



# Port of Skagit

## **SKAGIT REGIONAL AIRPORT BRIEFS – January 2011**

Happy New Year! We have many things to look forward to at Skagit Regional Airport in 2011.

### **Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show – February 26 & 27**

The port will be hosting a booth at the upcoming Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show on February 26 & 27. The show will be held in the Showplex Exhibit Hall at the Western Washington Fairgrounds, Puyallup, Washington. We are excited to share information about the facilities and services available at Skagit Regional Airport, as well as the outstanding amenities of the surrounding Skagit Valley. We would love to see a healthy contingent of Skagit Regional Airport users at the event.

### **Port of Skagit on the Web**

The port's new web site was launched last year at [www.portofskagit.com](http://www.portofskagit.com). The site includes a range of information for pilots and tenants, as well as community members to better understand Skagit Regional Airport. Please share any thoughts or ideas for improvements to the web site.

### **Tie-Downs and T-Hangars Available**

We currently have both tie-downs and t-hangars for lease. The list of currently available facilities is shown on the web site at [www.portofskagit.com](http://www.portofskagit.com). The port will be offering lease incentives on these facilities at the NW Aviation Conference & Trade Show in February.

### **2011 Rate Schedule**

The 2011 Skagit Regional Airport rate schedule was adopted by the port commission in December and includes no rate increases for 2011.

### **Snow and Ice Events**

The port has a snow and ice emergency plan that establishes protocols and priorities for snow and ice events. It is our goal to keep the airport open between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. every day and to allow no more than one-half inch accumulation. The port has responded to two snow events to-date this winter.

## **Runway 10-28 Improvement Projects**

Construction will begin this summer on the first in a series of two projects designed to bring Runway 10-28 up to current pavement standards for a DII runway. The 2011 project will include replacement of the runway drainage system and a new asphalt overlay. The project also includes adding yellow lenses to the runway edge lights in the last 2,000 feet of runway and installation of wildlife exclusion fencing around portions of the airport. The project will be phased to minimize impacts to airport use. The port will notify airport users prior to beginning construction on the primary runway.

Design for the second project to be constructed in 2012 starts this month. The second project includes converting the runway surface to a crown section, raising the longitudinal gradient at Runway 28, replacing the existing R/W 28 VASI with a PAPI, and replacing the runway lighting and signage systems.

## **Gate Signage**

New gate signs are now up on vehicle entrances to the airfield. The signs outline rules for ground vehicles on the airfield. Ground vehicles are to drive on taxilanes, not taxiways, yield to aircraft at all times, and observe a speed limit of 15 miles per hour while on the airfield.

*Please contact Airport Manager Sara Young with any questions or concerns regarding the airport at (360) 757-0011 or by email at [sara@portofskagit.com](mailto:sara@portofskagit.com).*