

# MODEL TOXICS CONTROL ACT

Revenue from the **HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE TAX (HST)** has recovered from historic lows and has stabilized funding available for the clean-up toxic sites.

However, increasing competition for funding among a variety of purposes continues to affect port projects.

Historically, clean-up funding averaged approximately \$70 million per biennium. In recent years, appropriations have been well below this level.

Constraints imposed by the legislature on funding for clean-up projects is concerning in light of the need for large appropriations for projects.

Particularly large needs include those at the **PORT OF EVERETT**, the **PORT OF BELLINGHAM**, and the **PORT OF SEATTLE**.

- The Port of Everett alone has a demonstrated need for funding in the range of **\$50 MILLION** for a project of regional economic significance.

Governor Inslee's budget provides **\$32.8 MILLION** for new Remedial Action Grants that fund clean-up projects.

## WPPA MTCA GOALS

- Contribute to Orca recovery and environmental sustainability by funding cleanups
- Provide financial certainty for large projects
- Support Governor Inslee's transfer of operating costs out of the MTCA accounts
- Stabilize Hazardous Substance Tax revenue

- While below what is needed, WPPA thanks the Governor for reducing operating program dependency on MTCA appropriations by **\$20 MILLION**.
- This is an important step which, if continued, will increase the availability of cleanup funding over time.
- Please support funding for new Remedial Action Grants to create jobs and restore our environment.

