



# PORT OF SKAGIT COUNTY

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### Meet the President



March 2008

### Our Mission

*"Jobs for our Community"*

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Commissioner Jerry Kaufman took office at the Port of Skagit in January 2000. He lives in Port District 2. Prior to his service on the Port of Skagit commission, he worked for 35 years for Puget Sound Energy; his last 25 years as the Mount Vernon business office manager. Jerry's No. 1 management principle was excellent customer service in a fun working environment. "People that are having a good time are more interested in their jobs and more creative." He brings this same spirit of enthusiasm to his role as a port commissioner.



Jerry Kaufman, Commissioner  
Port District 2

As the 2008 board president his primary emphasis is economic development activities for the creation of jobs. Many projects slated for 2008 will contribute toward this goal. Plans are now underway to construct an industrial building at the La Conner Marina, t-hangars at the Skagit Regional Airport and an industrial building at the Bayview Business and Industrial Park. "Building new facilities will enable the port to make room for new and relocating businesses as well as tenants who qualify for our incubator program." says commissioner Kaufman. Adding t-hangars at the Skagit Regional Airport will bring additional revenue to this critical public asset. The commission believes that the construction of these buildings will lead to job creation which supports the port's mission statement, "Jobs for Our Community."

Along with his interest in encouraging business growth opportunities, he is a big believer in the importance of excellent customer service. Both he and port staff share a commitment to insuring that customer service is an integral part of the port's responsibility to the public.

#### Port Commissioners Elect 2008 Officers

Jerry Kaufman (*District 2*) was elected president of the Port of Skagit Board of Commissioners for 2008. Glenn Allen (*District 3*) was elected to serve as vice president; Kevin Ware (*District 1*) as secretary.

The commission holds a work session meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. and conducts their regular meeting the third Tuesday of every month beginning at 5:00 p.m.

All meetings are held in the commission hearing room at 15400 Airport Drive, Burlington, WA.



From left to right: Commissioners Glenn Allen, Jerry Kaufman, and Kevin Ware

### Port Hosts Stormwater Workshop for Business Tenants

### Calendar of Events March 2008



#### Stormwater Workshop 4/29/08

9:00 am—1:00 pm

Contact Person:  
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~ Space is limited ~  
Reservation Requested

The port will host a stormwater workshop for business and industrial tenants in April. The workshop will bring businesses together with port staff and representatives from the Department of Ecology to discuss changing stormwater regulations and best management practices. With regulations changing rapidly, the port would like to help staff and tenants understand and prepare for new requirements. The workshop is funded by a grant from the State of Washington Department of Ecology.

#### Tuesday, March 4

Commission Work Session **Cancelled**

#### Tuesday, March 18

Commission Regular Meeting  
**Rescheduled to:**

#### Tuesday, March 11

Commission Regular Meeting 5 pm

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# WE



# BOATS

## SEATTLE BOAT SHOW

INDOORS + AFLOAT

Several Port of Skagit employees, Paul Stannert on left, represented Skagit Valley at the recent Seattle Boat Show January 24 to February 2.



Boats for every budget, designed to meet every recreational need were featured at Qwest Field Event Center, plus another 200 watercraft on the water at South Lake Union. Information for visitors to the Port of Skagit display booth included details about the La Conner Marina, highlights of the Town of La Conner and many photos of the beautiful Skagit Valley. The La Conner Chamber of Commerce provided volunteer staff at the booth and informational publications touting the historic, enchanting Town of La Conner.

### Ports Hold Joint Meeting

The Port of Skagit and Port of Anacortes held a joint commission meeting on January 22, 2008 to discuss an island of Port of Anacortes district property that lies inside the Port of Skagit district and to discuss other mutual cooperation items.

Commissioners and staff from both districts learned from each other and hope to continue developing cooperative relations in the future.



### Skagit Regional Airport Roundtable Success

The Port of Skagit commission and staff hosted an airport roundtable discussion January 8, 2008 that included 26 tenants and interested parties. It was the goal of staff and commission to listen to airport tenants and interested parties' thoughts, ideas, concerns, needs and observations regarding the Skagit Regional Airport. Those in attendance agreed that the meeting was productive and successful and should be repeated in the future.

Staff is currently distilling information from the meeting into a series of goals and action plans that will be presented and discussed during the port's strategic planning and retreat sessions scheduled for May 2008.

