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## **Port of Skagit County Executive Director elected PNWA Treasurer**

Patsy Martin, Port of Skagit County Executive Director, was elected Treasurer of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association.

Martin will assist in the association's annual Mission to Washington, DC in March 2008. PNWA's Mission to Washington agenda will include meetings with the Northwest Congressional delegation, senior staff from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies, and national leaders from industry and trade groups based in Washington, DC. Issues to be addressed in DC include funding for Swinomish Channel dredging and support for streamlining the Corps' permitting process to ensure timely maintenance and development of port property.

Elections for PNWA Executive Committee and Board of Directors were held October 11<sup>th</sup> at the PNWA Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Washington. Martin is Treasurer of a 40 member Board Directors from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California and Alaska. Other Puget Sound area members include Henry Yates of Port of Seattle, and Stephanie Bowman of Port of Tacoma. Elections were held at the PNWA Annual Meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Vancouver, Washington.

In addition to her current position as Executive Director, Patsy Martin has also served as the Planner and Environmental Manager and Deputy Director at the Port of Skagit County. She has been with the Port since 1995 and is currently focusing on continuing the expansion and business promotion at the port. Martin also previously served as an at-large member of PNWA's Executive Committee and has been on the Board of Directors since 2003.

PNWA is a regional association representing ports, steamship and towboat operators, grain and forest products shippers and other economic development interests and local government interests in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, and California. Since their founding in 1934, PNWA has led the way for development of economic infrastructure for navigation, electric power and irrigated agriculture on the Columbia and Snake River System. They work with the U.S. Congress, federal agencies and regional decision leaders on transportation, trade, tourism, energy and environmental policy to enhance economic vitality in the Pacific Northwest. For additional information, please visit [www.pnwa.net](http://www.pnwa.net).

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