



# STATE OF THE PORTS

# 2026

## PORT OF WOODLAND

### Chris Herman Executive Director



Chris has been the Executive Director at the Port of Woodland since November 2025. Before joining the Port, Chris worked for nine years with the Washington Public Ports Association and is well respected within the port community. He was responsible for the design of statewide advocacy strategy development and execution. He also managed educational programming for a diverse range of issues including economic development, tax, energy, broadband, procurement, and transportation policy including aviation. Prior to WPPA, Chris worked for the Washington State Department of Transportation. There he led freight rail planning, managed grant, and loan programs, and oversaw the Washington State Grain Train and the state-owned rail network.

Chris has over twenty years of experience in supply chain operations, process optimization, and strategy across industry sectors such as agriculture, food processing, energy, and petrochemicals, including Cargill, CHS Incorporated and Starbucks. Chris earned his Master of Public Administration from Cornell University in 2024. Originally from the Midwest, Chris enjoys a wide range of outdoor activities and adventures, traveling, and adopting senior pups in need of a home.

**Thursday, April 30, 2026**

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