

Exploring Boundary Expansion

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RCW 53

What's the purpose of a port district?

"acquisition, construction, maintenance, operation, development and regulation within the district of harbor improvements, rail or motor vehicle transfer and terminal facilities, water transfer and terminal facilities, air transfer and terminal facilities, or any combination of such transfer and terminal facilities, and other commercial transportation, transfer, handling, storage and terminal facilities, and industrial improvements"



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What powers does a port district have?



Operation of foreign trade zones



Intermodal movement of interstate and foreign cargo



Acquisition of property and operation of facilities



Community revitalization financing



Cooperative watershed management



Construction, upgrading, improvement and repairs to streets, roads and highways



Construction, purchasing, and acquisition of telecommunications facilities



History

Since its establishment, the Port of Everett has expanded with intention – and with the interests of the community in mind.

1918 - Port of Everett established

1920 – Port builds Mukilteo Ferry Landing to support service to Clinton

1928 – Dedication of Everett Airport, Snohomish County's first airport

1929 – Acquisition of 14th St. Dock, Jetty Island, Preston Point

1942 – Track O taken over by U.S. Navy to support shipbuilding during WWII

1951 – Port approves bonds for the enlargement of Tract O

1965 – Port dedicates new 950-slip "Everett Yacht Basin," (Central Docks)

1968/69 – Port builds alumina dome at seaport and installs first crane

1972/73 - Removal of City Dock (Pier 2); Hewitt Terminal Expansion

1977 – Port opens boat launch (then six lanes)

1980 - Completion of first phase of Norton Terminal for cargo operations



History Cont'd

- 1983 Acquisition of Weyerhaeuser Mill A
- Port sells 110 acres of seaport to Navy for Naval Station Everett
- South Terminal developed into log export facility
- Expansion of boat launch, development of a chill facility at the Seaport, acquisition of former Biringer Farm (Blue Heron Slough)
- Port begins expanding shipping terminals to support aerospace
- 1998 Acquisition of the Weyerhaeuser Mill B property
- Port installs two 40-ton container cranes at Pacific Terminal
- New 220-slip yacht basin opens (North Docks)
- Mount Baker Terminal opens to support aerospace
- Waterfront Center and state-of-the-art boatyard opens
- U.S. Air Force transfers Mukilteo Tank Farm to the Port

- Port transfers ownership of Mukilteo tank farm to the state, City of Mukilteo, Sound Transit, and the Tulalip Tribe
- Port acquires former Kimberly-Clark mill site for maritime use
- Formalized partnership with Arlington & Marysville for CIC
- **2020** Port completes \$36M Central Marina Recapitalization project
- Opened modernized S. Terminal; Norton Terminal groundbreaking
- First housing in the history of the waterfront opens; dedication of new fishing dock in Mukilteo
- Port and Dept. of Ecology complete Bay Wood shoreline cleanup
- Port starts building restaurant row; secures private developers
- Kicks off visioning exercise for Mukilteo Waterfront

Current Boundaries & Governance Structure

- Governed by three elected commissioners; six-year terms,
- The Commission is responsible for setting the policy
- ✓ The Commission hires an Executive Director/CEO to carry out its policies
- The Port District encompasses most of Everett, portions of Mukilteo and Marysville, as well as parts of unincorporated Snohomish County



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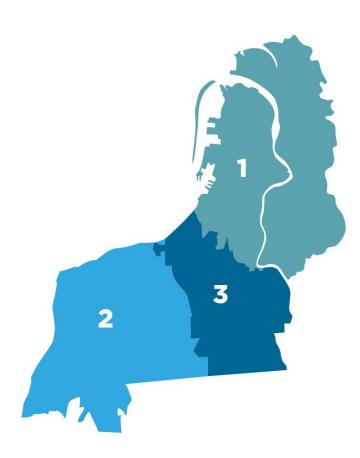
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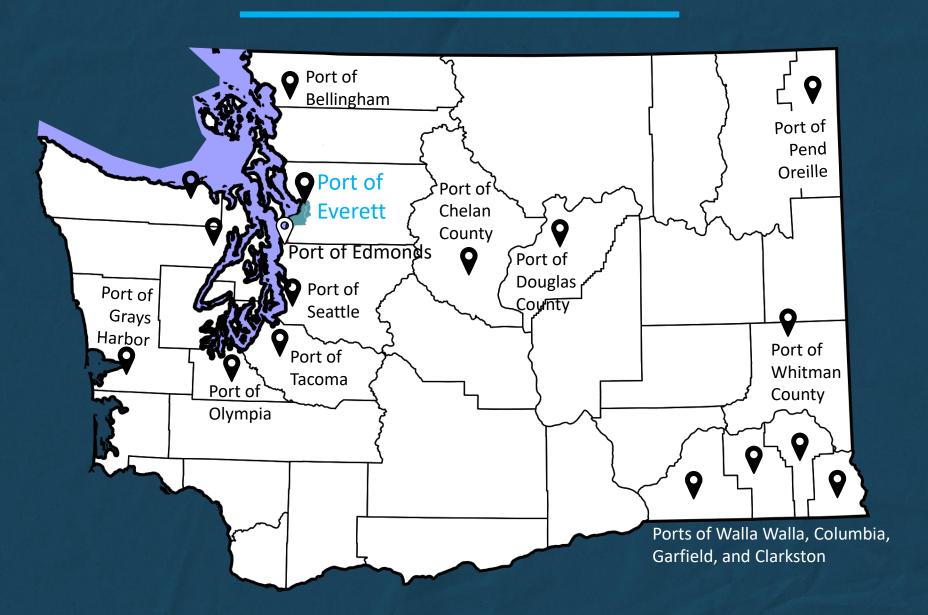


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Most WA Ports Are County-Wide



2020 Strategic Plan

Boundary Expansion





2020 Strategic Plan

- ✓ Transportation improvements
- Freight mobility
- Quality of life

- Partner with the Cascade Industrial Center in Arlington/Marysville in a mutually beneficial way to promote economic development and job growth in the north county area
- Participate and advocate in regional transportation funding efforts and projects to ensure freight mobility needs are being properly addressed
- Explore partnerships to enhance transportation options to improve connectivity of Port facilities to other areas by land and water

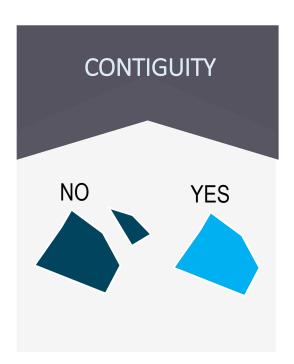


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The legal assessment

To be enacted, proposed boundary expansion <u>must be:</u>

- 1 Contiguous
- Passed by the Commission
- 3 Approved by Snohomish County council prior to being added to the ballot
- Passed by voters who are in the new expanded area by 50.01% (or simple majority)





Port Value

Initial Port value points; likely to evolve and expand as outreach continues

YOUR PORT DELIVERS...

- Critical infrastructure to support Snohomish County's two largest employers – The Boeing Company & Naval Station Everett
- Investments in a thriving Snohomish County economy
- A robust supply chain that brings goods from around the world efficiently to your doorstep
- A diverse, sustainable economy that generates family-wage jobs in Snohomish County
- Investments in tourism, recreation, and quality of life amenities
- Environmental stewardship that improves quality of life for Snohomish County residents

Mission statement: The Port strives to bring quality jobs, business, and tourism opportunities to its local and surrounding communities, and is committed to enhancing, restoring and preserving the overall environmental health of our waterfront.



Approach

- Identify and inform key stakeholders
- Prioritize areas of interest
- Meet with Snohomish County cities to understand investment priorities
- Gather feedback on the public's interest and/or desire for Port District expansion
- Summarize feedback and provide recommendation on path forward to Port Commission



2022 Recap

- 2022 Boundary assessment
- Initial community outreach/engagement planning
- Legal framework assessment
- Preliminary business outreach/interviews

Next Steps - 2023

Q1 2023

- Finalize Outreach/
 Engagement Plan
- Engage with Snohomish County Leadership

Q2 2023

- Engage with city and community partners throughout the County
- Summary of takeaways; update Commission
- Develop public survey

Q3 2023

- Launch and heavily advertise public survey
- Full community outreach/engagement throughout the County

Q4 2023

- Summarize Survey results/feedback
- Provide recommendation to Commission
- Commission direction on next steps

All dates are tentative & subject to change.

Q & A

