

Distinguished Leader at the Helm of an Economic Engine



Sam Gibboney is Executive Director of the Port of Olympia, Washington, named to the post by the Port of Olympia Commissioners in 2018.

As Executive Director of the Port of Olympia, Ms. Gibboney reports to a body of three elected Commissioners and oversees all management and operations of the Port of Olympia. She leads the Port staff of nearly 50 and an average annual budget of \$22 million. Inclusiveness and collaboration are hallmarks of Ms. Gibboney's leadership style.

The Port manages operations for a breakbulk deepwater marine terminal, Swantown Marina and Boatworks - the 7th largest marina in the State of Washington - as well as the Olympia Regional Airport, and a wide range of commercial and industrial properties throughout Thurston County.

Ms. Gibboney is a recent transplant to South Sound though she has called Washington State home for twenty-five years. Sam has made all of her education and career choices based upon the cool places she wanted to live and taking a job in Thurston County is no exception to that rule.

Prior to starting her new role as Executive Director of the Port of Olympia, Ms. Gibboney was most recently the Executive Director of the Port of Port Townsend, and prior to that, she was the Director of Community Development in San Juan County. Ms. Gibboney started her career working for the U.S. Air Force in the North Pole, Alaska. And yes, Santa Clause's house was right down the road. Before moving to the San Juans, both she and her husband, Lowell Jons, were small business owners. Lowell owned a bicycle shop and she pedaled a different kind of wares in her consulting business. Lowell is a teacher for the Yelm School District. Her son, Rowan recently graduated from Walla Walla Community College with a degree in Energy Systems Technology.

Education & Recognition

Bachelor's Degree, Civil Engineering, San Diego State University, California

Master's Degree in Public Administration, Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Washington, Washington