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SUBJECT: 2024 Commission Boards & Work Groups

A. BRIEFING PURPOSE

The purpose of this briefing is to discuss the proposed 2024 Commission Boards & Work Group assignments that cover internal and external Port of Tacoma boards and work groups, as well as Commissioner’s stated preferences for the Northwest Seaport Alliance work groups. Each Commissioner was provided the 2023 Boards and Work Group roster for review and comment on what their preferences would be for 2024. That input has been gathered, summarized, and is reflected in the current briefing materials. Per the revised Bylaws, the Commission will be briefed on the Boards & Work Groups in December each year and will then take Commission Action to approve the assignments at the first Commission meeting of January 2024.

Strategic Plan Initiatives:

- CC-1: Strengthen, build and maintain relationships with a wide variety of public, community, and business stakeholders through direct engagement.
- CC-2: Strengthen, build and maintain strategic relationships with federal, state and local governments, and with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

B. BACKGROUND

Each year the Commission reviews and approves their assignments / volunteer participation on a variety of internal and external boards, work groups and associations. Some external groups and associations are open to all Commissioners (e.g. Chamber of Commerce, RAMP, Rotary, etc.) and are not included in this specific briefing package as these do not require Commission Action. In addition, the list also includes roles some of the Port of Tacoma Commissioners are serving in an appointed status (e.g. FMSIB, UWT Urban Studies Advisory Board) and are also not included in this briefing package. The primary objective of the Briefing is to focus on those Port of Tacoma and NWSA seats that require the Commission to agree upon assigned members.

The Port of Tacoma’s internal Strategic Business Initiatives Work Group and the NWSA’s Tribal Relations Work Group were disbanded in 2023 and are no longer an active work group. In addition, the NWSA established an Offshore Wind Work Group in 2023, which will need active participation

from two designated Port of Tacoma Commissioners. Lastly, WPPA recently established an Investment Committee with a designated seat for the Port of Tacoma.

C. NEXT STEPS

Review and approve the proposed Commission Board and Work Group assignments at the January 17, 2024 Commission meeting.

D. ATTACHMENT

2024 Proposed Commission Boards & Work Group Assignments