

EMERGENCY ORDER 2022-03:

Declaration of Emergency & Authorization to Waive Competitive Bidding Requirements

In conformance with the Delegation of Authority Resolution No. 762-22 adopted by the Commission on January 26, 2022, and Washington State statutes RCW 39.04.020, RCW 39.04.280, and RCW 53.08.120, the Executive Director of the Port of Port Townsend declares an emergency situation exists which presents a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions, or will likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken. Further, the Executive Director waives the competitive bidding requirements and authorizes the award of all necessary contracts to address this emergency.

Port Townsend was hit with a king tide that was much higher than predicted, storm surge, severe weather, high wind and extreme wave event on December 27, 2022. Immediately thereafter, flood water inundation and damage across Port properties was observed. Roadways, piers and floats have been closed pending further assessment. Additional events have been forecast for the coming days.

Allowing erosion and subsidence to occur without immediate action could endanger safe use of Port facilities and cause risk of harm to people and substantial financial losses to the Port.

Signed December 27, 2022:

Eron Berg, Executive Director

Port of Port Townsend