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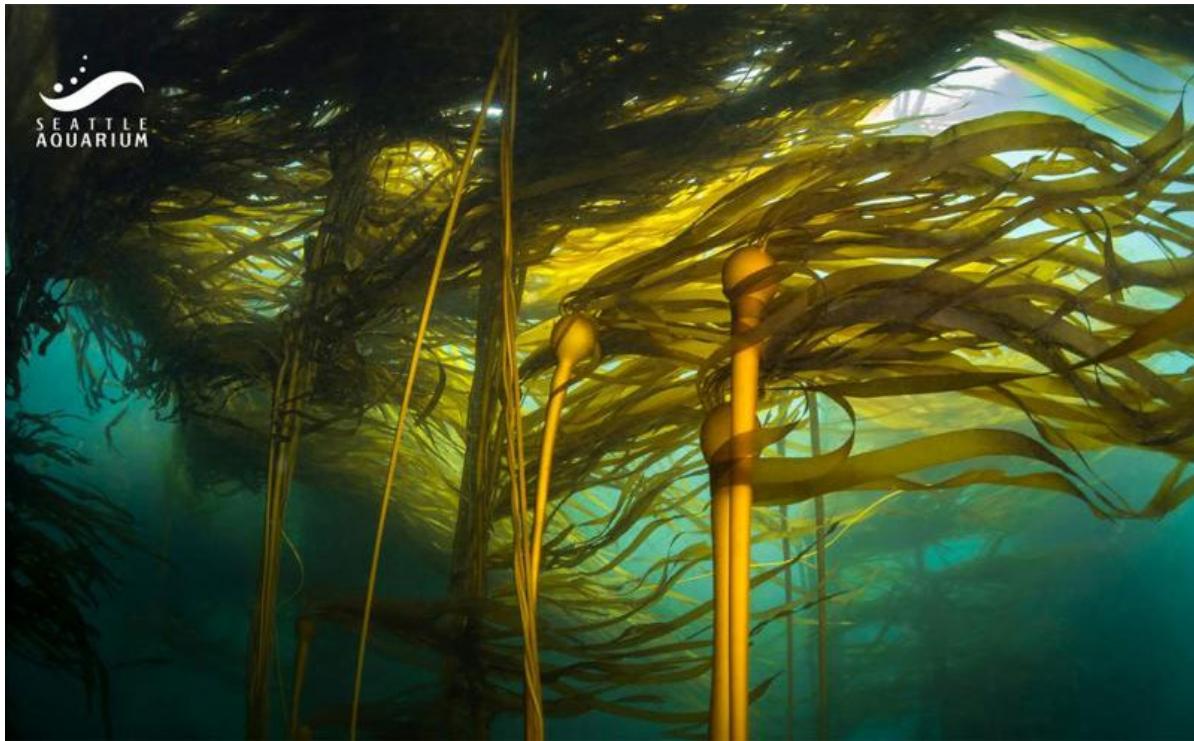
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## Collaborating to Restore Kelp Forests

The Port of Seattle and the Seattle Aquarium will collaborate on a project to study and map the presence of kelp forests along the urban waterfront of Elliott Bay as well as East and West Waterways of Seattle Harbor. The Commission allocated funding to restore kelp forests in the Port's 2022 budget. Growing kelp beds is an essential part of the action plan for the Smith Cove Blue Carbon project to build and preserve habitat.

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#### COMMUNITY

## Support Small Businesses at SEA



Welcome to National Small Business Week! Local entrepreneurs provide a majority of the jobs and activity in our economy. The Port continues to emphasize support for small businesses in its equitable economic recovery strategy. Check out one of these extraordinary small businesses next time you travel at SEA.

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#### ENVIRONMENT

## Recognizing Efforts to Reduce Aircraft Noise



The Port recognized the role of industry and community leaders in reducing aircraft noise at SEA. The Fly Quiet Awards commend voluntary efforts by EVA Air to address late night noise concerns raised by the community, and Frontier and Spirit for utilizing modern, quiet aircraft.

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## Bags First For International Arrivals at SEA Airport



The new International Arrivals Facility (IAF) will significantly improve the arrival process for international passengers without adding new gates. And to make travelers' experience more efficient, the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is rolling out Bags First, a new arrivals process and technology. Here's an insider view of the Bags First international arrival process.

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## Help Youth Launch Maritime Careers



The Port seeks organizations to launch maritime careers for Puget Sound youth, focusing on those from overburdened communities and vulnerable populations. The Youth Career Launch Program builds on previous work to create the Opportunity Youth Initiative as a direct response to economic crisis in communities most impacted by COVID-19. *Submit your proposal by July 7.*

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### COMMISSION

## Port Commission Meeting Recap

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**RECAP APRIL 26:** The Port Commission issued a Holocaust Remembrance Day Proclamation, and heard a Baggage Optimization Program Update – Second Quarter 2022, and a presentation on the Sustainable Century and Fly Quiet Awards.

The Port Commission also authorized an agreement with the Seattle Aquarium for a project investigating Urban Kelp Forest, and a cooperative research and development agreement with Pacific Northwest National Labs, Sandia National Labs and Seattle City Light to study risk assessment of large-scale hydrogen storage in a Port environment.

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**UP NEXT MAY 10:** The The Port Commission will authorize a proclamation recognizing May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, review a budget increase to build lounges in the Concourse A Building at Seattle-Tacoma

International Airport, sign off on the advertising and execution of dock rehabilitation at Shilshole Bay Marina, and authorize the division and sale of a parcel of land for building a new combined sewer overflow facility. And receive a final briefing on the Forterra ACE Green Cities project.

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**MARITIME BUSINESSES**  
Puget Sound maritime businesses have been working hard to create innovative initiatives to go beyond established emissions targets and address the urgency of climate change. [Keep reading→](#)



**REFLECTIONS** Looking back on her first 100 days, Commissioner Mohamed thanks everyone who supported her along the way, including thousands of staff, workers, and community members. [Keep reading→](#)



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**HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY** The Port Commission adopted a proclamation to acknowledge the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime during World War II.



**NATURALIZATION CEREMONY** In partnership with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Port hosted its first naturalization ceremony at SEA to welcome 35 U.S. citizenship candidates. [Keep reading→](#)

### Did You Know?

Through the challenges of a pandemic, the Port worked strategically and tirelessly to restore and protect our environment and the health of local communities. Check out a few of the many highlights for 2021.

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