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Port of Skagit Executive Director elected PNWA Senior Vice President

Patsy Martin, Port of Skagit Executive Director, was elected Senior Vice President of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association. Martin has been on the Board of Directors since 2003, and has served as PNWA's Treasurer since 2007.

Martin will assist in the association's annual Mission to Washington, DC in March 2010. 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 the Elliott Bay Seawall, funding for Swinomish Channel dredging and support for streamlining the Corps' regulatory process to ensure timely review of permit applications.

Elections for PNWA Executive Committee and Board of Directors were held October 14th at the PNWA Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Washington. Martin is Senior Vice President of a 40-member Board Directors from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California and Alaska. Other Puget Sound area members include Clare Gallagher of the Port of Seattle, and Stephanie Bowman of the Port of Tacoma.

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. She has been with the Port since 1995 and is currently focusing on continuing the expansion and business promotion at the port.

PNWA is a regional association representing ports, steamship and towboat operators, grain and forest products shippers and other economic development 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.

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