

## **DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE & ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS**

**Name of Proposal:** Adoption of an Update to the Port of Port Townsend Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements (“CSHI” or “Comprehensive Scheme”).

**Description of Proposal:** The Port of Port Townsend proposes modifications to its Comprehensive Scheme to reflect changing capital project priorities. The updated document proposes a range of capital rehabilitation, replacement, and improvement projects that are broadly consistent with the Port’s 2013 Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements. The proposed improvements are also consistent with the “preferred alternative” identified within the integrated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements adopted by the Port Commission in 2003.

Rather than property acquisition and expansion of capital infrastructure, the updated document emphasizes repair, rehabilitation and replacement of existing capital assets. No changes are presently proposed to the Port’s portfolio of real property. Instead, the revised document updates the facilities description narrative of the CSHI and the specific improvement projects anticipated to be undertaken over the next 20 years (i.e., including updated project descriptions, estimated costs, and anticipated timing).

The updated CSHI will allow the Port to maintain eligibility for grants through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). The updated CSHI will also inform annual Port capital budgets and help to prioritize projects needed to maintain core Port infrastructure. The draft CSHI update will be introduced and discussed with the Port Commission at a Workshop session on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in advance of the formal public hearing on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

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

**Proponent & Lead Agency:** Port of Port Townsend  
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**SEPA Threshold Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) & Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents:** 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. This document also serves as a notice of adoption of existing environmental documents pursuant to SEPA rules (Chapter 197-11 WAC). After independent review of the record, the Port of Port Townsend’s SEPA Responsible Official has determined that the existing environmental documents are appropriate for this proposal and provide adequate environmental review to satisfy the requirements of WAC 197-11-600. The following environmental documents are being adopted:

1. The Draft Port of Port Townsend Comprehensive Scheme & Draft Environmental Impact Statement (an integrated document) issued on September 26, 2003; and

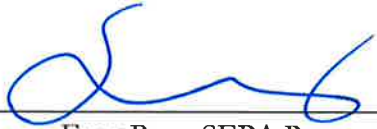
2. The Port of Port Townsend Comprehensive Scheme & Final Environmental Impact Statement issued on December 3, 2003.

**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 Wednesday, September 16, 2020**. Written appeals of the SEPA Threshold Determination must be submitted to the Port by no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020**. 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 draft CSHI Update, 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 Karen Erickson, Executive Assistant/Public Records Officer, at 360-385-0656 to make arrangements to view documents in person.

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**Date:** September 2, 2020