

From: Geoffrey Harold <geoffreyharold@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 9:02 AM
To: Mickelson Anastasia
Subject: SB 412

- Please vote no on SB 412.
- No special exceptions from environmental laws for the Port of Portland.
- It is critical that DEQ retain full oversight over solid waste disposal to protect our communities and our environment.
- Requiring DEQ to automatically certify port dumping as “productive” renders the word “productive” meaningless and weakens DEQ oversight.
- SB 412 would allow ports to create new, permanent solid-waste dredge dumps outside of existing landfills that provide no beneficial value — exactly what the law was supposed to prevent.
- We expect public agencies like the Port of Portland to follow environmental laws, not seek exceptions from them.