



News Release

PORT OF SHELTON RECEIVES ANOTHER CLEAN AUDIT

Shelton, WA – December 2025 – The Port of Shelton is pleased to announce that they have just received a clean audit opinion from the Washington State Auditor’s Office. The audit focused on the 2024 Financial Statement and Accountability. This year the audit examined the following areas which are those representing the highest risk of fraud, loss, abuse, or noncompliance:

- Cash receipting – timeliness and completeness of deposits
- Payroll – gross wages and leave accruals
- Open public meetings – compliance with minutes, meetings and executive session requirements
- Financial Condition – reviewing for indications of financial distress

The Port received no findings or management issues. Findings or management issues would indicate a deficiency, material weakness, or misstatement discovered during an audit, which the auditor is required to report. “Once again I commend my team with the positive results of this audit,” says Wendy Smith, Executive Director. “Financial responsibility is at the top of our priorities in all Port operations and allows us to continue to have successful and clean audits.” Smith compliments both her staff for their hard work and diligence to the day-to-day operations and also the Commission for their leadership. Smith also complimented the State Auditor’s Office, “Like last year, the actual cost of the audit was approximately \$4000 less than the estimate due to the efficiency of the State auditors and Port staff. I want to thank the competent and professional audit team for providing credit for clean work and sound fiscal processes.” Smith adds that she is excited to pass on these savings to the district taxpayers.

The Washington State Auditor’s Office independently serves the citizens of Washington by promoting accountability, fiscal integrity, and openness in state and local government. Working with these governments and with citizens, the office strives to ensure the efficient and effective use of public resources. To find a copy of the official audit reports, please go to sao.wa.gov, scroll down to “Quick Search Audit Reports,” and enter report number 1038693 and 1038702. When you click search, the audit report should appear.

ABOUT THE PORT

The Port brings jobs and recreational opportunities through two industrial parks and a general aviation airport. The Port boasts more than 35 businesses with nearly 1000 employees. More information can be found at www.portofshelton.com.

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