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2026 Update to the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements



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Port of Tacoma Commission Meeting
Date: November 17, 2026

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Action Requested

Staff requests Port of Tacoma Commission approval of Resolution 2026-13-PT to amend the current Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements (CSHI) as required by Chapter 53.20 RCW.

Background

- RCW 53.20.010: No expenditures, other than administrative, authorized until the CSHI is adopted.
- RCW 53.20.020: "...every improvement to be made by said commission shall be made substantially in accordance therewith..." unless the CSHI is amended.
- Specific notice requirements are included in the RCW.
- Last update to the Port of Tacoma CSHI was made by adoption of Resolution 2025-12-PT.

2026 Updates to the CSHI

- Removed one property previously declared by the Commission to be surplus via Resolution 2026-06-PT.
- Administrative edits to descriptions of intended property uses to reflect changes in circumstances or leases.
- These changes are consistent with previous Commission actions and local zoning regulations.

Environmental Review & Public Notice

- This update is consistent with the Determination of Non-significance (DNS) issued for the CSHI on October 28, 2024. An updated addendum to the DNS was filed with the Department of Ecology.
- Public notice about today's hearing was provided:
  - The first notice of public hearing was published on November 1, 2026, in the Tacoma News Tribune.
  - The second notice of public hearing was published on November 8, 2026, in the Tacoma News Tribune.

Effect of CSHI Approval

- Approval of these amendments to Port of Tacoma Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements ensures that the CSHI stays up to date with other Commission actions.
- Compliance with state law.

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Thank You

Questions & Discussion

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