

THE NORTHWEST SEAPORT ALLIANCE
MEMORANDUM

MANAGING MEMBERS
ACTION ITEM

Item No. 9D
Date of Meeting February 1, 2022

DATE: January 21, 2022

TO: Managing Members

FROM: John Wolfe, CEO

Sponsor: John Wolfe, CEO

Project Manager: Ryan McFarland, Senior Manager of Government Affairs

SUBJECT: 2022 state and federal government affairs agendas

A. ACTION REQUESTED

Staff requests approval of the proposed NWSA 2022 state and federal government affairs agendas.

B. SYNOPSIS

The 2022 federal government affairs agenda contains priorities the NWSA government affairs team will pursue proactively during the coming year.

C. BACKGROUND

Government affairs staff are proposing modifications to the state and federal government affairs agendas that will guide our work in 2022. NWSA's Legislative Work Group has approved the proposed changes, and staff are now seeking approval of the Managing Members.

The proposed 2022 state and federal government affairs agendas are attached to this memo. Staff have proposed only minimal changes to the agendas this year.

- The state agenda features new items on supply chain challenges and a fruit and vegetable manufacturing tax credit that is important to NWSA agriculture stakeholders.
- The federal agenda contains a few edits that reflect a change in where we are on the deepening projects, as well as language on supply chain challenges (under the

freight policy item) and a trade policy update. These proposed changes are marked up in the attached draft.

The NWSA also maintains its catalogue of government affairs positions, which is attached to this memo. The catalogue is a document the alliance relies on to respond to issues that may develop over the course of the year that require legislative engagement but may not be identified as a priority issue. It includes positions taken by the Managing Members in years past on priorities that appear in past government affairs agendas. Staff will update the catalogue to reflect the language in the 2022 government affairs agendas after they are approved by the Managing Members.

D. ATTACHMENTS TO THIS REQUEST

- Draft 2022 state government affairs agenda
- Draft 2022 federal government affairs agenda
- Catalogue of government affairs positions

E. PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR BRIEFINGS

Staff briefed the NWSA's Legislative Work Group on the proposed 2022 agenda and received the work group's approval to bring the current drafts of the agendas to the Managing Members for approval. Much of the proposed state and federal agendas remain unchanged from the previous versions the Managing Members approved for 2021.