

**PORT OF LONGVIEW COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT  
OF LONGVIEW IN SUPPORT OF DAMS WITHIN THE FEDERAL  
COLUMBIA-SNAKE RIVER SYSTEM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Longview ("The Port") handles cargo shipped on the Federal Columbia-Snake River System ("FCSRS") and exports that cargo globally;

**WHEREAS**, the FCSRS navigation system provides navigable waters to sustain the region's marine-dependent economy;

**WHEREAS**, the FCSRS is a critical to the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest, providing public benefits such as navigation, clean renewable energy, irrigation, flood control, and recreation;

**WHEREAS**, the dams are an essential part of the 360-mile-long FCSRS inland navigation channel that services communities between Lewiston, Idaho and the seaports on the Lower Columbia River;

**WHEREAS**, the dams are critical to the Pacific Northwest's cargo transportation system, and help American products reach global markets, as well as move domestic and international products upriver to the interior United States;

**WHEREAS**, the FCSRS is the most important export system in United States for wheat exports, handling over half of the country's exported wheat from 11 U.S. states, is the second most important export system in the United States for corn and soybeans, and is the west coast's largest export system for wood products and minerals;

**WHEREAS**, the Columbia-Snake River dam barging system significantly decreases cargo-related transportation emissions and increases transportation efficiency;


**WHEREAS**, dam removal would undermine Washington State's commitment to be a national carbon-reduction leader by increasing emissions from the transportation sector;

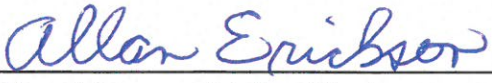
**WHEREAS**, in addition to greater transportation carbon emissions, removing the Columbia-Snake River Dams would result in greater congestion and higher maintenance costs to current highway and rail systems;

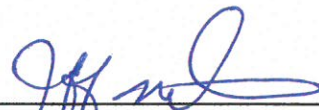
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the removal of elements of the Federal Columbia-Snake River System, specifically the Columbia-Snake River dams, would negatively impact the Port's responsibility to economic development in Cowlitz County and reduce the Port's ability to connect the Pacific Northwest to global trade.

ADOPTED by the Port of Longview Board of Commissioners this 6th day of November, 2019.

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Commissioner, District 2

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