

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 13, 2016
TO: John Wolfe, Chief Executive Officer, The Northwest Seaport Alliance
FROM: Thais Howard PE, Director, Engineering, Port of Tacoma *TH*
SUBJECT: **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY - NIM TRACK 6 DAMAGE, SOUTH HARBOR**

Description:

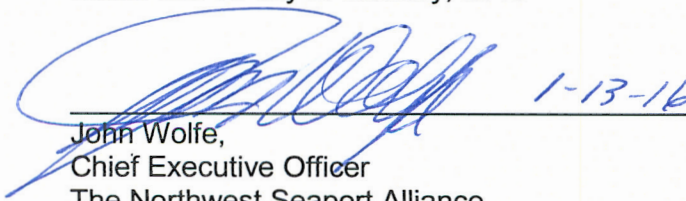
Track 6 at the North Intermodal (NIM) Yard, located at The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) South Harbor in Pierce County, is out of service until further notice due to a cracked rail head at the intersection of "Port Center Road". The track is locked out at switch E (south of the crack).

Justification:

For safety reasons, Track 6 cannot be used and is out of service. The rail damage at Track 6 impacts the NIM from a capacity stand point and will severely lower the ability to service Port customers from an efficiency standpoint, resulting in a loss of essential services at the NIM yard. Repairs need to be expedited in order to meet our commitments to our customers and maintain a safe, working rail system at the NIM Yard.

Therefore, in accordance with The NWSA policies and applicable law (RCW §§ 39.04.020 and 39.04.280), and as authorized by The NWSA Chief Executive Officer's signature below, an emergency is hereby declared and staff is authorized to proceed with immediate repairs relative to the above-described conditions. The declaration of emergency will be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which such work is to be done within seven calendar days and ratified by the Managing Members at the next regularly scheduled meeting following award of a public works contract.

Dated this 13 day of January, 2016



John Wolfe,
Chief Executive Officer
The Northwest Seaport Alliance

Cc: NWSA Managing Members