

# TERMINAL 46

## CRUISE TERMINAL DEVELOPMENT

EIS Scoping Public Meeting

Oct. 30, 2019

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# Agenda for tonight

- Welcome and introductions
- Presentation
- Clarifying Q&A
- Oral scoping comment period
- Open house
- Adjourn

# Welcome

- New cruise terminal proposed
- Environmental review process underway; accepting scoping comments through **Nov. 13**
- Working with stakeholders to identify concerns



# Proposed Cruise Terminal at Terminal 46

- Proposed cruise terminal would help to meet growing demand in Seattle
- Preferred location at Terminal 46
- New terminal would be part of a flexible marine transportation facility



# Cruise Business Development Principles

The Port adopted Cruise Business Development Principles to guide business and operation of existing and future facilities.

- Maximize use of the Port's deep-water facilities and industrial lands.
- Expand economic, cultural, and community benefits.
- Support financial sustainability of the Port.
- Incorporate leading edge environmental stewardship and sustainability practices.
- Facilitate improved transportation mobility of people and goods.
- Provide excellence in customer service.

# Port Cruise Operations

- Seattle is responsible for **45%** of Alaska cruise market
- Seattle cruise industry generates **\$893.6 million** & **5,500+** local jobs every season
- Each cruise ship contributes **\$4.2 million** to the local economy
- In 2019, the Port hosted **211** cruise ships & over **1.2 million** passengers



# Environmental Review

- The **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)** is a state law
- SEPA environmental review process includes an **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** for certain projects
- The Port will prepare an EIS to study potential impacts



# Environmental Impact Statement

## What is an EIS?

- An *environmental impact statement* (EIS) provides an analysis of likely impacts, alternatives, and ways to minimize/avoid impacts
- An *impact* is a change in outcome that results from an activity
- Three major milestones: Scoping, Draft EIS, and Final EIS



# Scoping

## What is Scoping?

- *Scoping* is the first step in the EIS process
- During scoping, we invite agencies, tribes, and the general public to comment on alternatives and potential impacts
- Comments used to narrow the focus of the EIS and identify alternatives





# What Alternatives Will be Considered?

The Port will determine alternatives by assessing different options that could achieve the project objective

What elements will be included in the cruise terminal development?

- Cruise building and parking
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Access to the deep-water berth
- Shorepower
- Street improvements and landscaping
- Pedestrian access and connections

# What Will be Analyzed?

- The Port has identified nine environmental elements for analysis
- Will evaluate the likely impacts of the proposed project for each element
- Elements include:
  - Transportation 
  - Air quality/greenhouse gas analysis 
  - Noise 
  - Biological resources 
  - Additional elements

# Participate

- Seeking public comments until **Nov. 13**
- Tips for commenting
  - Be clear, concise, and organized
  - Be specific
  - Identify possible solutions

- Comment online: Visit <https://t46cruise.participate.online/>
- Other ways to comment: E-mail [SEPA@portseattle.org](mailto:SEPA@portseattle.org)



# Next Steps

- The Port will review all comments and use them to prepare the Draft EIS
- Expect the Draft EIS to be issued in **early 2020**
- Updates will be posted online at:
  - <https://t46cruise.participate.online>
  - <https://www.portseattle.org/projects/new-cruise-terminal>

# Q & A

- Clarifying Questions
  - Seek to understand what you heard about the project and the environmental review
  - Port will respond
  - Questions will NOT be part of public comment record

# Oral Comment Period

- Share your comments about the scope of the environmental review
- Time limit will be announced
- Port will NOT respond; listening only
- Comments will be recorded by court reporter
- Comments will be part of public comment
- Courteous and respectful comments are welcomed



**Thank You  
for Joining Us**

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