

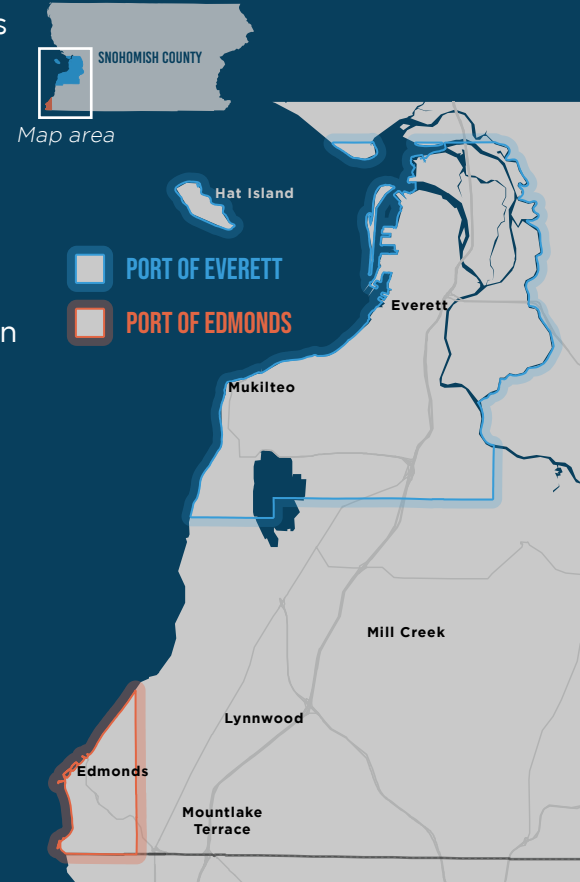
EXPLORING BOUNDARY EXPANSION

The Port of Everett is an economic engine of Snohomish County and Washington state, serving nearly 110,000 Port District residents and supporting over **40,000 jobs** in the region. While many large public port districts throughout Washington state are county-wide, **the Port of Everett is not.** (see map at bottom of page 2)

The Port District boundaries as they are drawn today limit how the Port can partner with neighboring cities to advance their specific economic and community priorities—whether that be transportation improvements and close-to-home job opportunities or quality-of-life enhancements by way of community revitalization, mixed-use and recreational amenities, environmental initiatives and more.

Given these limitations and initial community interest, the Port Commission tasked staff with taking a more formal look at the topic of boundary expansion, including an economic value study and legal assessment of what it would take to expand—and most importantly—a community assessment to see if, and where, Port partnership is desired. A community survey will launch this fall to solicit community feedback.

Port staff expects to bring a recommendation on next steps to the Commission in late 2023, early 2024. If the Commission chooses to move forward, boundary expansion would move to Snohomish County Council prior to being added to the ballot.



Above: A map showing Snohomish County's two ports and their respective boundaries. Any potential expansion of the Port of Everett would not impede upon the Port of Edmond's current boundaries.

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How Could Boundary Expansion Benefit My Community?

The Port of Everett already contributes to the economic vitality and well-being of Snohomish County and greater Puget Sound region. Your Port ...

Promotes a strong & balanced economic portfolio

Offers tourism, recreation & quality of life amenities

Restores, protects & enhances the environment

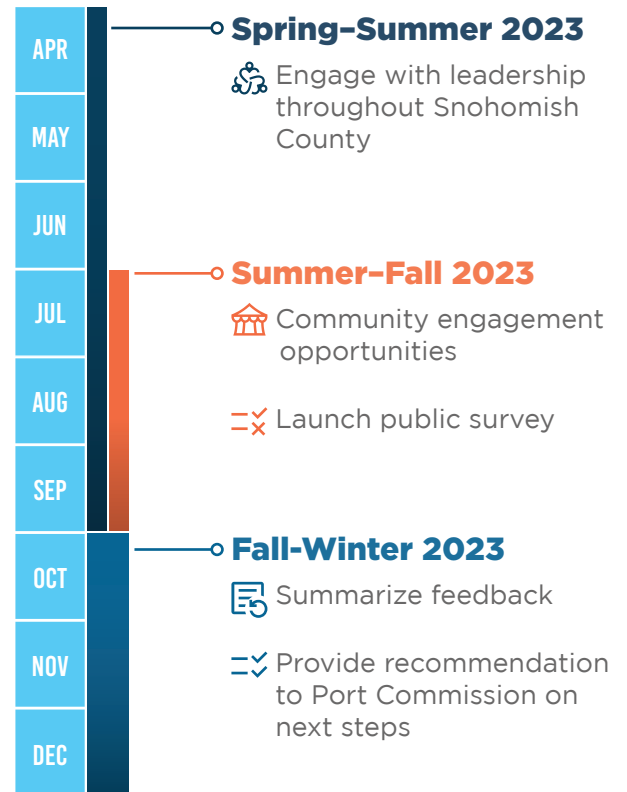
Transports goods & people efficiently with key infrastructure

Supports & maintains 40K+ family-wage jobs

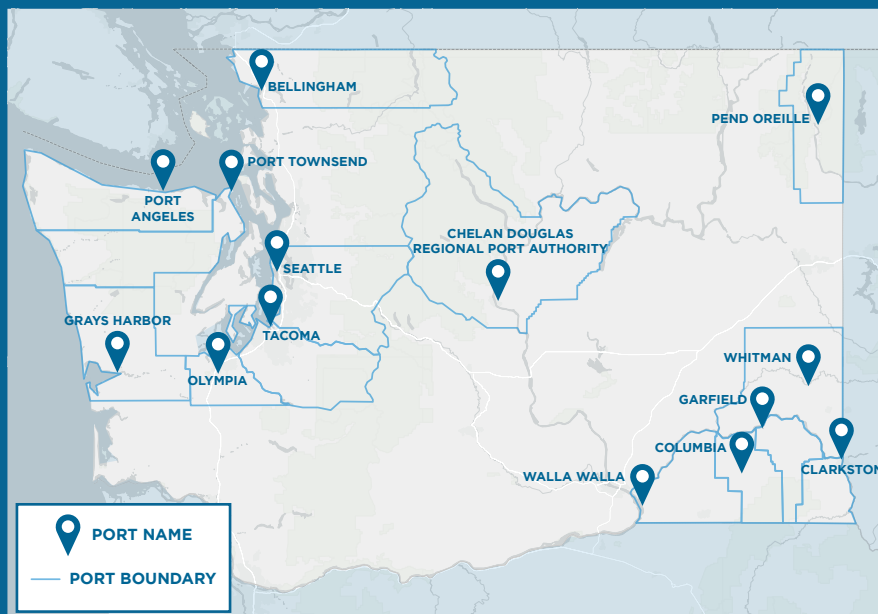
Expanding the Port District to include communities currently outside of the existing Port boundary could allow the Port to invest in projects that directly benefit the economic health and overall quality of life for more Snohomish County residents and businesses, especially in underserved or unincorporated areas of the County..

To learn more about benefits specific to your community, visit portofeverett.com/boundaries.

Community Engagement Timeline



Washington State County-wide Ports



To be enacted, proposed boundary expansion must be

1. A contiguous area
2. Passed by the Port Commission
3. Approved by the Snohomish County Council prior to being added to the ballot
4. Passed by voters who are in the proposed expansion area by 50.01% (or simple majority)

DID YOU KNOW? Many large public port districts in Washington State are county-wide. Having port representation in more areas of the county would allow the Port of Everett to provide more resources and benefits to residents and businesses across Snohomish County.