



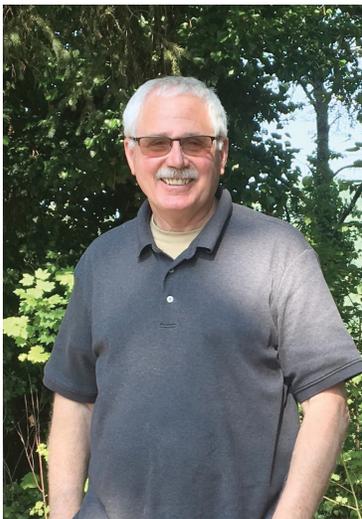
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Port of Toledo's Bud Shoemake retires



The Port of Toledo's Bud Shoemake officially retired after 16 years as general manager on Jan. 29.

Under Bud's management, the port's operations and infrastructure expanded dramatically. During his tenure, it grew from three employees to 36, with even more volunteers.

Bud oversaw the purchase of the port's shipyard in 2010, the recent construction of a \$5.1 million, 94-foot high metal maintenance and repair building at the shipyard, the creation of a welding lab in cooperation with Oregon Coast Community College and the Lincoln County School District, the rehabilitation of the industrial park, the first through the 15th annual Wooden Boat Festivals, the construction of three parks, and countless other projects large and small.

PNWA leadership and staff have truly enjoyed partnering with Bud over the years, and we wish him the very best in his retirement.

We look forward to working with [new General Manager Lorna Davis and Shipyard Manager Jim Pinckney](#).

Port of Everett celebrates South Terminal modernization

The Port of Everett and its partners celebrate the completion and official grand opening of the modernized

South Terminal – a \$57 million maritime infrastructure project designed to support the next generation of larger vessels and heavier cargoes now calling Everett.



South terminal serves a vital link in the quick and efficient handling of cargo to support the aerospace logistics needs for the new 777X and other wide-body aircraft that depend on the Port's custom facilities, and creates a unique opportunity for cargo diversification to help fast track local and regional economic recovery efforts now underway.

A [virtual ribbon-cutting program](#) commemorates this momentous occasion, and includes remarks from Port officials, Senator Murray, Senator Cantwell, U.S. Congressman Larsen and representatives from the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration, Washington State Department of Transportation, Snohomish County and City of Everett.

Port of Chehalis CEO testifies on broadband authority



Randy Mueller, CEO of the Port of Chehalis, testified before a Washington State Legislature committee last week about the need for ports and other public entities to provide telecommunications services like high-speed internet.

HB 1336 would expand the authority for public entities to provide telecommunications (internet, etc.) services to end-users at the local level.

[Watch Randy's and other's testimony here](#). Randy's testimony starts at about 1:05:00.

MARAD funding opportunity for small shipyards

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration announced the availability of \$19.6 million in federal funding to eligible U.S. small shipyards through the [Small Shipyard Grant Program](#). These grants support efficiency improvements and help U.S. shipyards modernize operations to compete more effectively in the global marketplace.

Applications for the grants are due by 5 p.m. EST on Feb. 25. Please search www.Grants.gov for [Funding opportunity number DTMASSG21](#) for the requirements to apply for a Small Shipyard Grant, or [contact David M. Heller](#),



Legislation providing COVID-19 relief needs districts' support



Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D, AZ) and Rep. John Garamendi (D, CA-3) jointly introduced the [Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act of 2021](#) (S.91/H.R.535) this

week. Rep. Peter DeFazio (D, OR-4) is an original cosponsor on the House bill. The legislation would allocate critically needed financial relief to special districts that have experienced unforeseen expenditures, decreases in revenue, or both, as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis.

The Special Districts Association of Oregon and National Special Districts Coalition need your help generating support for this critical legislation. A [letter to House and Senate leadership](#) signed by organizations and special districts in support of the legislation will be sent to the Hill in support of this critical legislation.

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