

## **Video Script - Protecting Habitat**

Hello. I'm Tom Albro and am running for the Seattle Port Commission. As an environmentalist, I believe the Port plays a critical role in protecting habitat and combating climate change.

In another video, I talk about reducing the Port's carbon footprint. Here I want to discuss how I'll work to prevent industrial sprawl - which threatens places like this.

For more than a hundred years our region has grown because of our natural resources, our access to the world through our harbor, rail, and air connections, and the strength of our maritime, manufacturing, and industrial base. These are all under threat and unless we roll up our sleeves and get to work they will be displaced - forced to move and sprawl because of urban pressures.

From a global environmental perspective that would be a disaster. By keeping these uses in place we take advantage of our green power, our rail connections, all the supporting infrastructure, and make the most of the tremendous environmental impacts that have already been made - keeping them from being repeated in more pristine areas.

The Northwest is a maritime, manufacturing, and industrial powerhouse. We need to keep it that way and keep the footprint compact. Doing so preserves habitat and lowers carbon output.

Here's where we come in. To do this we need to protect our maritime and industrial uses, which the Port of Seattle serves to anchor. That means we need to foster industry, preserve industrially zoned land, and encourage investment. We don't need to compromise our environmental commitment. We just need less red tape. We need to give weight to freight mobility in our transportation planning. And we need to see that remaining a Port/Industrial region is environmentally smart.

We need to think globally and act locally. Won't you help me protect habitat and combat climate change? I'm Tom Albro and I'm running for the Seattle Port Commission. Please help me get to work by supporting my candidacy. Thank you.