



PORT PILOT

THE PORT OF PORT ANGELES

Welcome to Your Port's New E-Newsletter!

We still love paper and it's still the *Port Pilot* you already know and rely on for Port news, but we'll be able to reach out more often with the Pilot appearing directly in your inboxes periodically. Please let us know how you like the new version, and whether you have any suggestions for stories or improvements by emailing Editor-in-Chief Braedi at braedib@portofpa.com.



Commissioners Discuss Lawsuits against DNR

To protect sustainable harvests and revenues to our community, your Port Commissioners considered whether to join a lawsuit brought against the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by Skagit, Wahkiakum, Pacific, Skamania and Mason Counties, the City of



Port Discusses Review of John Wayne Marina RFIs

RFI responses were received from the City of Sequim, Marsh Anderson of Bainbridge Island, and Safe Harbors Marinas of Dallas, Texas. The latter two are private companies seeking long-term marina facility leases. Click [here](#) to view the **responses** on the Port's web site.

Forks, and several hospital and school districts in the state.

The suit concerns the **legal duty of DNR to manage revenue from timber trustlands** that were owned by counties and entrusted to DNR for the benefit of the county and junior taxing districts such as libraries, fire districts, hospital and schools.

The Commissioners voted unanimously to join the lawsuit. Read the whole story [here](#).

Looking Back:
Thoughts from 2019
Commission President
Connie Beauvais



2019 saw a number of projects completed at your Port to upgrade Port assets and further encourage economic growth (click [here](#) for key projects).

In an effort **to ensure the best management of John Wayne Marina** and maintenance of assets, a Request for Information was published early in the year. An open and transparent process will continue to be conducted in 2020 to determine the best stewardship of the marina.

Reduction in operating funds primarily caused by a decrease in log exports as a result of continuing China tariffs and changes in global markets **necessitated that the Port "skinny up" some operations and scheduled projects** in 2019. It may be several years until overseas markets are once again re-established. Fortunately, your Port Commissioners and staff have, and will continue to, diversify Port business lines to lessen the impact of a down market in one business line.

Commissioners seek your input via an online questionnaire. Holly O'Neill of Crossroads Consulting has been retained to conduct an online questionnaire and report results to the Commissioners in April. Your Commissioners will seek input from stakeholders and county citizens on the benefits and risks of each response as well as continued operation by the Port. Click [here](#) to access the **questionnaire** on the Port website .

Looking Forward:
Thoughts from 2020
Commission President
Steven Burke



Building on the work of 2019, the Port's new Commission President, **Steven Burke, plans to stay focused on the Port's Strategic Plan** . The current iteration of the plan is in its last year, and an update is in the works for the next five years to cover 2021 to 2025.

The Commission will look at the Port's evolving lines of business to continue adapting to changing market conditions. The lines of business include marine trades, supporting log exporting and importing, the airport, the marinas and the Port's industrial properties.

Three issues that will be high on the Commission's to-do list: 1) Find a path forward for John Wayne Marina; 2) restore commercial air service at the airport; and 3) continue tenant development for the shipyard on the Port Angeles waterfront.

"The three of us Commissioners have worked well together," says Commissioner Burke. "We will continue to bring that same theme of respect and collegiality to finding practical solutions to Port issues."

CARB Grant for Airport Infrastructure

Your Port has been approved for a **\$325,000 low-interest loan to install new sewer lines and to service new hangars and aviation infrastructure**

at the William R. Fairchild International Airport.



The twenty-year loan, from the newly authorized Community Aviation Revitalization Board (CARB), will fund installation of 1,300 linear feet of sewer lines. The new lines will allow for the development of a 120'x100' corporate hangar building, two 65'x60' corporate/private hangar buildings and a 40'x250' private hangar building that will house nine T-Hangars.

Jeff Well, owner of Rite Bros, said **"The new hangars will bring new jobs and economic activity to the airport, and provide facilities to support Port tenants and local businesses."** Life Flight Network needs a hangar for their response aircraft that is currently housed outside in the weather elements. Also, having a large hangar available will help recruit commercial air service back to the airport.

CARB is currently a pilot program and is part of the Legislature's 2019 capital budget. The Port of Port Angeles is among the first recipients of financial support from CARB.

We appreciate the support of Rep. Steve Tharinger and Legislature piloting this program in the Capital Budget. The Port is supporting a bill this session to permanently establish CARB.



Aviation Scouts Get New Logo Patch

The Aviation Explorer Scout Post #1006 recently received the design of their official troop patch showing their logo, which will be incorporated into their recruiting and marketing. **The group was started at Fairchild International Airport in October 2018 for teens between the ages of 14 and 20 who want to learn about careers in aviation .** The adult leaders are Airport Manager Dan Gase, local aviator Alan Barnard and Rite Brothers Aviation owner Jeff Well.

The patch was designed by Laurel Black Design of Port Angeles. "Laurel did a great job and we really appreciate her support," said Gase.

To learn more, youth who want to participate can attend a meeting in the main terminal on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm . For more information, please call Dan Gase at (360) 417-3376.



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