



# PORT PILOT

## THE PORT OF PORT ANGELES

### Port of Port Angeles Focuses on Maintaining and Growing Jobs during COVID-19 Pandemic

**Amid the recent devastating job losses across Washington State and the Olympic Peninsula, the Port of Port Angeles continues its mission to safely expand economic growth in Clallam County.** Port workers are part of the Homeland Security designation for Essential Critical Infrastructure workers to ensure the continuity of maritime and airborne commerce.



The Port has been working with employees and customers to ensure safe distancing and sanitation practices during the COVID-19 pandemic. Port of Port Angeles Executive Director Karen Goschen reiterated the Port's commitment: "In these uncertain times, the Port recognizes its vital role in creating and sustaining living wage jobs in Clallam County. After implementing new safety protocols, the Port is moving forward with several projects and initiatives to retain jobs and to bring new economic growth to our region." These efforts include:

- Continuing support for recreational, commercial and tribal fisheries
- Maintenance dredging at the Port's cargo terminal
- Commencing survey work connected to the Port's log yard stormwater system
- Designing utility infrastructure to increase business at Fairchild International Airport
- Permitting and designing for rehabilitation of the cofferdam barge facilities
- Designing the Port Angeles Boat Haven fuel float to serve commercial, government and recreational boating
- Leasing Port facilities to accommodate the needs of the homeless during the pandemic
- Developing a rent relief program for tenants experiencing reduced revenues due to COVID-19
- Working with community partners to support emergency response and help local businesses survive

According to Port Commission President Steve Burke, "These efforts will position the Port to maintain existing jobs and increase future growth by giving us the ability to handle additional vessel, barge and airport traffic. These actions will help bring new economic opportunities to Clallam County as we move beyond the COVID-19 restrictions."

The Port has actively supported federal, state and local efforts to advocate for targeted assistance to retain jobs and businesses. Commission President Burke highlighted the essential role of the Port for maintaining employment by the Port's tenants and users: "The Port remains committed to supporting jobs and our existing tenants by providing quality marine and airport infrastructure to meet the needs of

current and potential tenants. We are also working with individual tenants to address any unique needs they may have during the pandemic.”

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## Arrow Marine Group Moves to Marine Trades Industrial Park



**Arrow Marine Group (AMG), an important part of the Port Angeles waterfront since 1989, will soon be moving to the new Marine Trades Industrial Park (MTIP).**

Developed by your Port on the former PenPly site, AMG’s new facility will enable consolidation of their activities and create greater operational efficiencies, to the benefit of their clients. AMG has executed a long-term lease with the Port and is developing new buildings on site. It expects to move into them this spring.

AMG serves both inshore and offshore vessels of all sizes from all parts of the globe, and has additional locations in Anacortes, Seattle, Tacoma and Bellingham. The main administration office is in Port Angeles. AMG employs 55+ workers and has two components: Arrow Launch and Arrow Marine.

Arrow Marine facilitates the repair of its own boats and those of its clients, including tugs, barges, and ships of all sizes, and has an international client base. Arrow Launch, a public utility regulated by the Washington Utility and Transportation Commission, has 12 boats with four each deployed at Port Angeles and Anacortes, and two each at Seattle and Tacoma. These craft take passengers and freight to vessels in all ports in the Puget Sound region.

“We’re held to high standards as a regulated Washington State public utility and by the international regulatory bodies that have oversight on the work we do for our clients,” says Principal Jack Harmon. “Moving to the MTIP will enhance our ability to meet global standards set by the Oil Companies International Marine Forum and the International Marine Contractors Association.”

Harmon believes that the new MTIP will result in a win/win for the whole community, especially in job creation. “We appreciate the Port’s efforts in marketing our community’s marine trades capabilities – it will create benefits far beyond the waterfront.”

Learn more about Arrow Marine Group at <http://www.arrowmarinegroup.com/>



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