



## 2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

### ***Request \$1 Million in Capital Budget Funding***

The Point Hudson marina has been a focal point of the community for hundreds of years. The Port has begun a three-phase rehabilitation project to preserve the Point Hudson jetties and revitalize the surrounding marina. Point Hudson's 80-year old overlapping jetties protect the marina from waves and winds but have begun to fail, creating a safety concern in the event of a large storm. Prior to last session, the Port partnered with federal and local partners to secure a significant portion of the then \$14.7 million project. The Port was pleased the legislature supported the project with a \$1 million appropriation. Due to an unforeseen materials cost increase of \$1 million, the Port requests additional support from the state legislature in the 2023 supplemental budget to fully fund phase one of the project.

### ***Support Full Ferry Service***

The financial impacts of COVID-19 have decreased fare revenue and funding for ferry service. These financial challenges, and ferry workforce shortages, have resulted in cuts to service. The Port supports efforts to return to the regular schedule of boats for the Port Townsend-Coupeville and Kingston-Edmonds ferry routes, including investments in the ferry workforce.

### ***Support Sales Tax for Local Public Uses***

The Port supports the extension of RCW 82.14.370, known in Jefferson County as the "Public Infrastructure Fund," which allows rural economically distressed counties to retain 0.09% of Washington State's sales tax to finance public facilities serving economic development purposes. Without the passage of HB 1333, RCW 82.14.370 will sunset. \$150,000 in PIF funds have been dedicated to the Point Hudson Jetty replacement and \$1 million will help underground utilities and expand the Port's boatyard.

### ***Support Funding for Aviation Fuel Tank Removal***

The Port currently owns and maintains the Jefferson County International Airport which has an outdated fuel tank. The Port has applied for Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA) funding but has not been prioritized for immediate financial assistance. The Port supports additional funding opportunities for public ports that must decommission aviation fuel tanks to meet current environmental standards.

### ***Support Investments in Broadband***

Broadband access is limited in Jefferson County. The Port supported legislation last session granting authority for ports and public utility districts to provide retail broadband service. The Port supports continued investment into broadband infrastructure.

### ***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 Funding for Model Toxics Control Act***

The Port supports continued funding for Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) clean-up projects and the reduction of barriers to apply for MTCA funding.