



MEDIA ADVISORY

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The Northwest Seaport Alliance and Ports of Benton, Pasco and Walla Walla Sign Historic Partnership to Establish Inland Logistics Hub

OLYMPIA— The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA), Port of Benton, Port of Pasco and Port of Walla Walla will hold a signing ceremony to formalize an interlocal agreement to develop an Inland Logistics Hub in the Tri-Cities region of southeastern Washington. This landmark partnership will enhance international trade, expand cargo movement, increase family-wage jobs and strengthen Washington state’s supply chain infrastructure.

Who: Leaders of The Northwest Seaport Alliance, Port of Benton, Port of Pasco and Port of Walla Walla

Dick Marzano, Commission President, Port of Tacoma/NWSA
Ryan Calkins, Commission President, Port of Seattle/NWSA
Adam Lincoln, Executive Director, Port of Pasco
Kip Kelly, Commissioner, Port of Walla Walla
Cassie Losey, Director of Governmental Affairs, Port of Benton

When: Thursday, February 5 at 2 p.m.

Where: The Washington Public Ports Association Office

1501 Capitol Way, Suite 304
Olympia, WA 98501

Why it Matters: The Inland Logistics Hub will leverage the Tri-Cities region’s strategic advantages, including available industrial-zoned land, access to Class I railroads, and major highways with direct connections to coastal seaports, and the Columbia-Snake River system. The partnership aims to:

- **Drive economic development and create family-wage jobs across urban and rural Washington communities**

- **Improve export access for eastern Washington agricultural and industrial products**
- **Attract new businesses involved in global trade to Washington state**
- **Ease truck congestion in the Puget Sound metro area and improve supply chain efficiency**

MEDIA ATTENDANCE

Media are invited to attend the signing ceremony. Photo and interview opportunities will be available with port leaders following the signing.

About the Ports:

The Northwest Seaport Alliance: The Northwest Seaport Alliance is one of North America's premier international gateways, managing the marine cargo operations of the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma. Handling containerized cargo, breakbulk and autos, the gateway supports tens of thousands of jobs and billions in economic activity across Washington state.

The Port of Benton: The Port of Benton drives economic growth, development and private-sector investment in its district and the broader region through innovative projects and infrastructure improvements. The port's airports, rail, business parks, industrial facilities and tourism and recreation attractions further enhance the region's economic vitality.

The Port of Pasco: The Port of Pasco is a local municipal corporation established by the voters of Franklin County in 1940. The port works to promote economic development in the county by creating opportunities for investment and growth. Along with operating multiple commercial parks and the Tri-Cities Airport, the port offers industrial land for sale for growing companies. The Reimann Industrial Center and the Airport Business Center are the newest opportunities available for industry. For more information, visit www.portofpasco.org.

The Port of Walla Walla: Founded in 1952, the Port of Walla Walla is a countywide port dedicated to enhancing the economic vitality of Walla Walla County. The port works to create and retain family-wage jobs, expand the region's tax base, and maintain critical multimodal transportation linkages, while providing leadership that supports long-term economic growth and quality of life for communities across the county.

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