

Proposed Action & Purpose and Need



Base Seattle is the largest and most essential Coast Guard facility in the Pacific Northwest, providing support functions for the Coast Guard's polar icebreakers and other major cutters that perform Coast Guard statutory missions in the Pacific and Polar areas of operation. Looking to the future, the next generation of polar icebreakers – the Polar Security Cutters – are planned to be homeported at Base Seattle, and other new classes of major cutters may be homeported at Base Seattle in the future as well.

The **Purpose** of the Proposed Action is to provide adequate and efficient facilities and infrastructure at Base Seattle to support current and future execution of the Coast Guard's statutory missions, pursuant to 14 USC § 102.

The **Need** for the Proposed Action is to address substantial existing deficiencies with facilities and infrastructure that hamper the efficient execution of missions, as well as provide facility enhancements necessary to support modern vessels, including Polar Security Cutters and other major cutters that may be homeported at Base Seattle in the future.

Under the **Proposed Action**, the Coast Guard would acquire land and make improvements over approximately the next 10 years to resolve incompatible land uses, provide new infrastructure, increase berthing capacity, upgrade existing facilities and infrastructure, reduce congestion and parking shortfalls, provide a safer work environment, and enhance physical security capabilities.