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## **DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

**Name of Proposal:** 2025 Amendments to the Port of Port Townsend Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements (CSHI)

**Description of Proposal:** Adoption of the 2025 Amendments to the Port of Port Townsend's Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements ("CSHI" or "Comprehensive Scheme"). In 2020, the Port completed a substantial Update to its Comprehensive Scheme. The use and development plans for Port facilities outlined in the 2020 CSHI Update remain fundamentally unchanged and the proposed 2025 CSHI Amendments provide greater clarity regarding the capital projects the Port is undertaking to implement the CSHI. Specifically, the Port proposes to amend the CSHI to reflect the capital projects identified in the Port's 2026 Operating and Capital Budget. Maps depicting Port properties, their current use, and the long-range development plans for each were included in last year's update (2024) to the CSHI and remain unchanged.

The 2025 Amendments to the CSHI will allow the Port to continue to maintain eligibility for grants through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). The proposed amendments will also ensure alignment between the Port's 2026 Operating and Capital Budget and the CSHI, helping to prioritize projects necessary to maintain core Port infrastructure. The proposed amendments will be introduced and discussed with the Port Commission at a Regular Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in advance of the formal public hearing conducted at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2025.

**Proponent & Lead Agency:** Port of Port Townsend

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**Location of Proposal:** The 2025 Amendments to the Port of Port Townsend Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements would apply to all Port facilities located within Jefferson County, Washington.

**SEPA Threshold Determination of Non-Significance (DNS):** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of information on file with the lead agency.

**SEPA Public Comment/Appeal Period:** This notice is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). Written comments concerning the SEPA Threshold Determination must be submitted to the Port of Port Townsend by no later than **4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025**. Written appeals of the SEPA Threshold Determination must be submitted to the Port by no later than **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2025**. Consistent with

Appendix A to Port Commission Resolution No. 649-16, appeals of SEPA Threshold Determinations are heard by the Port Commission. Please address comments to:

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Available Documents: The 2024 Amendments to the Port Townsend Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements, SEPA Environmental Checklist and Threshold Determination are available for review on the Port's website at: https://portofpt.com/planning/. These documents are also available for inspection (by prior appointment only) at the Port of Port Townsend Administration Office (First Floor/Reception) at 2701 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend. Please contact Joanna Sanders, Administrative Assistant/Public Records Officer, at 360-385-0656 to arrange viewing the documents in person.

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