



2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Secure \$2 Million in Capital Budget Funding

Point Hudson has been a focal point of the community for hundreds of years. Point Hudson's 80-year old overlapping jetties that protect the marina from waves and winds are failing. The Port is working on a three-phase rehabilitation project to preserve the jetties and revitalize the surrounding area. The Port is working with federal and local partners to complete phase 1 – a rebuild of Point Hudson's jetties, which costs \$14.7 million. The Port requests \$2 million from the state in the next biennium.

Support the Incentivization of Out-of-State Vessels in Washington Ports

Current state law requires the taxation of out-of-state vessels that remain in Washington state for an extended period. The Port supports the removal of a use tax while vessels are undergoing repairs or refitting. The Port supports a policy that encourages economic activity from visiting vessels who are currently dissuaded from visiting the waters of Washington state by the application of the use tax.

Support Full Ferry Service

The financial impacts of COVID-19 have decreased fare revenue and funding for ferry service, resulting in cuts to service. The Port hopes to maintain the full schedule of boats for the Port Townsend-Coupeville and Kingston-Edmonds ferry routes.

Support Funding for Derelict Vessel Removal Program

The Port relies on and supports continued funding for derelict vessel remediation in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources.

Support Sales Tax for Local Public Uses

The Port supports the extension of RCW 82.14.370, which allows rural economically distressed counties including Jefferson county, to retain 0.09% of Washington State's sales tax to fund public facilities and economic development purposes, which is set to sunset in 2032.

Support Legislation Granting Ports & PUDs Authority to Provision Broadband

Broadband access is limited in Jefferson County. The Port supports expanding retail authority to provision broadband by ports and public utility districts, at a minimum, as providers of last resort.

Support Funding for Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)

The Port supports continued funding for MTCA (Model Toxics Control Act) clean-up projects.