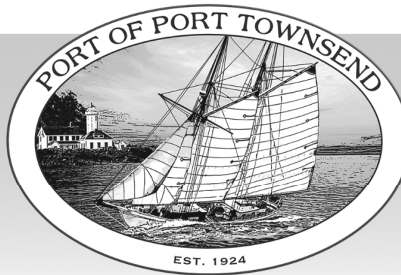


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**Commission Meeting
Special Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday-Friday, November 19-21, 2025

A majority of the Port Commission will be attending a Washington Public Ports
Association Annual Meeting
Marriott Tacoma Downtown, 1538 Commerce Street Tacoma, Washington 98402

No final action will be taken.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Topics of Discussion: Networking among attendees
- III. Adjournment



**Annual Meeting
New Commissioner Seminar
Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Seminar**

Marriott Tacoma Downtown
1538 Commerce Street
Tacoma, WA 98402
253.294.9200

Tuesday, November 18

CLE Seminar | 1:00 – 5:00 pm

The CLE Seminar is a separate cost from the Annual Meeting. You can register by clicking on the “registration” tab at the top of this page.

[CLE Agenda](#)

New Commissioner Seminar | 12:00 – 5:00 pm

The New Commissioner Seminar welcomes newly elected and seasoned commissioners, as well as port staff and executives who are trying to get up to speed on all things Washington ports. This program is offered separately from the Annual Meeting and requires its own registration. To sign up, click the “Registration” tab at the top of this page.

[New Commissioner Seminar Agenda](#)

New Commissioner Seminar Reception | 5:30 – 7:00 pm

We warmly welcome spouses to join us for this special evening!

Wednesday, November 19

WPPA Registration Desk is open 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

New Commissioner Seminar Continues | 9:00 – 11:30 am

Committee Meetings | 8:30 – 11:45

8:30 – 11:30 am

- Legal

8:30 – 10:00 am

- Trade & Transportation – [View agenda here](#)
- Marina – [View agenda here](#)

10:15 – 11:45

- Economic Development/Environment – [View agenda here](#)
- Aviation – [View agenda here](#)

10:15 – 11:15

- Communications – [View Agenda Here](#)

Luncheon | 12:00 – 1:30 | Chambers Bay I & II, Marriott, 3rd Floor

The Annual Meeting officially begins with a luncheon at 12:00 pm

Keynote Speaker: Derek Sandison, Director, Washington State Department of Agriculture

Update on Washington's Agricultural Industry

General Session | 2:00 – 4:00 pm | Convention Center Ballroom CD

2:00 – 3:00 – Communicating Washington's Maritime History

Jennifer Ott, Editor in Chief, HistoryLink

Alex Gradwohl, Program Director, Maritime Washington National Heritage Area

3:00 – 4:00 – WA Budget Revenue and Tax Update

Emily Makings, WA Research Council

Grant Forsyth, Avista

Associate Member Reception | 4:00 – 6:00 pm | Chambers Bay Pre-Function Area, 3rd floor

Join us for a relaxing and welcoming afternoon of connection and conversation! All attendees and spouses are invited to enjoy delicious appetizers and refreshing beverages while mingling with our Associate Members. Whether you're looking for expert insights, curious about industry trends, or just want to put faces to names, this is the perfect chance to engage in casual networking.

Here's who you'll find at the tables so far, come say hello!

- Enduris
- Moffatt & Nichol
- PND Engineers
- FMSIB (Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board)
- GRI
- Northwest Cement Council
- AKS Engineering
- Ecological Land Services
- Gibbs & Olson
- Reid Middleton
- Facet
- Integra
- NoaNet
- Dalton, Olmsted & Fuglevand (DOF)
- Haley & Aldrich, Inc.
- MacDonald Miller

- Security Solutions
- KPFF
- MAKERS architecture & urban design
- Washington State Department of Agriculture

Evening: Dinner on your own

Thursday, November 20

Rise-N-Shine Walk!

Optional Walk at 6:15 am with your Executive Director, Eric ffitch! Meet in the main hotel lobby.

WPPA Registration Desk is open from 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Ports Only Breakfast | 8:00 – 9:00 am | Chambers Bay I & II, 3rd floor

This breakfast is for registered Port Commissioners, Executive Directors, Port staff, and life members only

Legislative Report | 9:00 – 10:00 am | Convention Center Ballroom CD

Diahann Howard, Port of Benton Executive Director & Legislative Committee Chair
WPPA Legislative Staff

General Session | 10:15 am – 12:00 pm | Convention Center Ballroom CD

10:15 – 11:05 – Energy: Gas-Electric Coordination Effort

Dan Kirschner, Chief Executive Officer, NWGA

Steve Taylor, Director of Regulatory and Regional Affairs, Cowlitz PUD

11:10 – 12:00 – Rail – Industry Update WSDOT Rail Plan & Other Rail Issues

Jason Beloso, Freight & Rail Planning Program Manager, WSDOT

Ross Lane, Assistant Vice President, Government Relations, Genesee and Wyoming, Inc.

Darkhan Mussanov, Rail Facility Planning Practice Lead, DB E.C.O North America

Luncheon | 12:00 – 1:30 | Chambers Bay I & II, Marriott, 3rd Floor

Keynote Panel: Industrial Symbiosis

Moderated by Carly Michiels, WPPA

Speakers:

Kyle Gitchell, Circular Economy Development Director, Washington State Department of Commerce

More Speakers Invited

Port Reports | 2:00 – 3:30 pm | Convention Center Ballroom CD

- Port of Skagit, Sara Young
- Port of Brownsville, Robyn Dally
- Port of Kingston, Greg Englin

Roundtable Discussions 2.5 | 3:30 – 4:30 | Marriott Hotel, 2nd floor

This year there are 4 topics to choose from. You have an opportunity to pick 2 topics and engage with each of those tables for 30 minutes. We hope you choose to participate!

- Table 1: RCO Boating Program Resources
Nick Norton, Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office
 - Table 2: Supply Chain Federation
Sarah Wiltfong, Chief Public Policy and Advocacy Officer, Supply Chain Federation
 - Table 3: Connecting With Your Community Through Port Tours
Leslie Barstow, Port of Tacoma
 - Table 4: *Invited*
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President's Reception & Education Foundation Auction | 6:00 – 9:00 pm | Chambers Bay I& II Marriott, Second Floor

Please join us as we celebrate our 2025 Association President, Glen Bachman.

We are also featuring a live and silent auction to benefit the WPPA Education Foundation which gives away [two scholarships a year!](#) Please reach out to Mandy Lill if you'd like more information on how to donate or if you'd like to participate.

This will be a great time to network with your peers while supporting a great cause, and enjoying appetizers, dinner, and drinks.

Spouses are encouraged to attend and enjoy the evening festivities!

Friday, November 21

Reminder: Hotel checkout is 11:00 am, please plan accordingly!

Awards Breakfast | 8:00 am | Chambers Bay I& II, Marriott, 3rd Floor

Please join us for breakfast and our Annual Meeting awards ceremony

- WPPA Winter Scholarship
- Outstanding Service to the Industry
- Lifetime Members
- Port of the Year

Board of Trustees Meeting | Immediately Following Breakfast | Chambers Bay Ballroom, Marriott, Second Floor

Meeting Adjourns by 12:00 pm