

Introducing Mike Love



Civil Engineer Mike Love is joining the Port of Port Townsend as Capital Program Director and Chief Engineer. Love, for 20 years the assistant director for the City of Mount Vernon's Public Works Department, has been hired to oversee several of the Port's capital projects throughout Jefferson County.

Near the top of Love's new list is the Point Hudson Preservation Plan, which includes the replacement of the existing jetties that protect the marina, along with building and infrastructure renovations. Love will also be involved in breakwater and dock renovations at Boat Haven, the Herb Beck Marina in Quilcene and other projects.

"My love for construction began as a child watching my grandfather build homes" in central California, he said. He obtained a degree in civil engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. At Mount Vernon, he was involved in building bridges, a train depot, a wastewater treatment plant and a downtown flood protection project that had been envisioned for 80 years.

He said he and his wife look forward to settling into the Port Townsend area. "Boating has been a passion since my youth--sailing Lasers and flying hull on a Hobie-16," he said. They also love to hike. He has been a coach of multiple youth sports. The couple has two daughters.

Love's skills will advance several capital projects, which are being funded in part by the voter-approved \$15 million Industrial Development District bond, said Port Executive Director Eron Berg.