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# Terminal 5

## EIS Scoping Meeting

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- **Agenda**
  - Background – Kurt Beckett, Deputy CEO, Operations, Northwest Seaport Alliance
  - Environmental Review Process – Paul Meyer, Manager, Environmental Programs, Port of Seattle Maritime Division
  - Clarifying Q&A
  - Public Comments
  - Wrap up



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- **Background**
  - **Why are Terminal 5 Improvements necessary?**
    - Global changes in container shipping industry
    - What does “Big Ship Ready” mean?
    - Interest from prospective tenants



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## Environmental Review

- **Legal Requirements**

- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires evaluation of likely environmental consequences of proposed development actions
- EIS provides objective analysis of likely significant impacts, feasible alternatives and measures to avoid/minimize adverse impacts

- **Why an EIS?**

- Previous environmental review complete in March 2015
- New information since March indicates potential for significant adverse impacts
- EIS is the right tool to evaluate those potential impacts



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- **Environmental Review**
- **What is Scoping?**
  - First step in EIS process
  - Invite comment on likely range of alternatives and areas of impact
  - Comments inform Draft EIS
  - Scoping period – October 22 to November 23, 2015
- **Next Steps**
  - Review scoping comments
  - Prepare Draft EIS
  - Issue Draft EIS Spring 2016, invite comment
  - Prepare Final EIS, including responses to comments on Draft EIS
  - Issue Final EIS, Fall 2016



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## Project Elements

- Strengthen pier to support additional, larger cranes
- Stabilize under-pier slopes to allow berth deepening
- Deepen berths for greater vessel depth and width
- Provide additional electricity for new cranes

## Proposed Alternatives

- **Alternative 1:** No action
- **Alternative 2:** Pier strengthening, new container handling equipment, increased cargo capacity
- **Alternative 3:** Pier strengthening, new container handling equipment, building relocation to free-up container storage space, additional loading tracks in intermodal yard, increased cargo capacity



Upland  
Improvements

Dock  
Strengthening

Berth  
Deepening

Power  
Upgrades



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- **Clarifying Q&A**
  - Not official comments
  - Meant to clarify process





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- **Public Comments**
  - Ground Rules
  - Recorded by court reporter



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- **Feedback**

- **Comment through Monday, November 23, 2015**
- **Online Open House – <http://T5EIS.publicmeeting.info>**
- **Email – [Sepa.p@portseattle.org](mailto:Sepa.p@portseattle.org)**
- **Written comment forms**
- **Comment online tonight at comment station**

## Tips for commenting

- **Be clear, concise and organized**
- **Be specific**
- **Identify possible solutions**

**Thank you**

