Washington Maritime Federation
2022 Legislative Priorities

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About the Washington Maritime Federation

- Represents the state’s diverse maritime industry: cargo shipping and logistics; fishing; ship building; passenger vessel operations; recreational boating; and supporting businesses

- Statewide interests: members up and down Puget Sound, along the Columbia River, on the Olympic Peninsula, and more

- Volunteer board, current chair is Peter Schrappen of the American Waterways Operators

- Annual Advocacy Day in Olympia, in partnership with the Washington Public Ports Association

- On-water tours with partners and policymakers
Ferry funding consistent with Washington State Ferries adopted Long Range Plan

Infrastructure for critical freight routes connecting shippers to ports, and manufacturers to their suppliers

Invest revenue from the Climate Commitment Act to decarbonize the transportation sector
2022 Legislative Priorities - Maritime Education

- Support state partnership in career and technical education in the maritime industry, including:
  - Start-up funding for Maritime High School outreach and recruitment;
  - Continued support for Core Plus curriculum development, and;
  - Other K-12 maritime programs statewide

- Support for pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programming and other maritime focused trades training in the maritime sector
2022 Legislative Priorities - Supply Chain Congestion

- Support Rep. Berry’s joint memorial on the Jones Act (HJM 4002)
- Truck driver education and certification improvements to grow a critical workforce
- Port and/or freight mobility grant program aimed at investments on the dock that speed the movement of containers
- Pursue creative solutions to the warehousing shortage that contributes to supply chain congestion
- Promote public and private investment in modernization of equipment, technology, and infrastructure with a focus on decarbonization, economic growth, and trade competitiveness
2022 Legislative Priorities - Energy and Environment

- MTCA funding fix to ensure ports and local governments can continue leading on environmental remediation (SB 5895)

- Support EFSEC permitting improvements proposed to improve siting of clean energy projects (HB 1812)

- Sustainable funding for derelict vessel removal and remediation (HB 1700)

- Ensure any consideration of offshore wind development off Washington coast involves full stakeholder engagement
2022 Legislative Priorities - Maritime, Manufacturing, and Industrial Lands

- Shipyard Infrastructure: Seek creative public policy solutions to currently constrained shipyard infrastructure to meet market demand in Washington state

- Industrial Lands: Ensure that Growth Management Act amendments preserve critical protections against incompatible development that would impact industrial lands, businesses, and workers
2022 Legislative Priorities - Commercial fishing

- Support the promotion of a vibrant, sustainable commercial fishing industry in Washington State.

- Dungeness crab fishery: support action providing for State Board of Health to permit sale of eviscerated Dungeness crab when domoic acid is detected, not a threat to public health (HB 1508). Will allow crab season to continue in periods when domoic acid is present.
Thank You!

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