

News Release

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Port of Olympia cancels public working waterfront tour program for 2020 season

OLYMPIA – The Port of Olympia’s working waterfront public tours have been canceled for the 2020 season due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

“These are challenging times, and we had to make the tough decision to cancel the public tour program in an effort to keep our community and staff safe. While we will not be holding the tours this year, we look forward to sharing the behind-the-scenes look of the working waterfront with citizens in 2021,” said Executive Director, Sam Gibboney.

The tours, which are free to all, have become a popular offering to provide a unique opportunity to see and learn about the workings of Thurston County’s international shipping terminal. More than 14,000 individuals have toured the Port of Olympia’s working waterfront over the past decade.

In addition to observing cargo operations, including the mobile harbor crane, log loaders and other equipment, visitors learn about the various ways Thurston County is connected with the global trade network, and the role the Port plays in moving a wide range of goods to their final destination.

The Port looks forward to having the working waterfront public tour program return in 2021.

The Port of Olympia continues to take our lead from Thurston County Public Health. We encourage Thurston County residents to visit their website to stay up-to-date with the latest public health information and answers to specific questions about COVID-19.

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/phss/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>.

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About the Port of Olympia

The southernmost deep-water port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia owns and operates an international shipping terminal that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates Swantown Marina & Boatworks, a 733-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, a regional airport and a real estate division.

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