May 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ), I am pleased to share our strong support for the joint "Accelerating Zero-Emission Technology Deployment at Puget Sound Ports" application by The Northwest Seaport Alliance, Port of Seattle, and Port of Tacoma to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Ports Program (CPP) Zero-Emission Technology Deployment Competition.

These ports have committed to phasing out all emissions from seaport activities by 2050 or sooner. CPP offers an unprecedented opportunity to intensify this work and to accelerate progress toward a "tipping point" in the effort to fully decarbonize seaport operations in the Puget Sound region. The ports' proposal prioritizes the top three sources of seaport-related pollution in our region – vessels, cargo-handling equipment, and drayage trucks – as well as expanded community engagement programming. The high-impact suite of proposed projects and programs – from cargo to cruise to commercial fishing and more – will:

- Significantly reduce air and climate pollution from maritime activities in the Puget Sound region, especially in disadvantaged communities located near port terminals and freight corridors.
- Deliver healthier air for near-port residents as well as the tens of thousands of people who work on or near port facilities.
- Create, preserve, and improve the quality of thousands of port-related jobs – from dock workers to vessel-operators and truckers, while creating new opportunities in the clean energy economy.
- Strengthen the ports' capacity to meaningfully engage and partner with near-port communities and other stakeholders.
- Bolster the ports' role as catalysts of large-scale maritime decarbonization and sustainability transition – not only at their own facilities but across the broader maritime and freight industries locally, nationally, and globally.

CBJ and the Port of Seattle are the first two ports in the world to feature shore power for cruise ships and are partnering at First Movers on the Pacific Northwest to Alaska Green Corridor. This application by the Northwest Seaport Alliance, Port of Seattle, and Port of Tacoma supports this industry-leading project and advances our shared commitment to advancing maritime decarbonization in our region and to protecting the natural areas that attract so many visitors to the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. This project will not only benefit the local community but will also create decarbonization infrastructure that

supports the entire region, particularly the Southeast Alaska communities that rely on Seattle-area ports for our goods and services.

The ports' proposal is transformative for our region and will help drive progress toward emissions reductions in one of the hardest to decarbonize industries. CBJ urges the EPA to support this joint proposal.

Sincerely,



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