

A Resolution of the Port of Tacoma Commission adopting the Port of Tacoma's 2022 Habitat Mitigation Strategy ("Habitat Strategy"), superseding and replacing Resolution 2014-02.

**WHEREAS**, the Port adopted its first Habitat Strategy in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port updated its Habitat Strategy in 2014 with the adoption of Resolution 2014-02; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port has completed or nearly completed the major initiatives identified in the 2014 Habitat Strategy, including:

1. Construction of the award-winning Upper Clear Creek Mitigation Site and Bank
2. Construction and near completion of the Lower Wapato Creek Mitigation Site in partnership with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians
3. Incorporation of the Saltchuk Restoration Area as part of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment for the Blair Waterway Deepening Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Habitat Strategy is to provide a framework that informs:

1. Management of the Port's mitigation credit portfolio
2. Development of future habitat mitigation sites
3. The direction the Port will take to work with local partners to develop and/or improve habitat sites independent of regulatory requirements
4. Stewardship of existing habitat sites
5. Advancement of the Port's Strategic Plan Environmental Leadership goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port has observed three guiding principles when planning, designing, constructing, and caring for its mitigation sites:

1. Build large, ecologically important sites that focus on fisheries enhancement
2. Build sites in advance of the development project requiring the mitigation if possible but concurrently when necessary
3. Build sites where they will provide the most ecological good and away from planned future development—view sites as permanent infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, these guiding principles provide Port staff with strategic direction but do not bind the Port to specific future actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port has significant opportunity to redevelop property to support its mission of economic development for the people of Pierce County; and

**WHEREAS**, some of that redevelopment will require compensatory habitat mitigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port is well-positioned to help its development and supply chain partners through providing high quality habitat mitigation credits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port needs to update its Habitat Strategy given it has accomplished or nearly so what was outlined in the 2014 Habitat Strategy and has several new initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, future actions to implement the 2022 Habitat Strategy come before the Commission in the form of individual projects, Interlocal Agreements or as part of the annual budget process...

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the 2022 Habitat Strategy is adopted, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to this resolution and by this reference incorporated herein.

**ADOPTED** by a majority of the members of the Port of Tacoma Commission at a regular meeting held on the **18th day of August 2022**, a majority of the members being present and voting on this resolution and signed by the Commission Officers in authentication of its passage this 18th day of August 2022.

**PORT OF TACOMA COMMISSION**

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