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**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF THE FINAL STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA) DECISION FOR THE  
TERMINAL 5 WHARF REHABILITATION, BERTH DEEPENING, AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS)**

The Port of Seattle had completed the environmental analysis, including review of pertinent and available information, has prepared the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Terminal 5 Improvements project (Project), and announces the issuance of the FEIS for the Project. The Port of Seattle, acting as lead agency for environmental review of the Project under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), has determined that the FEIS is adequate and complies with the requirements of SEPA, Chapter 43.21C RCW, Chapter 197-11 WAC, and the Port SEPA Resolution 3650, as amended.

**Issuance Date of the FEIS:** October 18, 2016

**Proponent:** Port of Seattle

**Lead Agency:** Port of Seattle (POS SEPA No. 16-08)

**Responsible Official:** Lindsay Pulsifer, Managing Director Maritime Division

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**Location of Proposed Action:** Terminal 5 is a 197 acre facility located on the west shoreline of the West Waterway, in southwest Elliott Bay, approximately 1.5 miles southwest from the City of Seattle urban center. The street address for the site is 2701 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Seattle, Washington 98106.

**Proposal:** The Port of Seattle is proposing construction to rehabilitate existing marine cargo facilities at Terminal 5. The Project includes modifications to the existing Terminal 5 marine cargo facility in order to serve larger cargo vessels. The proposed changes consist of cargo wharf rehabilitation, deepening of the vessel berth, electrical service capacity improvements, and upland improvements. Existing cargo terminal uses will continue at the terminal.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) evaluated the potential environmental impacts of constructing and operating two development alternatives and the No-Action Alternative.

Alternative 1 – No-Action Alternative.

Alternative 2 – Cargo Wharf Rehabilitation, Berth Deepening, and Increased Cargo Handling.

Alternative 3 – Cargo Wharf Rehabilitation, Berth Deepening, Increased Cargo Handling, and Additional Upland Improvements.

Subsequent to the review of comments received on the DEIS, the Port made a decision to select Alternative 2 as the Preferred Alternative. Alternative 2 represents the necessary physical improvements and the anticipated level of cargo throughput required for both the Port and a Marine Terminal Operator to make efficient and effective use of Terminal 5.

The probable significant adverse environmental impacts to the environmental elements of the built and natural environment identified in the SEPA rules and the Port of Seattle's SEPA policies identified in Resolution 3650, as amended, are analyzed along with the potential mitigation measures and are summarized in the FEIS at Volume 1, Chapter 1 Table 1.3-1.

**Previous Public & Agency Comment:** Public and agency comments have been received throughout the Port's SEPA process, including: the Determination of Non-significance (DNS) for the Terminal 5 Wharf Rehabilitation and Berth Deepening Project on March 2, 2015; Public Scoping meeting on the environmental impacts and other issues to be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Terminal 5 Improvements Project was held on November 12, 2015; the DEIS issued on May 23, 2016; and the two DEIS public hearings held on June 7, 2016 and June 9, 2016. The Port's FEIS, which includes responses to all comments received for the Draft EIS, is now being issued, as of the date below.

**Availability of Final EIS:** Copies of the FEIS are distributed to agencies, organizations, and individuals noted on the Distribution List. Paper copies of this document are available for review at the Seattle Central Library, Delridge Library, Southwest Library, Highpoint Library, South Park Library, and West Seattle Library. Copies are also available at the Port of Seattle, Maritime Environment and Sustainability Department, Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA, during business hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Persons interested in receiving a copy of the FEIS should contact Brenda Thomas at 206-787-3382 or e-mail at: [SEPA.p@portseattle.org](mailto:SEPA.p@portseattle.org). Alternatively, the FEIS can be reviewed and downloaded at the Port of Seattle website at: <http://www.portseattle.org/Environmental/Environmental-Documents/Pages/default.aspx> and at the Terminal 5 Improvements Project Online Open House at: [www.nwseaportalliance.com/about/strategic-plan/t5](http://www.nwseaportalliance.com/about/strategic-plan/t5).

**SEPA Compliance:** This notice of the issuance of the FEIS for the Project complies with Resolution 3650, as amended. The Port of Seattle SEPA Responsible Official, has determined that the FEIS is adequate, and that it complies with the requirements of the SEPA, Chapter 43.21C, Chapter 197-11, WAC, and Resolution 3650, as amended, Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and Procedures. The FEIS has been prepared for use by the public, agencies, groups, and decision-makers in reviewing the Project.

**Future Actions:** The Port of Seattle Commission has not yet decided whether to approve the final design and construction of the Project. The Port of Seattle has already applied for certain regulatory approvals for the Project from other government agencies, including an application for a shoreline master use permit from the City of Seattle.

**Appeal of the Adequacy of FEIS:** Port of Seattle Resolution 3650, as amended, provides for appeal of the adequacy of a FEIS to be filed with the Port pursuant to the provisions of Section 21. Port of Seattle Resolution 3650, as amended, can be accessed here: <http://www.portseattle.org/Environmental/Environmental-Documents/SEPA-NEPA/Pages/default.aspx>. Any appeal of the adequacy of an FEIS must be filed by 5:00 pm of the 14<sup>th</sup> calendar day following the date that the Port provides public notice of the issuance of the FEIS. In addition, any appeal of the

adequacy of the FEIS must comply with the other requirements for filing appeals in Resolution 3650, as amended, including the specific requirements of Section 21.5.

RCW 43.21C.075 requires, with several exceptions which are inapplicable to this FEIS, that any administrative appeal brought under Chapter 43.21C RCW shall be linked to a specific government action. If an underlying government action concerning this Project occurs, any appeal of the adequacy of the FEIS shall be combined with the appeal of the underlying government action as required by RCW 43.21C.075(3)(b). If the Port receives an appeal concerning the adequacy of the FEIS, the appeal will be held in abeyance unless or until the party filing the administrative appeal also appeals a specific government action concerning the Project which would allow the consolidated appeals to be heard in compliance with RCW 43.21C.075(3)(b).

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