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Matt Friesen is Director of External Affairs at the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, where he leads communications, government relations, and community outreach across the Port's operations and assets. His work supports initiatives spanning the Port's maritime, rail, property, and infrastructure portfolio, including recent efforts on one of the most significant infrastructure projects underway in Oregon.

His career has spanned state and local government, international development, and public affairs and has nearly two decades of experience in policy development, strategic communications, and complex project management.

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