



PNWA's Puget Sound port members promote economic development in their communities, the Northwest, and the nation



Puget Sound Ports: Creating jobs, creating opportunities

Puget Sound Trade

Located on Puget Sound in the state of Washington, are our member ports: Port of Seattle, Port of Tacoma, Port of Skagit, and the Port of Port Angeles. These four ports encompass many of the economic activities that are important to the state of Washington: cargo, freight, tourism, and shipping. One out of three jobs in the state of Washington is related to international trade, making it the most trade-dependent state in the nation.

While Washington represents about 2% of the nation's population, its ports handle 7% of all U.S. exports and receive a 6% share of the nation's imports; making Washington the 3rd largest exporting state in the U.S. Together, the Port of Seattle and the Port of Tacoma are the second largest container load center in the country, second only to Los Angeles/Long Beach and ahead of New York/New Jersey.

As Washington state's fourth largest industry, tourism is becoming an increasingly important element of the state's ports. Over 170 cruise ships have called on the Port of Seattle and 685,000 passengers are estimated to visit by 2006, representing an increase of over 200,000 passengers from 2004.

Along with creating direct jobs and inducing indirect jobs, port business activities generate local and state taxes, helping to fund schools, police, fire protection, road improvements and other services. Over 703 million tax dollars went to the state this past year from port activities.

Puget Sound ports balance the needs of trade and tourism with environmental concerns and requirements. In doing so, our members are able to be competitive in the commercial arena as well as being environmentally responsible.

Forecasters say that international trade through Washington's ports will continue to increase by 4-5% each year for the next 20 years.

Pacific Northwest Waterways Association believes that the Puget Sound plays an integral role in international trade, and we are proud to support our members as they work to achieve their goals and bringing economic vitality to the Northwest.

Port of Seattle

The Port of Seattle is located closer to Asia than any other U.S. port.

Quick facts:

- The Northwest's largest container handling complex
- Eighth busiest U.S. seaport in dollar volume and TEUs
- The Port generates nearly 195,000 jobs throughout the region with payroll in excess of \$6.8 billion
- Products valued at \$36 billion cross the Port's docks each year
- \$626 million in local and state taxes were generated by Port activities in 2003
- Oversees 1,500 acres of moorage and cargo-related facilities
- 26 regularly scheduled container steamship lines, 2 major transcontinental railroads, and more than 100 trucking companies that link Seattle to market hubs throughout North America
- The Port encompasses more than 450 acres of container-handling space, with 26 container cranes and support facilities



Environmental Programs:

- The Port of Seattle has a dedicated team for environmental stewardship and compliance
- The Port's capital improvement programs provide funds for needed environmental work that otherwise might not be addressed
- The Port has over 10 environmental programs that are as varied and vital as it's economic programs: Air Quality and Alternative Fuel, Aquatic Habitat and Restoration, and Wildlife Management are just a few
- The Port maintains 19 parks and public shoreline access sites around Elliott Bay

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Port of Tacoma

The Port of Tacoma handles more than 70% of the marine cargo moving between the lower 48 states and Alaska.

Quick Facts:

- The Port is one of the nation's largest container ports, and containers are the largest and fastest growing cargo category at the Port
- 43,000 direct jobs in Pierce County and 113,000 jobs statewide are related to Port activity
- More than 1,350 Washington state firms import/export through the Port
- The Port handles more than \$29 billion in annual trade
- \$90 million in local and state taxes were generated by Port activity
- 12-track intermodal yard, which accommodates 72 double-stack cars, is directly connected to two major trans-continental rail lines, BNSF and Union Pacific, through Tacoma Rail, a regional short line service
- Tacoma has enough land to expand and handle the predicted needs of its current customers and new ones for at least 20 years



Port of Skagit

The Port of Skagit serves as an economic development engine for Skagit County by concentrating on its mission, "Jobs for Our Community." At the same time, the port takes care to provide transparent governance and excellent public service at minimal cost to the taxpayers in the district.

The port's current focus is on elements of its five-year strategic plan. These include developing a port-wide business plan; enhancing marketing efforts; improving the main runway at the airport; facilitating the extension of fiber optics in Skagit County; securing funding for Swinomish Channel dredging; and updating signage on port properties.

Quick Facts:

- Three primary facilities: La Conner Marina, Skagit Regional Airport, Bayview Business Park
- Main revenues are from moorage at the marina and from building and land leases
- The Port of Skagit's 83 tenants employ nearly 1,000 people.
- The 2010 operating budget foresees revenues of \$4.3 million and expenses of \$3.7 million. The 2010 capital budget is \$3,669,000.
- For 2010, the Port expects to collect \$1.2 million in property taxes, with an estimated millage rate of just under 12 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.



Port of Port Angeles

The Port of Port Angeles is the first full-service port available to ships coming into the Strait of Juan de Fuca, en route to Puget Sound and points further north.

Quick Facts:

- 1,701 direct jobs, generating \$53 million in direct income for workers at Port-owned facilities
- Four deep water marine terminals able to handle and store bulk products, forest products, containers, breakbulk, and heavy lift project cargo
- Two marinas accommodating up to 842 vessels
- Owns and operates two airports serving both commercial and private planes, with more than 800 acres of property
- Owns and operates three industrial business parks and several other industrial and commercial properties
- The Port and its tenants generated \$190 million in direct business revenues in 2006



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