

KNOW YOUR PORT:

What Makes a Port Different from Other Governments?

Your Port Creates Jobs and Pays For Itself



The purpose of Ports is very different from governments such as cities and counties.

Cities and counties collect taxes to provide public services such as public safety, fire protection, public health and zoning. Ports, however, exist to promote economic development and job creation.

Ports do this by providing large infrastructure that industry needs to do business and provide jobs.

Businesses pay to use your Port's facilities, so to operate the Port of Port Angeles, no money comes from taxpayers. Taxpayers help with seed money to build infrastructure.

Your Port brings in revenue that pays for all of its operations. In fact, your Port strengthens Clallam County's economy and supports approximately 100 companies. These tenants and customers pay employees, buy supplies and contribute over \$14 million in state and local taxes.

No Clallam County tax dollars are needed to support your Port's daily operations.

Building your Port's infrastructure (marine terminals, the airport, marinas, industrial park facilities, etc.) is very expensive, of course. The Port receives on average 1-2% annually from your property taxes and uses it for capital projects, to pay off long-term bonds, and to fund the small community partner program.

Without this infrastructure, which your Port has been building since 1923, much of the economic activity that supports our community would not be possible.

Port Commission President Connie Beauvais said, "Building and maintaining these public assets is challenging and requires patience and long-term vision. This is important work because Port customers and tenants employ people from across the County, generating over 4,000 jobs."

What Other Elected Officials Say:

"The facilities provided by the Port of Port Angeles play an integral role in the economy and well-being of Clallam County," says Randy Johnson, Clallam County Commissioner. "Another issue in which the Port plays a vital role is public safety. As suggested by all of the emergency responders, the County needs to move their facilities out of the County Courthouse as well as possibly moving the City 911 call center. The Port is working closely with the County and the City to see if this can be accomplished at the Airport Industrial complex, a Port-owned facility."

Jim Moran of the Port Angeles City Council had this to say: "The City of Port Angeles and the Port of Port Angeles have a symbiotic relationship. The Port's mission is to bring businesses to the Olympic Peninsula. By doing so, it creates jobs. The City does not create jobs. Its mission is to maintain the infrastructure,

i.e., public safety, roads, utilities, etc., that helps companies stay here. The City and the Port working together bring economic growth to our area."

The Port: An Economic Driver

Your Port brings money **INTO** the community through its businesses, and uses that money for operations and infrastructure to create jobs.

Cities and counties collect taxes that **COME OUT** of the community to provide services.



Port operations are not funded by taxes.

They are funded by fees customers pay when they use Port facilities:

- Log Yard Fees
- Moorage
- Boat yard fees
- Property/lease rents
- Equipment rental
- Hangar fees
- Marine terminals/cargo fees

Comparison of taxes as % of total general revenues:

PORT:

0% for operations

CITIES & COUNTIES:

50%-60% for services such as parks, law enforcement, streets, planning



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