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PGH Mission: To best utilize our resources to facilitate, enhance and stimulate international trade, economic development and tourism for the region.



Economic and Community Impacts

### 2020 Highlights: Maintaining service during uncertainty

#### Record cargo handled at Port of Grays harbor docks

The Port of Grays Harbor's road, rail and deep-water access helped move more than 3.2 million metric tons of cargo through the Port's 4 terminals in 2020, a new record for the Port. Cargo volumes have continued to increase as the Port's customer base has diversified over the past 15 years.

The Port ranks 96th in the nation for total cargo handled, and 37th in the nation for exports.



#### PGH earns clean audit

The Port of Gravs Harbor earned another clean audit from the Washington State Auditor for 2019. This also included a Federal Single Audit due to the Port receiving more than \$750,000 in federal funding for the Bowerman Airport Drainage Project.

Port Commissioners and staff work hard to ensure our public port district's assets and resources are responsibly and sustainably managed.



#### Friends Landing and public facilities see record visitors

Even with COVID restrictions all around us, thousands of people were able to get outside and safely utilize the Port's public, waterfront facilities throughout the County. Friends Landing had record RV camping reservations for the months of July, September, October and November.

#### Westport Marina #13 in nation for commercial seafood landings; remains #1 in Washington State

Home base to the hundreds of local and regional commercial fishing vessels on Washington's coast, the Westport Marina is a regional hub for fishing activity that consistently makes Westport a national leader in the seafood industry. Harvested crab, tuna, pacific whiting, shrimp, salmon and other species make Westport #13 in the nation for commercial seafood landings, based on 2019 NOAA statistics. In total, 120.9 million pounds, valued at \$52.9 million were landed at the Marina in 2019.



# Leadership, partners and projects made for a successful 2020



#### PGH welcomes new pilot boat

The Port welcomed new pilot boat *Vega* in September of 2020. The *Vega* will be joining the 62-year-old *Chehalis* in safely transporting our pilots to and from vessels calling the Port's four deep-water terminals.

The *Vega* is currently undergoing modifications for operation and conditions here in Grays Harbor. She is expected to be operating by mid-year.

#### Nelson completes AAPA Chairmanship; HMT reform passes

Port of Grays Harbor Executive Director Gary Nelson wrapped up his one-year Chairmanship of the American Association of Port Authorities in September.

During his tenure, Mr. Nelson helped APPA hire a new Executive Director, update the Association's By-Laws, and achieve full-use of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund with passage of the CARES Act.

After several years of work and industry collaboration, the remaining pillars of AAPA's Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) reform were also achieved at the end of 2020.



## AGP hits record exports through Terminal 2

2020 brought record export volumes of US grown and processed agricultural products to AGP's Terminal 2 Storage & Export facility.

Productivity through the facility also reached records levels with 21,107 rail cars unloaded, and 61 vessels loading at Terminal 2 in 2020.



#### Calendar

February 6 Boa Success @ T2
February 7 AGRIP @ T2
February 9 TN Dawn @ T2
February 9 PGH Commission Meeting,
Via Zoom @ 9am

February 10 Special Commission

Meeting, Via Zoom @ 9am

February 17 Baranee Naree @ T2
February 17 Jossco Jinzhow @ T2

February 21 VRC Pollux @ T2



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#### Westport Marina dredging complete

For the first time in 40 years, the Westport Marina was proud to celebrate the completion of the dredging of the Westport Marina boat basin in December.

The project will ensure the Marina's various users are able to safely and efficiently navigate the boat basin for many years to come. The dredging of the boat basin was a critical step in the larger Westport Marina modernization plan.

The project was completed in three phases over 17 months, removing approximately 130,000 cubic yards of sediment from the basin.