the outside of the vessels must be done with clean water.
- ii. No spray painting or sand blasting of vessels will occur at the facility.
- iii. No mixing of paint or tool cleaning related to vessel painting and washing will occur on portions of the cruise terminal facility that discharge stormwater to Elliot Bay.
- iv. Tarps or drop cloths will be used as follows:
 - 1. A tarp or drop cloth will be affixed under or on the floor of any manlift (i.e. cherry picker) basket when using a manlift located on the pier for any painting, paint preparation, finish application or

washing occurs. The floor of the manlift will be inspected for any paint drips or spills and wiped before removing the tarp or drop cloth from beneath.

- 2. In addition to a tarp affixed under or on the floor of the manlift, it will be recommended to the vessel operators to exercise additional caution to prevent the discharge of paint drips and paint chips directly in to the water, and in so doing consider the design, installation and use of any drop cloth device attached to the vessel or extended from the manlift, to the extent they will not compromise the safety of the person operating the manlift or other employees working in the area.
- 3. Contents collected on the drop cloth must be disposed of promptly and in a manner consistent with federal, state, and local laws.
- 4. Upon completion of any exterior painting of vessels, the surface of the Pier in the vicinity of the painting activity will be inspected for paint drip and cleaned up as necessary.
- 5. These activities will be monitored to ensure that BMPs are properly implemented.

e. Housekeeping:

- i. The cruise terminal facility Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan will identify a pollution prevention team responsible for proper application of all BMPs.
- ii. Prior to the beginning of each cruise season, all Port and operator employees and managing representatives of cruise-related vendors or contracted entities working on the Pier with BMP-related duties will be informed about the importance of best management practices at the facility. All employees assigned to perform any function related to BMP implementation must be instructed on how to perform those functions effectively.
- iii. As a result of daily cruise operations, material tracked out of the Service Area onto the pier surface that is beyond the sanitary sewer collection area will be cleaned up at the end of the day's operation.
- iv. At the start of each cruise season, a list of current BMPs specific to cruise terminal operations will be circulated to terminal operator, stevedore companies, all vessels, and all known vendors or on the first occasion that new vessels and vendors arrive at the Pier.

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- v. When there are vessels at the cruise terminal facility, daily inspections must be conducted of all operations having the potential to contaminate stormwater and to ensure the BMPs are being applied to those operations. Corrections must be immediately made when any problems are found.
- vi. The Pier surface during the cruise season will be vacuum swept as follows: Every week or as deemed necessary a vacuum sweeper will be used to spot clean the high traffic areas, and a large mechanical vacuum sweeper-truck will be used once a month during cruise season as well as before and after the cruise season.

f. **Spill Prevention and Cleanup Program:**

- i. A spill prevention and clean-up program that is specific to the facility will be maintained and implemented.
- ii. Employees, representatives and contractors with BMP-associated Terminal duties must receive training on spill prevention and cleanup measures at the beginning of each cruise season.
- 9. The Port must provide Soundkeeper with a report twice a year documenting the implementation of the above BMPs on Pier 66. The report will include the following descriptions: (a) the Port's implementation of each BMP at Pier 66; (b) the entities involved in cruise-related activities who were informed about the BMPs by the Port; and (c) the Port's knowledge regarding the implementation of each BMP by these other entities. The report will identify the author. The Port will obtain information on the implementation of the BMPs to the extent it is reasonably practical from Port internal work orders and information it obtains from the cruise terminal facility operator. This list is not exhaustive or intended to limit the information the Port may provide in the reports.
- 10. As part of the consideration for this Consent Decree the Port and CTA will implement the BMPs set forth in Paragraph 8 for cruise-related activities at Pier 91, and provide the same reports identified in paragraph 9, above, as will be reflected in the separately enforceable Pier 91 Agreement.

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- 11. Within ten (10) days following the entry of the Consent Decree, the Port shall pay Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to Soundkeeper. The Port's payments shall be in full and complete satisfaction of any claims Soundkeeper has or may have against the Port, either legal or equitable, and of any kind of nature whatsoever, for fees, expenses, and costs incurred in this litigation, or for civil penalties under the Clean Water Act. Soundkeeper may allocate the payment as it deems appropriate. The parties agree to have payment made by check to the order of "Puget Soundkeeper Alliance c/o Smith and Lowney Trust Account" and deposited in the Smith and Lowney Trust account. The Port will mail the check to 2317 East John Street Seattle, WA 98112, Attn. Knoll Lowney.
- 12. Within ten (10) days of entry of this Consent Decree, CTA will pay Soundkeeper Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000). CTA's payment will be in full and complete satisfaction of any claims Soundkeeper has or may have against CTA, either legal or equitable, and of any kind of nature whatsoever, for fees, expenses, and costs incurred in this litigation, or for civil penalties under the Clean Water Act. Soundkeeper may allocate the payment as it deems appropriate. The parties agree to have payment made by check to the order of "Puget Soundkeeper Alliance c/o Smith and Lowney Trust Account" and deposited in the Smith and Lowney Trust account. CTA will mail the check to 2317 East John Street Seattle, WA 98112, Attn. Knoll Lowney.
- 13. In consideration of CTA's and the Port's obligations under this Consent Decree, for the term of this Consent Decree, as defined in paragraph 17, below, Soundkeeper covenants not to sue CTA, CTA's members, the Port, or any successor owner or operator of the Facility, or associate with, or support financially or otherwise any other person to sue CTA, CTA's members, or the Port for any of the discharges associated with the cruise-related activities at the Facility that Soundkeeper alleged in its expert reports or pleadings should have necessitated CTA, CTA's members, and/or the Port to obtain coverage for the Facility under Ecology's ISGP.

14. A force majeure event is any event outside the reasonable control of the Port that causes a delay in performing tasks required by this decree that cannot be cured by due diligence. Any delay in performance by the Port of a task required by this Consent Decree caused by a force majeure event is not a failure to comply with the terms of this decree, provided that the Port notifies Soundkeeper of the event; the steps that the Port will take to perform the task; the projected time that will be needed to complete the task; and the measures that have been taken or will be taken to prevent or minimize any impacts to stormwater quality resulting from delay in completing the task.

The Port will notify Soundkeeper of the occurrence of a force majeure event as soon as reasonably possible but, in any case, no later than fifteen days after the occurrence of the event. In such event, the time for performance of the task will be extended for a reasonable period of time following the force majeure event.

By way of example and not limitation, force majeure events include but are not limited to:

- a. Acts of God, war, insurrection, terrorism, or civil disturbance;
- b. Earthquakes, landslides, fire, floods;
- c. Actions or inactions of third parties over which defendant has no control;
- d. Unusually adverse weather conditions;
- e. Restraint by court order or order of public authority;
- f. Strikes or other labor disruptions;
- g. Any permit or other approval sought by the Port from a government authority to implement any of the actions required by this consent decree where such approval is not granted or is delayed, and where the Port has timely and in good faith sought the permit or approval; and
- h. Litigation, arbitration, or mediation that causes delay.

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- 15. This Consent Decree takes effect on the date it is entered by the Court. It terminates 10 years after the date of entry unless good cause exists for earlier termination based upon either a material change of cruise-related activities that are subject to the above BMPs, or a material change in the water quality regulations regarding these activities. If either party believes that there has been a material change in either the cruise-terminal activities or water quality regulations, that party may ask the Court under its continuing jurisdiction to terminate the Consent Decree on that basis. Before applying to the Court for this determination, the parties must first provide written notice to the other parties of the material change(s) alleged to have occurred and then meet and attempt to resolve any dispute regarding the allegations and discuss any suggested measures for resolving the dispute. A meeting should be held as soon as practical after providing the written notice but must be held within 30 days after such notice, provided, however, that if the party(ies) who opposes early termination fails to meet with the party who proposes early termination within 30 days after such notice, the party(ies) who proposes early termination may ask the Court to terminate the Consent Decree without further delay. Any notice as required by this paragraph must be sent via first class mail to the party and to its counsel of record.
- 16. This Consent Decree may not be used as evidence in any proceeding or as an admission or adjudication with respect to any allegations in the Complaint or any fact or conclusion of law with respect to any matter alleged in or arising out of the Complaint.
- 17. The Court retains jurisdiction over this matter. While this decree remains in force, this case may be reopened without filing fee so that the parties may apply to the Court for any further order that may be necessary to construe, carry out, enforce compliance, and/or resolve any dispute regarding the terms or conditions of the Consent Decree until termination of the Consent Decree. Before applying to the Court for relief, the parties must first attempt to resolve any dispute regarding implementation of, or compliance with, this Consent Decree by: 1) providing written notice to the other parties of the dispute; and 2) meeting to discuss the dispute

- 18. The parties recognize that, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1365(c)(3), no consent judgment can be entered in a Clean Water Act suit to which the United States is not a party prior to 45 days following the receipt of a copy of the proposed consent judgment by the U.S. Attorney General and the Administrator of the U.S. EPA. Therefore, upon the signing of this Consent Decree by the parties, Soundkeeper will serve copies of it upon the Administrator of the U.S. EPA and the Attorney General.
- 19. The parties have participated in drafting this decree. The terms of this Consent Decree will be construed without regard to who drafted the various provisions and will be construed as though both parties participated equally in the drafting. Accordingly, any rule of construction that a document is to be construed against the drafting party is not applicable to this Consent Decree.
 - 20. This Consent Decree may be modified only upon the approval of the Court.
- 21. If for any reason the Court declines to approve this Consent Decree in the form presented, this Consent Decree is voidable at the discretion of any party. The parties agree to continue negotiations in good faith in an attempt to cure any objection raised by the Court to entry of this Consent Decree.
- 22. Notifications required by this Consent Decree must be in writing. The sending party may use any of the following methods of delivery: (1) personal delivery; (2) registered or

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DATED this 6th day of July 2016.

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August 21, 2019

Thomas Swegle **Environment & Natural Resources Division** Law and Policy Section P.O. Box 7415 Ben Franklin Station Washington, D.C. 20044-7415

Re: Puget Soundkeeper Alliance v. Total Terminals International, LLC (Case No. 2:18-cv-00540-RSL)

Dear Mr. Swegle,

This letter is intended to provide assurance that I have received the draft Consent Decree between Puget Soundkeeper Alliance and Total Terminal International, LLC ("TTI") and that I am authorized by my Board of Directors to make the following binding commitments on behalf of the Rose Foundation.

- 1) I understand that the Rose Foundation should receive funds from TTC as specified in the Consent Decree.
- 2) The Rose Foundation shall prioritize the use of TTI funds for environmentally beneficial projects in Elliot Bay or within 50 miles of TTI's facility relating to water quality improvements. The funds shall be dispersed through the Rose Foundation's Puget Sound Stewardship & Mitigation Fund, a grantmaking fund which is wholly dedicated to supporting projects which benefit the water quality of Puget Sound.
- 3) Due to the disproportionate impact of pollution from facilities such TTI to low-income neighborhoods and communities of color, the Rose Foundation's policy is to prioritize projects from these neighborhoods in selecting grantees.
- 4) After the funds have been disbursed, the Rose Foundation shall send a report to the Justice Department, the Court and the Parties describing how the funds were utilized and demonstrating conformance with the nexus of the Consent Decree.

Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment

The Rose Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity (tax ID#94-3179772). Its mission is to support grassroots initiatives to inspire community action to protect the environment, consumers and public health. To fulfill this mission, the Rose Foundation conducts the following activities:

Raise money to award as grants to qualified non-profit organizations conducting charitable operations. The Rose Foundation does not support lobbying activities that are prohibited by Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, and no portion of the TTI funds shall be used to support any political lobbying activities whatsoever.

- Work directly in schools and in the community to encourage environmental stewardship and civic participation.
- Help government efforts to control pollution and protect the environment by encouraging community engagement in local, state and federal research and policy development.

Within this broad range of activities, all of the Rose Foundation's work revolves around one or more of the following strategic themes:

- Build and maintain a bridge between the community and organized philanthropy.
- Protect the natural environment, public health, and community and consumer rights.
- Promote collaboration between labor, environmental, business, consumer and social interests.
- Cultivate a new generation of environmental stewards and social policy leaders.
- Respect the inalienable rights protected by our nation's constitution, and the essential human rights to clean air, clean water, and individual dignity and privacy.

The Rose Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors. Grant applicants are required to submit written proposals, which must include at a minimum specific information about the goals, activities and projected outcomes of the proposed project, background about the charitable applicant, budget information, and a specific funding request. The Foundation may require additional information in order to fully evaluate the application. Applications are first screened by Foundation staff. Staff then makes recommendations to the Foundation Board for action. The Foundation requires all projects to submit written reports within one year of receipt of the grant award describing work conducted under the grant, thereby providing an accountability mechanism over funds awarded. Annual audits by the certified public accounting firm Maze and Associates are posted on the Foundation's website www.rosefdn.org.

I hope this provides you with the information you require. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, or for additional information at (510) 658-0702 or tlittle@rosefdn.org.

Sincerely,

Tim Little, Executive Director

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Terminal 46 Litigation Settlement Agreement

Presenter: Elizabeth Black

Title: Senior Port Counsel, Port of Seattle

Actions Requested

As referenced in NWSA Resolution No. 2018-01, Exhibit A, Delegation of Authority Master Policy, Paragraph 8.c.iii., states project costs exceeding \$300,000 require approval from Managing Members.

- Request authorization from Port of Seattle Commissioners for Port of Seattle Executive Director Stephen Metruck to sign the proposed consent decree and carry out the requirements of the consent decree related to cruise operations.
- Request authorization from the NWSA Managing Members to carry out the requirements of the consent decree related to cargo operations, which may entail costs in excess of \$300,000 for required best management practices and if it becomes necessary to upgrade or replace the existing stormwater treatment system at Terminal 46.



Background

- April 12, 2018 Soundkeeper filed suit against TTI.
- October 31, 2018 Soundkeeper amended its complaint to add the Port of Seattle.
- November 15, 2018 The Port of Seattle filed its motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction.
- March 4, 2019 The court denied the Port's motion to dismiss.
- March 29, 2019 Managing Members approved the lease termination agreement between TTI and NWSA.
- August 31, 2019 TTI ceased operations at Terminal 46.



Synopsis

- The settlement agreement includes the following provisions:
 - Cruise operations: Port of Seattle will be obligated to perform certain best management practices if a new cruise terminal operates at Terminal 46;
 - Cargo operations: NWSA is obligated to perform certain best management practices, may be required to sample wharf drains, and potentially upgrade the existing stormwater treatment system for cargo operations; and
 - Financial payments: TTI will make a \$735,000 donation to the Rose Foundation as a payment in lieu of penalty and will pay \$165,000 in Soundkeeper's attorneys' fees. Pursuant to the lease termination agreement, NWSA will reimburse TTI \$300,000.
 - Term: The consent decree, including a covenant not to sue, extends for three years.



Financial Summary

Date	Action	Amount
August 2018	Executive authorization – legal fees	\$250,000
March 29, 2019	Commission authorization – lease termination agreement	\$300,000
May 7, 2019	Commission authorization – legal fees	\$350,000
	\$900,000	



Alternatives Considered and Implications

- No Action Alternative: Continued litigation entails certain risks and costs. This is not the preferred alternative.
- Recommended action: Approve settlement agreement as memorialized in the consent decree.



Environmental Impacts/Review

- Permitting: No Impacts.
- Remediation: No Impacts.
- Water Quality: This settlement obligates the Port of Seattle and NWSA to perform certain best management practices with regard to stormwater at Terminal 46 up to and potentially including new treatment.
- Air Quality: No impacts.



Financial Impact

No significant new costs are associated with this settlement. In the event a future tenant triggers an obligation to construct stormwater improvements on the facility with costs exceeding \$300,000, project staff will seek Managing Members' funding authorization.



Actions Requested

Port of Seattle Commission

Requesting authorization for Port of Seattle Executive Director Stephen Metruck to sign the proposed consent decree and carry out the requirements of the consent decree related to cruise operations.

NWSA Managing Members

Requesting authorization to carry out the requirements of the consent decree related to cargo operations, which may entail costs in excess of \$300,000 for required best management practices and if it becomes necessary to upgrade or replace the existing stormwater treatment system at Terminal 46.

