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Port Announces Change in Executive Leadership

Port Townsend, WA – The Port Commission has announced that Sam Gibboney has resigned from her position of Executive Director, effective immediately. Eric Toews, the Port’s Planning Director and In-House Counsel will serve as the Acting Executive Director until the Commission appoints an Interim Executive Director. The Port’s executive leadership team will report directly to Mr. Toews.

Commission President, Steve Tucker, stated that, "...the Port Commission recognizes the vital role Sam played in leading the Port towards future transformation. We are appreciative of the many contributions Sam has made to the Port and community over the past two years." Ms. Gibboney has served the Port well during a time of tremendous change, addressing organizational and operational challenges with energy and enthusiasm. Tucker also noted that, "Sam has worked diligently to grow and sustain the businesses of the Port. She made key decisions that will continue to strengthen the Port and lead us into the future...during her time at the Port we’ve seen an increase in annual gross revenues; received grant funding for port planning; and we have a risk management plan that addresses derelict vessels. On behalf of the Commission, and the Port, we thank Sam for her service and we wish her success in her future endeavors."

Both Ms. Gibboney and the Port Commission have expressed their confidence in Port staff’s dedication and ability to continue the mission, businesses, and operations of the Port while maintaining stability and administration during this time of transition. The Commission will be moving forward with discussions regarding the next steps, and identification of an Interim Executive Director.

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