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Hello. Danielle Butsick. I represent the Port of Seattle, King County. Um, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to comment on this very consequential rulemaking. We believe that these proposed revisions are a substantial departure from the existing rule. Um, they have the potential to uniquely impact public ports, diminishing our ability to maintain and modernize public maritime infrastructure, and compromising our ability to carry out our core mission, which includes economic development and environmental stewardship. We have to do well to do good, meaning that we have to protect our sources of revenue and job creation to invest in restoration projects that benefit the environment and the community. We"ve shown our commitment and capacity to do that beneficial work while responsibly using Seattle"s shorelines to grow the economy for the benefit of Seattle and the state of Washington.
Given the scope and significance of these changes, we need more time to review, coordinate with follow ports across Washington State, and prepare detailed comments for you to consider. Staff has recommended that port leadership formally request a 30-day extension, and that request is in progress. Thank you for considering our comments, and thank you for helping make sure that ports remain a priority use on Washington"s shorelines.