

RESOLUTION NO. 700-19

A Resolution of the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend

**A RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO
CLIMATE MITIGATION & ADAPTATION MEASURES**

The Port Commission for the Port of Port Townsend, Washington resolves as follows:

WHEREAS: numerous scientific organizations, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, have determined that human induced changes to the earth's climate system are unequivocal as evidenced by increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, receding glaciers, decreasing snow pack, ocean acidification and coral bleaching, and by rising global mean sea levels, and further, are damaging to the biosphere, including human systems; and

WHEREAS: energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels (e.g., coal, oil and natural gas) accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, and the U.S. produces nearly one quarter of global greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS: in response to this issue, Jefferson County and the City of Port Townsend have established a Climate Action Committee (CAC) by way of a joint resolution adopted in 2009 (County Resolution No. 06-09 and City Resolution No. 09-0002) to develop a Climate Action Plan and provide recommendations to implement the Plan; and

WHEREAS: the Port of Port Townsend is a participant in the proceedings of the fifteen (15) member CAC, together with representatives from the County, City, PUD, Public Health, Jefferson Healthcare, Jefferson Transit, the Port Townsend Paper Company, as well as citizen representatives; and

WHEREAS: the CAC has unanimously recommended that participating members demonstrate environmental leadership and stewardship by adopting organizational goals to reduce (mitigate) greenhouse gas emissions and to take steps to prepare for the biophysical changes occasioned by climate change (adaptation); and

WHEREAS: the Port of Port Townsend can influence land use, building construction, waste management, and reduce energy use within its facilities; and

WHEREAS: the Port can also provide leadership by motivating and supporting its tenants in efficiently using energy within Port facilities, and encouraging and supporting citizens throughout the County in improving energy use within businesses, industries, schools, churches and homes; and

WHEREAS: the Port of Port Townsend recognizes that the adverse effects of human induced climate change on the biosphere pose serious and increasing risks to our community's future economy and livability; and

WHEREAS: actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and efficiently use energy are required, and provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, supporting employment, reducing energy expenditures, saving money, and reducing tax burdens for governments, businesses and citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: by the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend, that it shall be the policy of the Port of Port Townsend to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for human induced climate impacts by implementing the following mitigation and adaptation measures:

I. Mitigation Measures:

1. To the extent allowed by available funding, prioritize energy efficiency repairs and upgrades to Port owned buildings in the five-year Capital Facilities Plan and annual capital budget. Such improvements should include but are not necessarily limited to: window and door replacement, attic/under-floor and wall insulation, and heating/ventilation system upgrades to structures at Point Hudson and Boat Haven.
2. Prioritize fuel efficiency, durability and long-term reliability as decision criteria in the purchase of all new Port fleet vehicles and equipment.
3. Consistent with Port Resolution No. 683-18, consider the use of biofuels and electrification in all future procurement decisions for Port vehicles, vessels and construction equipment. Such consideration shall consider lifecycle costing, comparing not only procurement costs, but lifecycle operational costs.
4. Establish and document adherence to a Port fleet vehicle and equipment maintenance and servicing schedule to optimize efficient, economical operation and service life.
5. Require that all new office equipment purchases by the Port be ENERGY STAR certified.
6. Develop and implement a strategy to replace all Port lighting with energy efficient fixtures.

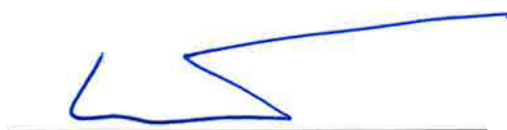
II. Adaptation Measures:

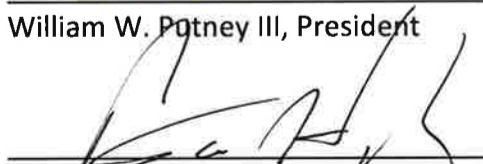
1. To the extent practicable, seek to diversify Port operations and lines of business in preparation for the physical/environmental and economic dislocations (e.g., sea level rise) likely to be caused by climate change.
2. Continue to explore opportunities to support expansion of the agricultural sector of the local economy (e.g., siting, feasibility, funding of an agricultural processing, storage and distribution center).
3. Focus capital resources on maintaining the Boat Haven Boatyard, recognizing that the practical skills hosted at this facility are vital to the community, both now, and in a future that may be simpler and more local.


ADOPTED this 22nd day of May 2019, by the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the Seal of the Commission duly affixed.

ATTEST:


Stephen R. Tucker, Secretary


William W. Potney III, President


Peter W. Hanke, Vice President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Port Attorney

