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### Message from the CEO

While it has been a year of 'pivot', it has also been a very pivotal year for the Port of Everett. As we work to navigate the effects of the ongoing pandemic, the Port of Everett continues to keep freight moving and keep its essential maritime functions operating safely. During this time, we have never lost sight of our commitment to economic development and jobs, and we have continued to invest in a capital program that supports a clean and sustainable waterfront for all. To date, the Port hasn't



**Lisa Lefeber** Port CEO

received any recovery dollars, but we are hopeful for support coming from our county and state soon. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize our hard working Port staff and maritime workforce who have played a critical role in keeping these functions going, and also our strong and resilient community who have rallied together to support each other during this unprecedented time. The Port has placed a focus on helping end this pandemic, while bridging the financial burden over the past 18 months by offering economic recovery grants and expanding patios to support our waterfront businesses, to hosting COVID vaccine clinics and more.

As we forge ahead, we continue to prioritize investments at the waterfront that will directly support our local and regional economic recovery with a focus on industry diversification, restoration of jobs and workforce development. We continue to modernize our seaport facilities, which is already paying dividends as we continue to field new cargo opportunities and see an increase in port calls each week. We continue to diversify and support our growing community by building and investing in a new destination waterfront in Everett with new mixed-use opportunities that are putting Everett on the map. We are investing in our marina infrastructure with support of our partners, including dredging to maintain the boat launch in support of recreation and life safety. We continue to focus on creating new employment hubs along the waterfront supporting industries of the future like the blue economies of ocean and space exploration, and restoring lost jobs with transferable skills and strategic workforce development. Last but not least, we continue to support the vision of a vibrant Mukilteo waterfront with new developments underway to create new public access and promote tourism to the city.

I encourage you to read through this publication for the latest updates and visit www.portofeverett.com to stay up to date on all Port happenings through the year.

### **Your Port Commission**



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#### COMMISSION MEETINGS

Due to COVID-19. Port Commission meetings are currently being held in hybrid format with an in person or virtual option via the Zoom video conferencing platform. Meetings take place at noon the first and second Tuesday of each month at the Port of Everett's Waterfront Center, 1205 Craftsman Way in the Blue Heron Room. The public is encouraged to attend.

#### **PORT SIDE TEAM**

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Cover image: A quiet sunset moment looking north from the Port's Pacific Rim Plaza with the splash fountain, Hotel Indigo (left) and Waterfront Place Apartments (right) in view.

#### **PORT OF EVERETT**

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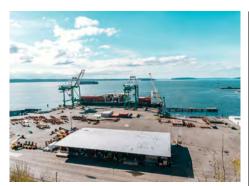






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# On the Rebound 2021 MID-YEAR ECONOMIC REPORT



### Seaport

While the Seaport has seen an \$8M+ shortfall in revenue due to the pandemic-related aerospace industry decline, the Port has prioritized capital developments to support economic recovery and operational efficiencies.

- Completed \$57M South Terminal Modernization: terminal in continuous use since opening
- Broke ground on \$36M Norton Terminal at former Kimberly-Clark site to add needed capacity
- Handled largest military shipment to date with 800+ moves (below)
- Nearly doubled ship and container volume in first half of 2021 over previous years



#### Marina & Public Access

The destination waterfront has been abuzz of activity with boating at an all time high. According to National Marine Manufacturers Association, U.S. boat sales hit a 13-year record in 2020.

- Reached 100% occupancy at the Marina, with waitlists in all slip sizes for the first time since 2008
- Partnered with the City and County to bring back Jetty Island Days
- Added Freedom Boat Club
- Opened a new fishing pier and guest moorage dock in Mukilteo
- Saw return of events with Everett Half Marathon, Rock the 4th, Fresh Paint. Music at the Marina & more



#### **Real Estate**

The real estate market has remained hot, providing a steady stream of new opportunity for the Port in 2021. New industrial job centers and commercial developments are the focus.

- Inked 14 new leases over all sites; all existing commercial now full
- Opened first housing in the history of the waterfront with 266 units
- Designed & bid new retail/restaurant pads at Fisherman's Harbor
- Established a new Maritime, Exploration & Innovation Center
- Finished Bay Wood cleanup; sold site for new light-industrial job hub

### **Supporting our Nation's Military**

The Port of Everett conducts operations in support of the U.S. military on occasion. Unit deployments, redeployments, exercises and contingency operations at the Port are accomplished by the U.S. Army Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's 833rd Transportation Battalion, headquartered at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Depending on the mission, any combination of unit equipment and cargo may be involved, from tanks and helicopters to wheeled vehicles and containers.

In late-July, the M/V Green Lake, a Ro/Ro (roll on/roll off) vessel, docked at the Port of Everett's South Terminal offloading U.S. Military equipment that was used to support a joint military training exercise in South Korea (see right). The equipment was loaded out via rail and truck, en route back to their home bases in Kentucky and Georgia. There were more than 800 pieces that came through the Port — one of the largest military shipments the Port has handled to date.

The Port is proud of the positive relationship we have with the U.S. military and the important work we accomplish together with the 833rd Transportation Battalion to support our nation's military.



### **NEW! Seasonal Ice Rink Coming to Waterfront Place** for Holiday Season

The Port of Everett is excited to announce a new multi-year partnership with Blue Line Sports & Entertainment to bring an outdoor community ice rink to Waterfront Place during the holiday season.

The rink - dubbed 'Pacific Ice' - will be located at the Port's Pacific Rim Plaza in Fisherman's Harbor, just in front of Hotel Indigo's Jetty Bar & Grille and steps from the new Grand Avenue Park Bridge. The family-friendly program will run daily November 27, 2021 - January 31, 2022 with open ice skating public sessions, skating lessons, birthday parties, and select special events to be announced.

At Pacific Ice, guests will enjoy a truly unique experience of skating on real ice



at a covered, open air rink overlooking the Port of Everett Marina, Holiday lights, music, firepits, and a handful of concessionaires will add to the whimsical atmosphere. This event will be presold online, so grab your reservations now at www.portofeverett.com/PacificIce.

"We are very excited to partner with the Port of Everett for the Pacific Ice rink at Waterfront Place." said Joe Nichols, president of Blue Line Sports & Entertainment. "This will be a wonderful community event for families to enjoy for many years to come. We welcome



SNAG YOUR TICKETS! **Skate reservations now** open for pre-sale!

Visit portofeverett.com/ **PacificIce** 

children and adults of all ages to join us for ice skating, hot chocolate, and holiday cheer."

Adding the seasonal ice rink times perfectly with all the developments taking place at the Port's transforming destination waterfront, bringing a new energy to the site with new housing, restaurants and retail, and more recreation. The Port has been particularly focused on expanding its winter offerings to keep the waterfront abuzz year-round. Other holiday attractions to watch for this year include a new nearly 35-foot lighted 'frozen fountain' tree, return of holiday drive-in movies, additional lighted boat parade dates and more.



























### UPCOMING EVENTS September 10-12 **MUKILTEO LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL** Mukilteo Lighthouse Park mukilteolighthousefestival.com September 19 **OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK** Port of Everett's Boxcar Park & Trails afsp.org

September 25-26 **EVERETT COHO DERBY Jetty Landing Boat Launch** everettcohoderby.com

October 9 **WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S** Port of Everett Boxcar Park & Trails alz.org

December 4 **HOLIDAY ON THE BAY** Port of Everett Waterfront portofeverett.com



### **Port's NEW Mukilteo Fishing Pier & Seasonal Guest Dock Now Open**

On June 23, 2021, the Port of Everett, together with project partners City of Mukilteo and Washington State Ferries, dedicated the Port's new Mukilteo Fishing Pier and Guest Moorage Dock in a ribbon-cutting ceremony joined by community leaders and the public. The event kicked off with a tribal blessing and prayer of the new facility by Thomas Williams of Tulalip Tribes, followed by remarks from Port of Everett Commission President Tom Stiger, Port CEO Lisa Lefeber, City of Mukilteo Mayor Jennifer Gregerson, Washington State Ferries Chief of Staff Nicole McIntosh and the Port's Chief of Marina Operations Jeff Lindhout.

Opening this facility represents the continuation of the Port's more than century long commitment of providing public access at the Everett and Mukilteo waterfronts to connect Port District residents and visitors to the water.

Located adjacent to the new Mukilteo Ferry Terminal, the new public access pier offers a nearly 2,000 square







ABOVE: Local leaders and project partners joined Port representatives to cut the ribbon at the new fishing pier grand opening on June 23, 2021.

foot dock for recreation, including fishing, crabbing and sightseeing, and connects to a new, 30-foot long by 8-foot wide seasonal guest moorage dock offering 60 lineal feet of side tie moorage. A new 80-foot, ADA-compliant aluminum gangway attaches from the guest dock to the pier providing direct access into Mukilteo's walkable waterfront. Public parking is available at Edgewater Beach.

The facility was reconstructed in partnership with Washington State Ferries and contractor Manson Construction to replace the Port's previous pier located south of Ivar's that was demolished as part of the new Mukilteo Ferry Terminal rebuild project.



HAVE A PHOTO FROM THE MUKILTEO FISHING PIER? SHARE IT WITH US USING #PORTOFEVERETT OR TAG US @PORTOFEVERETT ON FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM!

#### **NEW Parklet at Mukilteo Waterfront**

The Port has been working with the City of Mukilteo. Washington State Ferries (WSF) and long-time tenant Ivar's to create new public access at the former ferry landing located off Front Street and SR 525 in Mukilteo. The project is revisioning the Port-owned site into a 'parklet' with a new viewing platform, a passive park with seating, and expanded outdoor patio space at Ivar's. As part of WSF's demolition plan, the previous ferry dock was removed, the upland area was paved and railing was added. In May, the Port and Ivar's inked a new ground lease that allows Ivar's to increase their outdoor dining footprint in exchange for parklet maintenance and improvement over the course of the lease. While we continue to work through the permitting process, we are hopeful Ivar's can welcome residents and visitors to the new community space soon. The parklet is one of many steps the Port has taken over the years to support the City's vision for a revitalized Mukilteo waterfront that promotes tourism, economic development and public access.

### **NOAA Site in Mukilteo to Transfer Back to Port Ownership**

Per authorizing legislation for the Mukilteo Tank Farm, the Port is set to receive ownership of the 1.1-acre waterfront parcel previously slated for a new National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) marine research center since the project is no longer moving forward. The Port is working with the City of Mukilteo to help honor the vision for the site to enhance and further a marine science presence. The property will be demolished and cleared out by NOAA, then transferred to the Port this fall. The Port is hiring an architect for the site and will begin community outreach to help inform a vision for the site that fits within the waterfront properties and established uses. A key piece of this work and outreach will be to identify guiding principles to ensure the character of this historic waterfront be maintained with any development.

### Port of Everett to Dredge Boat Launch, Seeks Emergency **Authorization to Address River Sandbar Restricting Access**

**Boat Launch** 

**Jetty Landing** Restroom

Sandbar

**Snohomish River Navigation Channel** 

On August 10, 2021, the Port of **Everett Commission authorized Port staff** to solicit public works bids to complete necessary maintenance dredging at the Jetty Landing Boat Launch located at 10th Street and West Marine View Drive in Everett.

The work is expected to take place early winter thru early-2022 to remove up to 41,000 cubic yards (CY) equivalent to about 4,000 dump trucks loads — of river sediment that has settled in the launch basin and is greatly impacting facility use at low tide.

This action follows the Port's coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) seeking emergency authorization to expand its dredging authorization beyond the launch footprint to mitigate a growing sandbar that has formed in the river limiting access between the highuse public facility and the Snohomish River Navigation Channel to the west.

If granted, the Port could dredge an additional 8,000 CY to create a connector channel through the sandbar.

"We have reached a point where dredging the launch and establishing reliable access to and from the navigation channel is imperative to keeping this public facility operating as intended," Port of Everett CEO Lisa Lefeber said, "Thousands of boaters depend on the launch and surrounding waterways to be accessible at all tide levels, including our local emergency responders who provide critical on-the-water life safety services. Having a response vessel unable to reach the river channel during a rescue mission could quickly become a life or death situation and we cannot have that."

### **Jetty Landing Restroom to Get a Facelift**

Construction for a revamped Jetty Landing Restroom of the existing restroom structure built in the 1980s, followed by laying new foundation and adding the new sidewalk and curbing, as well as landscaping and irrigameeting growing site use demands.

The facility, jointly owned by the Port of Everett, City of Everett and Snohomish County, represents Washington state's largest boat launch with 13-lanes and accommodates more than 30,000 launches per year.

Many rely on the launch to access the Snohomish River, Port Gardner Bay and beyond, ranging from recreational and commercial boaters to Department of Defense operations, emergency responders and our tribal partners who use the facility to access their usual and accustomed fishing rights areas.

Given its unique location on an active river channel, the launch must be dredged periodically to maintain navigable depths. This need has increased exponentially in recent years as extreme weather events and historical shifts in Snohomish River flow have caused major increases in siltation at and around the launch.

The sandbar that has formed just outside of the launch is not an area owned or maintained by the Port or the Corps, and as it has grown, it is creating havoc for boaters who often times launch with no issue, but then get stuck.

"To ensure the Port's dredging investment provides value and the launch doesn't fill right back up, we must prioritize a resolution for the increasing river siltation challenges at and around the launch," Lefeber said. "Receiving an emergency authorization to dredge through the sandbar would provide a temporary fix to bridge the gap while we finalize next steps with our partners."

The Port continues to work with launch co-owners and river partners toward development of a long-term solution for the shifts in river flow and increasing siltation. The Corps recently completed a river flow analysis, which will help inform the plan.

For the time being, the Port asks that boaters continue to launch with care by checking tides for anticipated departure and return times and understanding vessel draft.

# **Changing Winds**

### **Everett Yacht Club Breaks Ground on New Clubhouse, Celebrates Opening of New Reciprocal Moorage Dock**

In May 2021, the Port of Everett and long-time tenant Everett Yacht Club (EYC) celebrated the official groundbreaking of EYC's new clubhouse at 1720 West Marine View Drive. The new clubhouse is situated east of Anthony's Woodfire Grill in Marina Village, and is part of a new 30-year ground lease and building transfer agreement between the Port and EYC that is revisioning an existing building near the club's relocated reciprocal moorage dock at South E-dock (see below).

The Everett Yacht Club, formed in 1907, is a premiere yacht club in the Puget Sound area whose history at the Everett waterfront predates the Port's. EYC recently vacated the building it has occupied at the Port for more than 50 years at the west end of Waterfront Place Central (404 14th Street).

"This is an exciting time for our club and also for the community during our second century as a continuously operating Yacht Club in Everett!" said John Seger, Commodore of the Everett Yacht Club. "We are proud to have made the commitment to our members as well as to the Port of Everett who has been a strong supporter of our organization and its continued success."

The Club's nearly \$1 million investment is creating a multi-floor indoor/outdoor space for member meetings, club gatherings, trainings and education, and will feature a "Crow's Nest," a kitchen and bar, an elevator, and access to the Port's adjacent Commodore Plaza and South Marina facilities. The project is expected to be completed in 2022.

"The Everett Yacht Club is a valued partner and provides great benefit to our boating community here in Everett and to boaters around the Puget Sound," Port Commission President Tom Stiger said. "The Port Commission is so pleased to be able to support the Club's development plans as they continue their work to support safe recreational boating for more than a century. Their move to the South Marina marks a new era for the Club and will create vibrant activity in between Port Gardner Landing and Marina Village."

The change in the Club's location was nearly five years in the making and opens the door for the Port to begin moving forward with plans for the second phase of Waterfront Place. The Port will market the marquee site for a new dual destination restaurant concept on the water. The Central Dock building is beyond its useful life and slated for demolition, with reconstruction to take





### **Port Authorizes New Leases** in South Marina Village

On May 4, 2021, the Port of Everett Commission authorized two new leases to activate an empty commercial space at 1724 West Marine View Drive in Marina Village. The leases include relocation of existing Port tenant Cross Water Yacht Sales into Suite 145, and the welcoming of a new business, Lead Line Concierge Services, into Suite 140 for a NEW marina-focused retail and concierge service for boaters.

Cross Water Yacht Sales has been a staple in the South Marina for six years, and previously occupied the former Marina Office space in the building that is now home to the relocated Everett Yacht Club. The move provides retail frontage and direct access to the Port's South Docks.

"We are excited to enhance our presence here at the Port of Everett Marina with more visibility along the South Marina walkway," said Tim Wade, Owner of Cross Water Yacht Sales. "This new location helps showcase our friendly staff and strong work ethic as we continue to work very hard to meet the needs of listing and selling our client's boats."

#### **Coming soon! Lead Line Concierge Services**

is part of a new lease with Marimba Restaurant, LLC that will support commercial office space for downtown restaurant Sol Express, as well as space for established commercial linen service Marimba Cleaners used by many businesses in the area. The retail frontage portion of the space will offer a NEW marina-focused business, offering a small convenience store — Monkey Fist Market — and concierge services for boaters including laundry, checking on vessels, grocery delivery and more.

With these deals in place, all of the Port's existing commercial space in Marina Village is now full.

### Add Destination 'Wine Walk' to Growing List of Attractions at Waterfront Place

The Port of Everett is actively recruiting new tenants to open up wine, beer and spirits tasting rooms at prime locations along the waterfront. This 'wine walk' opportunity features at least four new multi-tenant retail buildings to be built on an active promenade in proximity to a mix of retail, hospitality, housing, offices and recreation. The single-story buildings will feature expansive outdoor patios with rooftop deck options and 'instagramable' views of the Port of Everett Marina and Port Gardner Bay, with two locations in Fisherman's Harbor and two locations in Marina Village. Tenants will work closely with the Port, playing an active role in site selection and building design. The Port is marketing the space now and plans to pair the new tasting rooms with other quality destination retail opportunities. Construction is anticipated to begin next year.

LEARN MORE @ portofeverett.com/winewalk.

### Port to Break Ground on Two **Commercial Buildings at** Fisherman's Harbor this Fall

The Port is soliciting bids for the next phase of commercial development at Fisherman's Harbor. This work builds out 8,600 square feet of commercial restaurant and office space, as well as public restrooms and open space. Parcel A8 will house the new Asian-inspired Fisherman Jack's (see pg. 9) and new South Fork Bakery. Parcel A17 will develop a multi-purpose building to house Everett-based offices for Bellingham Yachts, Freedom Boat Club and Waterline Boats, with restrooms and open space for visitors. Construction will commence this fall with business openings anticipated in the 2022/2023 time frame.

### **Port Seeks Developers for Phase 2 of Waterfront Place**

With demand continuing to rise, the Port has issued a Request for Qualifications to seek developers for the second phase of mixed-use development at Waterfront Place in the Millwright District (see right). This phase will add more housing, retail, commercial and public open spaces at the waterfront.



Above: Port of Everett and City of Everett officials join project partners and community leaders to celebrate with a ribbon-cutting and remarks at the May 26 Waterfront Place Apartments Grand Opening.

### First Times A Charm!

### Grand Opening Celebrates First-Ever Waterfront Housing, Welcomes New Residents Home

On May 26, multi-family housing developer team SeaLevel Properties and Gracorp, together with the Port of Everett, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the official grand opening of the new Waterfront Place Apartments at Fisherman's Harbor — the first phase of the Port of Everett's 65-acre Waterfront Place mixed-use development.

This significant milestone brings housing to the waterfront for the first time in Everett's history with the opening of the first of two, four-story residential towers — The Sawyer at Waterfront Place — with 135 apartment homes. From the name to its design, this building focuses on wood elements and pays tribute to the site's milltown roots. Building features include a two-level elegant lobby with fireplace, speakeasy bar and game room, a rooftop club room with media center, a fitness center and yoga room, secure bike storage with repair center and more.

The project's south building — The Carling at Waterfront Place — is on target to open in spring 2022. This building will deliver the project's remaining 131 units to the market, bringing total units to 266.

Market demand for waterfront housing remains high. As of August 2021, the project reached 95% leased.

LIVE ON THE WATERFRONT! Learn more at www.waterfrontplaceapartments.com



### New Asian-Inspired Fisherman Jack's **Restaurant Coming to Fisherman's Harbor**



The Port of Everett has secured a longterm lease with China City, LLC to bring Fisherman Jack's to the waterfront. This is the final lease the Port needed to ink before going out to bid for the new restaurant building in Fisherman's Harbor next to the Pacific Rim Plaza and

Splash Fountain in the Port's 65-acre mixeduse development.

The new Asian-inspired restaurant will offer a fun, vibrant and family-friendly dining experience with a full-service bar and outdoor patio dining area. It will feature Chinese cuisine with regional seafood in Dim Sum and noodle dishes.

"We are looking forward to this great partnership with the Port of Everett," said Jack Ng, Owner of China City LLC, which owns and operates several popular restaurants in the Oak Harbor, Freeland and Mill Creek areas.

"We are excited to bring an Asian inspired seafood option to the waterfront - not only to bring diversity and more enrichment to the

community, but, also, to be part of this opportunity for economic growth that the waterfront revitalization is creating for Everett," Ng said.

The lease secures approximately 3,800 interior square feet (sf) and surrounding exterior patios at the north end of parcel A-8 in Fisherman's Harbor (see map on pg. 8). The Port will construct a new, more than 5,000 sf, two-tenant retail building at the site with Fisherman Jack's to occupy about 2/3 of the building, and the balance to house the new South Fork Bakery announced last year. This key location is adjacent to the new 142-room Hotel Indi-

> go that opened in late-2019, and the new 266-unit Waterfront Place Apartments (see pg. 8). The location provides direct pedestrian access via the City's new Grand Avenue Park Bridge, is adjacent to the Port's new Pacific Rim Plaza and Splash Fountain and sits right above the Port's newest vacht-class Guest Dock 5.

A-17 is the second parcel that will move into construction along with A-8, located west of Hotel Indigo (see pg. 8). The buildings are in final design with architectural firm Cushing Terrell, in coordination with Waterfront Place engineering firm PND Engineers. Building designs feature a timber-theme concept that pays homage to the site's historic mill town roots.

Fisherman Jack's and South Fork Bakery are expected to open in summer 2022.

The Port has two buildings with up to four tenant spaces left to fill along the waterfront in Fisherman's Harbor.





### **Woods Coffee Joins Growing** Tenant Mix at Port of Everett's **Waterfront Place**

The Port of Everett and Woods Coffee have brewed up a new lease to bring the popular Pacific Northwest coffeehouse to Waterfront Place.

This new long-term lease secures 2,000 interior square feet, expansive outdoor patio space and a highly desired drive-thru at a new 5.000 square foot building now in design for the corner of 18th Street and West Marine View Drive.

Waterfront Place marks the second Snohomish County location for the local coffee shop that has 19 locations throughout Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, and King Counties.

"We are excited to be a part of this new waterfront project, by serving guests and providing a place for the community to connect," said Kelly Spiker, President of Woods Coffee.

The key corner location has sat vacant since relocation of the historic Weyerhaeuser Building to Boxcar Park back in 2016. Adding the coffee shop will activate that space with both indoor and outdoor dining just steps from Naval Station Everett and the new Grand Avenue Park Bridge.

The drive-thru is intended to add convenience for area residents, the working waterfront community and those who pass through West Marine View Drive for their daily commutes.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Woods Coffee to bring this new amenity to Waterfront Place," Port of Everett Commissioner Glen Bachman said. "This company is a quintessential Pacific Northwest staple loved by many. They bring the type of character and overall experience we are looking to achieve as we build out this destination waterfront with distinction."

Building design will honor the maritime and naval history at the waterfront, while the Woods Coffee name and brand will nod to the site's mill town roots.

Construction is anticipated to begin in early-2022 with the building slated to open in fall 2022.

# PORT OF EVERETT, PROJECT PARTNERS BREAK GROUND ON \$36M NORTON TERMINAL



On July 15, 2021, the Port of Everett broke ground on its highly-anticipated \$36 million Norton Terminal Development and Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Interim Action Cleanup at the former Kimberly-Clark mill site.

A groundbreaking ceremony joined by local, state and federal leaders, project partners and community members commemorated the milestone and included remarks from Port officials, U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Office, U.S. Congressman Rick Larsen, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, City of Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin, Representative Mike Sells, Representative Emily Wicks and Brock Milliern with Washington State Department of Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program.

"This is a proud moment for the project and the Port community," Port Commissioner David Simpson said. "This project is a major economic accomplishment by the Port in support of our regional economy and supports the Port's overall commitment to economic development and environmental stewardship. It also represents jobs — restoration of needed family-wage jobs at this site."

This critical maritime infrastructure project is located at the heart of Everett's working waterfront, between the Port's International Seaport and Naval Station Everett. It represents the cornerstone of the Port's more than \$100 million Mills to Maritime initiative — an effort that sets out to transform the former mill site into a new maritime hub to realize the Port's recent \$57 million South Terminal investment (see pg. 11), enhance the movement of commerce, restore jobs, position our region for economic recovery and cargo diversification, and achieve environmental stewardship.

This work follows completion of a thorough upland investigation and 2<sup>nd</sup> MTCA Interim Action Cleanup by the previous property owner under the direction of the Washington State Department of Ecology, a requirement set as part of the Port's purchase of the site in late-2019. With this condition in place, and the regulatory requirements established by Ecology, the Port was able to expedite the cleanup, which included removal of 18,000 tons of contaminated soil and more than 200,000 tons of crushed building rubble, and meet the Port's targeted redevelopment schedule just 18 months from acquisition.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> MTCA Interim Action is being conducted by the Port under a cleanup agreement with Ecology. This integrated cleanup and redevelopment will install a low permeability cap over a majority of the site to cover any remaining soil contamination and improve groundwater quality. The cap will provide permanent environmental controls and a state-of-theart stormwater treatment for the first time in the property's history, which in combination will serve to protect the health of the Puget Sound.

This work represents the final physical cleanup at the site and will take place in two phases. In June, the Port Commission awarded a \$2.7 million contract to SRV Construction to complete the initial preload and site preparation work now underway. In August, the Commission awarded a \$25.2 million contract to Strider Construction to complete the environmental cap and terminal development. Norton Terminal is on target to open in fall 2022.

This project is funded in part by a \$17.75 million federal BUILD grant administered through MARAD and a \$7.65 million Washington State Department of Ecology MTCA grant.



#### **Additional Assets Coming to Naval Station Everett**

In June, Naval Station Everett announced it had been designated as the homeport for the next generation frigate, known as the Constellation Class. The base will add 12 new assets in the coming years, with the first being delivered in 2026. This is wonderful news for the Everett community and working waterfront. Since losing the aircraft carrier the *USS Nimitz*, the Port has been working in partnership with the City of Everett, Snohomish County and our Congressional delegation to advocate for more ships at Naval Station Everett. We are fortunate that the base was designed and built to have significantly larger capacity than it supports today. The Port looks forward to working with the Navy to grow our working waterfront in ways that support current investments in our trade facilities and shipyard with additional assets at the base.

Once again, the Port of Everett Seaport has been announced as one of seven finalists worldwide up for recognition as the 2021 Port/Terminal Operator of the **Year** by Heavy Lift and Project Forwarding International. The award program is designed to reward, recognize and celebrate excellence in the project cargo supply chain.

### **Rad Collaboration Between Port of Everett** & Rad Power Bikes Solves **Logistics Challenge**

In June 2021, the Port of Everett worked with Rad Power Bikes — the largest eBike brand in the United States — to solve a supply chain issue that was keeping customers from getting their bikes and accessories in a timely manner.

Rad's Chief Operating Officer, Mike McBreen, lives in Everett and passes by the Port of Everett Seaport on his daily bike rides. McBreen's customers were experiencing delays in receiving their bikes as a result of on-going seaport congestion in the region and he had the idea of diverting his cargo through his local port to increase efficiency of delivery.

Rad Power Bikes reached out to the Port of Everett in April to discuss the possibility of purchasing containers and chartering a vessel. Two months later, the Port and Rad Power Bikes instituted a partnership that shaved 54 days off bike delivery times.

"I ride my bike by the Port of Everett frequently and we at Rad Power Bikes are thrilled that the Port was able to accommodate our change in route to have our bikes delivered in a timely manner," McBreen said.

It was so successful that three additional shipments were planned.

"This is a rad collaboration and the Port of Everett is proud to have served as a link in the chain for Rad Power Bikes' logistics solution, along with our partners at Expeditors and Jones Stevedoring, to do what we do best - efficiently move goods to market," said Carl Wollebek, Chief Operating Officer for the Port. "We welcome the opportunity to continue to support the growth of this local company."



### PORT OF EVERETT SERVED FIRST CARGO SHIP AT MODERNIZED SOUTH TERMINAL IN **APRIL: TERMINAL BUSY EVER SINCE**

On April 7, a historic milestone was reached at the Port of Everett Seaport as the first cargo ship to call the Port of Everett's newly modernized South Terminal arrived in port. The M/V Westwood Columbia docked at the Port's new full-service berth to offload a variety of cargo ranging from oversized aerospace components (including parts for the new 777X), containers, consumer goods and a range of breakbulk product including machines and industrial pipe.

"This momentous occasion brings years of planning and \$57 million in strategic capital investment to fruition," Port of Everett Chief Operating Officer Carl Wollebek said. "This new terminal allows us to market our facilities to larger ships and heavier cargoes to keep our region competitive and support the Port's cargo diversification and economic recovery efforts."

"As the largest shipping line servicing the Port of Everett, having the upgraded South Terminal now available is only going to enhance the opportunities for Westwood Shipping Lines to bring in bigger product and more business to Everett," said Captain Mike Ross, Vice President of Marine Operations and Vessel Safety with Westwood Shipping Lines. "We look forward to growing our business relationship with the Port of Everett, and being able to offer the increased crane capacity is certainly going to open up more business opportunities for both of us."

This \$57 million critical maritime infrastructure project was supported by dozens of businesses, educational institutions and public agencies in our region, and was made possible thanks to \$22 million in various Department of Transportation grants and loans, including the federal TIGER and FAST LANE grant programs championed by Snohomish County's federal delegation, and the Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing (RRIF) loan program. The project also received a \$10.4 million Washington State Rail Bank Loan and \$300,000 Department of Commerce grant.

The project strengthened the 700-foot South Terminal wharf, acquired and relocated two Post-Panamax container cranes from the Port of Los Angeles to the dock, and upgraded dock electrical to support future shore power to allow ships to plug in and reduce emissions. Earlier work included on-dock rail upgrades, totaling \$8 million to support the modernized facility.

Since opening the terminal, the Port has seen an influx in port calls nearly doubling ship volume over previous years. Container volumes have also risen. In July 2021 alone, the Port moved about 3,200 containers — in comparison, the Seaport handled about 3,600 containers in all of 2020. This boost in business is a combined result of having the South Terminal container cranes now on-line, timed with on-going seaport congestion affecting major consumer ports along the U.S. West Coast. With delays bogging up logistics, shippers are looking for alternatives and diverting to smaller ports like Everett. Port of Everett is the only port of its size on the West Coast with container cranes.

# **Oceans to Outer Space**

### Port Welcomes Off Planet Research, First Tenant to New Maritime, Exploration & Innovation Complex

A new lease signed with Off Planet Research, LLC seeds the Port of Everett's new maritime, exploration and innovation-focused Center of Excellence. The company now occupies 2,156 square feet of the former Ameron pole manufacturing site situated between 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets along West Marine View Drive.

Off Planet Research (OPR) creates manufactured soils and ice to emulate extra-terrestrial planets, and provides a laboratory testing environment and materials to ensure equipment durability despite abrasive lunar dust. OPR opened at the Port in May, kicking off the Port's vision for the 8-acre former brownfield site to become a new job center focused on the blue economies, including ocean and space economies.

"OPR is excited to be making the move to the Port of Everett," said Melissa Roth, OPR co-owner and lead researcher. "We are looking forward to meeting and working with local companies, including those outside the traditional space and aerospace sector."

Local manufacturers may find a market in the burgeoning space exploration field. Companies that adapt products for the moon's unforgiving dust will be well positioned for the space frontier.

"In order to have a sustaining presence in space, there will need to be an infrastructure set up with support across the medical, construction, manufacturing, and agricultural industries to name a few," Roth adds. "These upcoming needs can provide opportunities for companies to enter the industry utilizing and adapting their skills for a new environment. We like to say that there are a whole lot

of space companies out there, they just don't know it yet."

The Port's aim for the former Ameron footprint is to repurpose the industrial site to support industries of the future at its new Maritime, Exploration and Innovation Complex (MEIC). The Complex is focused on ocean and space exploration; OPR is the first tenant.

"OPR's decision to locate in our emerging Maritime, Exploration and Innovation Complex marks the start of an exciting new chapter for the Port of Everett and Snohomish County," Port CEO Lisa Lefeber said. "We are thrilled that OPR's work creates new synergies with local instrumentation developers and offers diversity to the local economy and new job opportunities for the county's large advanced manufacturing workforce."

Snohomish County's workforce is 23% manufacturing — twice the state's average — with a high concentration in aerospace which was hit hard during the pandemic. The Port is actively pursuing additional tenants to fill its MEIC to help grow new and existing manufacturers, as well as to support economic recovery, jobs and the diversification of industry in Everett.

The Port's new MEIC is expected to house up to five mid-sized businesses in industries supporting manufacturing, job training, ocean research, space exploration, and Department of Defense. At full build out, the MEIC is expected to create 293 new on-site jobs and support another 250 induced and indirect jobs off-site. As many as 1,200 people will receive on-site training annually.





New jobs on site



Induced & indirect jobs



People will receive training annually



Up to five mid-sized businesses

### Port of Everett, NorthPoint Development Formalize Partnership to Spur New Economic Opportunity & Jobs

The Port of Everett and NorthPoint Development LLC have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding affirming a joint intent to expand existing collaboration efforts to support recruitment of new businesses to NorthPoint properties within the Cascade Industrial Center (CIC), and grow maritime trade and jobs at the Port.

NorthPoint Development is a privately held, Kansas City-based industrial developer that has developed more industrial space than any other single developer in the U.S. over the last five years. The company is currently investing more than \$1B private dollars to develop Cascade Business Park — a new 4.1 million square foot light industrial facility for distribution and manufacturing on its 426-acre site situated within the CIC, half of which falls within the City of Arlington, the other half in the City of Marysville.

The partnership aligns with the Port's mission to spur economic development and create family-wage jobs in the region, while also providing a strategic nexus to expand maritime cargo opportunities at the Seaport.

"NorthPoint Development is very excited about the of Everett Commission's consent to work closely together to attract technologically-oriented business to the Everett area, and specifically, to our Cascade Business Park in Arlington and Marysville," said Thane Smith, Director of Development at NorthPoint Western United States for NorthPoint. "Given the current land constraints in the Seattle market, coupled with explosive demand, we believe Cascade Business Park is well positioned to attract employers and businesses to the area and provide high quality employment opportunities to the residents in surrounding communities."

The partnership focuses on collaboration of marketing to target key industries that import and export goods, development of recruitment leads, and the participation in a new Center of Excellence for Mechanical Engineering (instrumentation and fabrication), which may include identifying a host site or contributing to the Center's presence in the CIC.

## Seeing Green

### **Habitat Restoration at the Bay Wood Site Complete, Construction on New Light-Industrial Job Hub Now Underway**

This spring the Port of Everett wrapped up shoreline cleanup and habitat restoration at the former Bay Wood mill site at the north end of West Marine View Drive in Everett, at the mouth of the Snohomish River. This work represents the second and final round of upland cleanup work the Port has conducted at the site, in partnership with the Washington State Department of Ecology. The \$2.3 million project was funded in part by a unique Ecology grant that paid 90% of project costs. The project creates new marine and shoreline habitat, benefiting salmon and other local wildlife, and resulted in the:

- Removal of more than 4,000 tons of industrial debris and contaminated soil (more than 160,000 cubic yards of waste from legacy uses was removed in the 1990s)
- Restoration of 1,300 linear feet of marine shoreline habitat
- Enhancement of 2,600 linear feet of upland buffer and plantings



This work is an integral part of the Port's efforts to restore and revitalize former mill sites to move them into their highest and best use. In this case, the restoration prepared the site for an approximately \$30M light industrial development that is now underway to restore jobs to this waterfront site for the first time in 30 years. The Port entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Latitude Development in 2020 to sell the property to facilitate this new job hub to support up to 300 direct (on-site) jobs, 1,000 indirect (off-site) jobs and return the site to a profitable use, generating an estimated \$330,000 a year toward state and local taxes. The sale closed in August 2021.

Future plans also bring public access to the site for the first time in its history with a new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant gravel nature trail along the entire cleaned up shoreline.

### **Waterfront Place Now Fully Clean as Former Ameron-Hulbert Site Achieves** Clean Bill of Health

On August 10, 2021, the Port of Everett Commission officially closed out the Ameron-Hulbert cleanup — the last physical cleanup required within the Port's 65-acre Waterfront Place mixed-use development. This final phase of cleanup removed the last remaining legacy contamination at the site stemming from years of mill and pole manufacturing operations. A total of 4,937 tons of contaminated soil was removed and properly disposed of, 5,859 tons of clean backfill was imported and placed, and the site was restored with 380 tons of asphalt pavement. In the coming months, the Port and the Washington State Department of Ecology will initiate long-term groundwater monitoring to ensure the cleanup is meeting the required cleanup standards. The nearly \$1 million project was supported by a Washington State Department of Ecology remedial action grant and historic settlement funds from other responsible parties. With its clean bill of health, the site is already being put back into job producing use as the Port opens its new Maritime, Exploration and Innovation Complex, a new catalyst for the booming blue economy (see pg. 12).





### The Port of Everett Seaport Renews **Green Marine Certification!**

In June 2021, the Port of Everett earned its annual green marine re-certification. Green Marine is an environmental certification program for the North American marine industry that is voluntary, transparent and inclusive. The program addresses key environmental issues through 12 performance indicators, and includes shipowners, ports, terminals, seaway corporations, and shipyards. A member of Green Marine since 2017, the Port has expressed and continues to uphold its commitment to the environment at the working waterfront. To maintain certification, the Port benchmarks its annual environmental performance through the program's self-evaluation guides, has its results verified by an accredited external verifier, and agrees to publish its individual results.

### **Port Vaccine Clinic Serves** 500 People

This past spring, the Port of Everett partnered up with Discovery Health to offer a COVID-19 vaccine clinic to the Port community at the Port's Blue Her-



on Room, providing a convenient option for Port employees and their families, maritime workers, boaters and onsite businesses. The clinic offered 500 two-dose Moderna vaccines, all of which were spoken for. First doses were administered in April, with second doses given in May.

#### **Port Staff Create Virtual Blood Drive**

A group of Port staff, led by the Port's Director of Planning Laura Gurley, volunteered their time this summer to coordinate a Virtual Blood Drive in partnership with Bloodworks Northwest to support the rising demand for blood supply. Bloodworks Northwest provides 95% of the blood to hospitals in our region, all of which have seen a significant drop in



supply during the COVID-19 pandemic. The effort resulted in nearly a dozen blood donations and a total of one gallon of blood for the cause!



### **Port's Terrie Battuello Tapped for New Vice President** of Economic Development Role at EASC

Economic Alliance Snohomish County (EASC) and the Port of Everett are pleased to announce that Terrie Battuello, a seasoned and well-respected economic development professional, has been hired as EASC's new Vice President of Economic Development. Battuello, who served as the Port's Chief of Business and Economic Development since 2013, transitioned to her new role on June 1, 2021 where she will help sustain and grow businesses in Snohomish County. This position will increase EASC's economic development capacity by engaging in our county and regional efforts to recruit companies searching for new locations.

"I am so proud of the work we have done at the Port of Everett, which is evidenced by all its growth and prosperity," Battuello said. "While over the past few years at the Port we have been laser-focused on a growth and expansion strategy to expand our boundaries and economic impact in the region, with all our landholdings accounted for, and a long climb out of the pandemic ahead, I felt I could best serve the Port and Snohomish County as a whole in a broader economic development role."

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#### **NEW TSUNAMI SIRENS INSTALLED** AT PORT JOIN STATEWIDE TSUNAMI **SIREN NETWORK**

In June 2021, two tsunami warning sirens were installed at the waterfront; one at Jetty Landing Boat Launch and the other at the Seaport. Everett's new sirens are part of Washington State Emergency Management Division's statewide Tsunami Siren Network, which includes 122 All-Hazard Alert Broadcast (AHAB) tsunami sirens located along Washington's inner and outer coasts that provide an outdoor alerting method for people and communities on or near the water. Upon the issuance of a tsunami warning, the sirens will play a wailing sound followed by a voice message in English and Spanish instructing listeners to evacuate immediately to high ground. The sirens have an audible range of approximately one mile. The system is also topped with a blue light for the hearing impaired. Once Everett's new sirens are operational, routine testing is required on a monthly basis. Testing will be conducted on the first Monday of every month at noon. The monthly tests will have a Westminster chime as opposed to the full siren warning protocol. The sirens are tested at full wail each year on the third Thursday in October, in conjunction with the "Great Washington ShakeOut" statewide preparedness event.

Learn more at mil.wa.gov/tsunami#sirens.



### PORT ADOPTS ADA TRANSITION PLAN

The Port of Everett is committed to providing equal access to its public programs, services, facilities, and activities. To achieve this end, in June 2021, the Port Commission adopted an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and

Transition Plan — a document that formalizes the Port's accessibility planning to ensure its facilities, programs and administrative practices maintain ADA compliance. The Plan assisted the Port in identifying barriers to accessibility and developed barrier removal prioritization solutions to facilitate the opportunity of access to all individuals within the Port's transportation network (streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.), recreational facilities, and identified policies and procedures. The Port has pursued a phased approach to this effort with Phase I focused on identifying and prioritizing barriers in the Port's transportation network and select outdoor recreational facilities at the destination waterfront from 10th to 18th Streets, west of West Marine View Drive. Phase I also sets out to establish policies and procedures set by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

Learn more at portofeverett.com/ADATransitionPlan.

### Port Procurement Manager Maija **Lampinen Earns National Certification**

Maija Lampinen, the Port of Everett's Procurement and Contracts Manager, has earned The Institute for Public Procurement's (NIGP) newest certification aimed at core competencies for professionals in public agencies — the NIGP Certified Procurement Professional (NIGP-CPP). Lampinen is among the first 551 procurement leaders nationwide to add this credential.

"This pioneering spirit reflects on the tenacity, commitment to lifelong learning, and a desire to lead by example," said Diane Daly, Director of NIGP Certification. "Most assuredly, Maija is an inspirational beacon for others to follow."

Lampinen has been with the Port for 10 years and in this time she has worked with various departments to strategically plan and source procurements for more than \$225 million in capital spending ranging from major infrastructure projects and equipment

purchases to goods and services contracts. In 2014, Lampinen implemented one of the first Job Order Contracting programs in Snohomish County, offering an alternate public works process to keep projects moving forward efficiently. This same framework has since been adopted by other partner agencies thanks to her efforts.

Maija helps establish policy, procedure and business operations that ensure the Port's purchasing is aligned with local, state and federal laws, and she implements employee procurement training and supports contractor outreach, among many other duties.

"My role as a public procurement professional has evolved over the years into a strategic partner in accomplishing the Port's initiatives," Lampinen said. "This shift requires ensuring I stay up to date with best practices while building critical competencies. Earning the NIGP-CPP certification was an investment in not only my long term growth but is also a tool to ensure I can support the Port's goals and initiatives resulting in responsible stewardship of the Port's resources."

### **Kate Anderson Named One of Boating Industry's** '40 Under 40'

Kate Anderson, Communications Specialist for the Port of Everett, has been named one of Boating Industry magazine's 2021 '40 Under 40' — a notable recogni-

tion given to accomplished young leaders in the boating industry. Anderson is one of 40 industry professionals to make the list among hundreds of nominees nationwide.

"It was such a surprise and honor to be recognized as one of Boating Industry's 40 Under 40," Anderson said. "I'm so thankful for the mentors I have in the industry, who have encouraged me to reach for my goals. I hope this encourages other young people to get involved in boating and not be afraid to ask questions, as it is a growing industry with so much career potential."

Anderson, 28, joined the Port in 2018 as the Marina Customer Service Representative. She was quickly tapped to fill her current role as Communications Specialist supporting the Public Affairs division. As a boater herself, Anderson brings a personal and professional passion to the industry.

### **Port's Lindsey Colebourn Graduates Leadership Snohomish County Young Professionals Program**

Congratulations to Port employee Lindsey Colebourn on her graduation from Leadership Snohomish County's Young Professionals Program in June 2021. The 10-month program fosters growth of emerging leaders throughout the county, representing young professionals across business, government and nonprofit sectors.

As part of the program, the young professionals complete a community involvement project, which for Colebourn and her team included interviewing a



Colebourn, who was recently promoted to a new role as the Business and Operations Specialist at the Seaport, joins the ranks of seven Port staff who have graduated from the various Leadership Snohomish County programs.



### Congratulations to the Port of Everett's **New Hires and Recent Promotions!**

#### **NEW HIRES:**

Adam LeMieux Government Affairs Manager

**Andrew Osborne** Part-Time Marina Operations Representative

**Brandy Schwehm** Harbor Representative

**Clinton Bryson** Maintenance Apprentice

James Gerry Assistant Property Manager

**Jason Martin** Maintenance Apprentice

**Keith Red Elk** Full-Time Security

Kvle Radabah

Marina Customer Service Representative

Mike Erga Part-Time Security Nicole M Conlev-Smoucha Marina Customer Service Representative

Shawnna Hopp Maintenance Helper

Tara Hays Real Estate Manager Vicki Howell Credit Control Specialist

**Wyatt Nimmer** Maintenance Helper **Zak Weitkamp** 

Maintenance Apprentice

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### PROMOTIONS:

**Beth Schmidt** Marina Accounts Coordinator

**Brian Ducher** Maintenance Foreman

**Brian Frankin** Maintenance Foreman

**Duane Ostman** Maintenance Lead

**Elise Gronewald** Project Manager

**Ken Scott** Network Administrator/

Desktop Support Laura Gurley

Director of Planning

**Lindsev Colebourn Business & Operations Specialist** 



# **Curious About the Cargo Ships Anchored Out in Port Gardner Bay Recently?**

These cargo ships are located in Port Gardner Bay's designated federal anchorage, and are not usually destined for the Port of Everett Seaport. The U.S. Coast Guard oversees all federal anchorage sites throughout the nation and assigns space to vessels in need of a place to drop anchor, typically when awaiting dockage at its next port of call. There has been an increase in federal anchorage use around the Puget Sound in part due to pandemic-related impacts on the shipping industry resulting in on-going seaport congestion and logistics challenges, primarily affecting the major consumer ports on the U.S. West Coast and Canada.



If you are interested in seeing where these ships are coming from and going next, check out Marine Traffic @ www.marinetraffic.com.



Read more on how the Port of Everett's modernized South Terminal is helping clear some of the backlog as one of the ONLY seaports of our size on the West Coast with high capacity container cranes (see page 11).

