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Port of Vancouver USA

SPRING 2025



Groundbreaking Signals Full Speed Ahead on New Opportunity for Port

The weather stayed dry for port leaders and partners on May 13. It was the perfect day to put shovels to dirt, kicking off the transformation of the port’s Berth 7 into a state-of-the-art facility for a U.S. sourced mineral.

By late 2026, the most modern soda ash gateway in the world will be located at the port. Soda ash is used for a variety of purposes, including manufacturing glass and lithium-

ion batteries critical to solar panels and electric vehicles. Natural soda ash coming to the port is also an essential ingredient for toothpaste, baking soda, baking powder, detergents and other products used every day.

“We are incredibly excited to move full speed ahead on a project that will generate local jobs and economic benefits for years to come,” said Julianna Marler, port CEO.

The redeveloped facility will feature expanded storage space, upgraded rail access, and state-of-the-art cargo handling systems that will ensure natural soda ash is moved safely and efficiently from its source in Green River, Wyoming to global markets.

The newly designed Terminal 2, Berth 7 port facility will have the capability to annually handle more than 3 million tons of soda ash.

“This port has been an economic engine for the region for 113 years, and a vital link in the global supply chain. Pursuing a diverse mix of commodities people need in their everyday lives is key to our continued stability.”

Navigating Tariffs, Trade and Tumultuous Markets

Julianna Marler, CEO

“Tariffs” don’t typically come up in my everyday conversations. But with recent developments related to tariffs, many want to know how trade turbulence is impacting the port. If you’ve ever talked to a personal investment expert, you know the fundamental approach to market swings: diversify. The same is true here. From soybeans to Subarus, we’ve strategically diversified our cargo. That means while certain market pressures may affect individual sectors,



our broad mix of business helps buffer us against the most extreme market swings. Pursuing commodities that retain a steady demand is another priority. Communities will always need grain for food. Steel and aluminum are essential building blocks for infrastructure. We’re also moving ahead with new opportunities. Above we detail the port’s latest initiative to handle a brand-new commodity, soda ash. This approach helped make 2024 our second-best financial year ever. It’s uncertain how 2025 will continue to unfold. However, I’m confident we have the right strategy to navigate the seas ahead, and continue delivering economic benefits to this region.

Temporary Relocation of Port Office and Commission Meetings

Starting May 30, we're renovating the port's aging administration building. That means the port commission meetings will have a temporary home for the remainder of 2025.

What: Port of Vancouver USA Commission meetings

Where: *Temporary*—CTRAN's Board Room (10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver 98682)

Also broadcast and streamed on cvtv.org

When: Starting June 10, scheduled through the end of 2025

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, beginning at 9:30am

Also starting May 30, port administrative staff, will be temporarily located at 2801 NW Lower River Road. Open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Watch the 2025 Port Report!

The Port of Vancouver USA's 2025 Port Report video showcase is live, highlighting another successful year of diverse cargo operations and tenant achievements. In 2024, the port supported nearly 20,000 jobs and generated \$2.9 billion in regional economic benefits. The video features insights from port leadership, longshore workers, and port business tenant Sigma DG, emphasizing the port's strategic diversification and community impact.

Click here or scan the QR code to watch the full video and discover how the port continues to drive economic vitality in the region.





Port of Vancouver USA

2024

YEAR IN REVIEW

The port is a major gateway for America's producers, and a critical link in the global supply chain. Its proficiency in handling bulk and breakbulk cargoes and key location for industrial businesses allow port activity to generate nearly 20,000 local jobs.



78,000

AUTOS IMPORTED

413,250


HOURS WORKED BY ILWU LONGSHORE

Generates millions of dollars in local wages and spending in our community



5,900,000

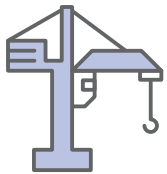
metric tons of GRAIN EXPORTED



11% of national wheat exports flow through POV

100% OFFSET OF ELECTRICAL USAGE

in port utility-controlled buildings



7.49M

METRIC TONS OF CARGO

97,000

HOMES POWERED



by wind turbines crossing port docks



405

VESSEL CALLS

224,800

metric tons of COPPER CONCENTRATE EXPORTED

46,300

metric tons of ALUMINUM IMPORTED



68,000

RAIL CARS

moved through port

50

TENANT BUSINESSES



100% industrial occupancy



Top trading partners:
JAPAN, CHINA, TAIWAN, SOUTH KOREA, BANGLADESH

91%

EXPORTS

9%

IMPORTS



Port Expands Purple Martin Habitat as Conservation Success Takes Flight

The growth of the port’s purple martin conservation efforts is great news all the way around, although it did create one new challenge:

A bird housing shortage.

That’s why in 2025, the port expanded its purple martin habitat by installing a new tower with eight additional nesting gourds bringing the current count to 40.

This is the latest development in a successful program that began in 2011, when the port installed 16 artificial gourds at its Columbia River Wetland Mitigation Bank to attract the purple martins when they were listed as a “species of concern” in Washington due to declining numbers.

Over the years, additional gourds have been added to increase habitat. A redesign in 2016 made the gourds more suitable for purple martins and less appealing to competing birds. Following these improvements more than 60 chicks have successfully fledged in recent summer nesting seasons.

In 2023, the program reached a milestone when the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife determined that banding baby purple martins was no longer necessary, thanks to the birds’ consistent return and stable population. However, the port continues its efforts to support these birds.

Each year, the port uses Bring Your Child to Work Day as an

opportunity to educate the next generation about the importance of wildlife stewardship. Kids are given the chance to hang the gourds for the upcoming nesting season.

Purple martins, the largest species of swallow in North America, migrate thousands of miles from South America to the Pacific Northwest each year. The port’s carefully maintained habitat has become a reliable nesting site for these aerial insectivores. Because of human nesting intervention like the port’s, the purple martin population is identified by the Washington Department of Fish

and Wildlife as showing signs of growth with approximately 600 breeding birds in Washington. Their presence signals a healthy habitat for both nesting and foraging, relying on an abundant and diverse insect collection which they catch in the air.

“We’ve seen tremendous success in a relatively short time,” said Matt Graves, the port’s environmental manager. “It’s incredibly rewarding to watch these birds return each year and know we’re playing a role in their recovery. This expansion reflects our long-term commitment to balancing industry and ecology.”



Now Open: The Launch at Terminal 1 — A Scenic New Riverfront Destination

The Launch at Terminal 1 is now open! This public space features a beautifully landscaped switchback path leading to an elevated observation area with

stunning views of the Columbia River. Come see it for yourself at Terminal 1 to enjoy a scenic stroll and take in the sights from this new riverfront destination.

Terminal 1 Building Wins Office Development of the Year

Lincoln Property Company’s new building and future home of ZoomInfo at Terminal 1 has been named Office Development of the Year by the commercial real estate industry. This award-winning project reimagines a historic waterfront site as a vibrant, mixed-use destination that seamlessly blends workplace, public space, and community connection.



Port leaders update the community on trade, port developments, Terminal 1 and more at the Kiggins Theatre on March 19.



Port Lecture Series Remains a Success

The port's popular public lecture series featured three free programs this year in March and April. All told just over 400 people joined us at the historic Kiggins Theatre to hear from Captain Bruce Jones of the Columbia River Maritime Museum; four port executives providing an update on a variety of projects and operations; and a look at ports across

the state from the executive director of the Washington Public Ports Association. A big thank you to our terrific audience members who support port lectures. You can't beat the interesting speakers, delicious Kiggins popcorn and great venue. If you'd like to be notified of next year's schedule, send us an email at RSVP@portvanusa.com.

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Port Tenant Business Celebrates 25 Years!

Tristar is celebrating 25 years in business! Since opening at the port in 2000, the company has grown from a three-acre operation to a 12-acre transload facility, playing a key role in moving building materials throughout the region. The port is proud to mark this milestone and appreciates Tristar's role in keeping our economy moving, the jobs it supports, and its partnership. Congratulations to Tristar on 25 years — and here's to many more!



Chrissy Lyons, director of industrial business for the port, presents Peter Howe, owner of Tristar, with a plaque to celebrate anniversary.

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