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Pacific Merchant Shipping Association Statement on the Northwest Seaport Alliance

"This is a historic day that gives new hope to the tens of thousands of men and women whose livelihoods depend on a strong Pacific Northwest maritime industry," said Capt. Mike Moore, vice president of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association.

"Working as a team, the ports of Seattle and Tacoma will be stronger and much better positioned to make the smart investments that are necessary to keep the ports competitive.

"We congratulate the port commissions and their staffs for nearly two years of very complicated work to bring the Alliance to fruition.

"We are also very appreciative of the transportation investment package that was approved by the Legislature and the Governor. Transportation investments are vital to keeping jobs in the goods movement industry strong."

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