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Progress at Terminal 1 Moves Waterfront Vision Forward

Work on the Terminal 1 dock reconstruction continues to progress. Crews moved from in-water construction to building above the river this spring.

During the most recent in-water work window that concluded January 31, crews successfully installed 198 piles for the new dock. These pilings serve as a critical foundation for the structure and keeps the project moving forward on schedule.

Now, crews can be seen capping the piles, along with putting in a temporary support system that ensures stability and alignment while concrete is put in place. Keeping in mind the original dock lasted for more than a century, these elements are critical for long-term stability.

As this phase wraps up, the next step will be cast-in-place concrete. This work will connect the precast panels and form the future surface of the dock.

This project is a cornerstone of the port's waterfront redevelopment. The port team shares the community's excitement as they bring the project one step closer to becoming a vibrant space with a future public market.

How the Port Handled a Challenging Year in Global Trade

Julianna Marler, CEO

In 2025, the most common word in global trade was "uncertainty." Since our port is a major gateway for everything from Subarus to steel to soybeans, we had to navigate that uncertainty as well.

HOW DID WE DO?

In short: the port faced these challenges head-on, achieving successful results across many fronts. From new investments and partnerships to workforce development and cargo growth, 2025 showed the strength and resilience of our port. I encourage you to watch our Port Report video for the full story! In only a few minutes, you'll get a look at the activity happening across the port's 1600 acres.

HERE'S A PREVIEW:

- We broke ground on a new project that will support jobs and businesses in this region.

- We forged a long-term agreement with a global partner.
- A first-of-its-kind training center for future maritime workers got started at the port.
- Diverse cargoes that power, feed, and build communities across the globe moved across our docks.

On the back page of this newsletter you can watch this year's Port Report with just a few clicks on your phone, tablet or computer.

You can also watch it at portvanusa.com.

The foundation built by our port team, valued tenants, labor partners and incredible community positioned us to weather challenges and build toward the future.





Explore T1 This Summer

Terminal 1 (T1) is bustling!

Multiple businesses and inviting public spaces have officially opened at the T1 area of Vancouver's waterfront. Whether you're looking for a relaxing getaway, delicious cuisine, local art, or stunning waterfront views, T1 is a worthy destination.

The **AC Hotel** welcomes guests with modern accommodations and a serene **spa**, making it the perfect spot for a restful staycation or a day of self-care. If you're in the mood for a memorable meal, **Ondus Restaurant** offers a diverse menu with waterfront views. Art enthusiasts will appreciate a visit to **AQUA Gallery**, where vibrant exhibits showcase local talent.

Beyond the businesses, T1 also features a variety of public spaces worthy of a visit. **Vancouver Landing**, located on the dock

along the water, provides a peaceful spot to unwind and a timeline detailing the area's past for history buffs. Don't miss **The Launch**, a unique outdoor staircase and viewing area across the street from the AC Hotel. The climb up the three flights of steps leads you to open-air seating and sweeping views of the river.

More exciting additions are on the horizon as redevelopment continues at T1. In the near future, **additional shops and restaurants** will open, further expanding options for visitors and the local community. Once the new public dock is completed, construction will begin on a **future public market** projected to open in 2030 that will offer shopping, dining, event space and more.

As the weather turns warmer and we shed our fleeces and head outdoors, stop by and see what's new at T1!

2026 Lecture Series Connects Community with Maritime Industry

The Port of Vancouver USA's 2026 Lecture Series brought the community together this spring for three engaging evenings focused on the people, partnerships and systems that power regional trade.

Hosted at the historic Kiggins Theatre, the free series opened with Neil Maunu from Pacific Northwest Waterways Association discussing the Columbia River as a "liquid highway," and the organization's role in advocating for its maintenance. A second lecture from Jennifer Riddle at Tidewater explored the complexities of inland barge transportation and how essential goods move efficiently through the

region. John Wolfe and Tong Zhu from Northwest Seaport Alliance headlined the final lecture and discussed how the partnership between Port of Seattle and Port of Tacoma helps enhance global competitiveness for the region.

The Lecture Series continues to provide a space for meaningful conversation, giving attendees the opportunity to connect directly with port leaders and ask questions.

As the 2026 series concludes, it once again highlights how the port's work supports economic vitality and impacts communities across the region.



An Augmented Reality Journey at Vancouver's Terminal 1

Experience Terminal 1 in a new way with the WSU-Vancouver T1 Timestream project.



Created by students in the Creative Media and Digital Culture program at Washington State University Vancouver, this immersive augmented reality experience invites you to explore the past, present and future of this iconic waterfront space.

Learn about Terminal 1's rich history and its visionary transformation, all from your own device.

While you can access the experience from anywhere, visiting Terminal 1 while using T1 Timestream lets you enjoy the project as it was truly intended, right at the heart of the waterfront itself.

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to begin your journey with an innovative blend of technology and storytelling.





Big Moves and Milestones at the Vancouver Bulk Terminal Project



Those traveling down Lower River Road in recent months likely noticed the port's changing skyline.

The port's project to bring the world's most state-of-the-art facility for soda ash here to Vancouver is well underway. Large new structures are now visible from outside the port. These are part of the Vancouver Bulk Terminal (VBT) project, making upgrades from rail to waterfront.

Construction of a new 150,000-square-foot building is

now approximately 80% complete. This structure will serve as a storage and holding facility for soda ash, a critical mineral vital for making glass, food products, lithium-ion batteries used in electric vehicles and more.

On the north end of the site, work is steadily advancing on a major rail expansion. Once complete, this addition will help streamline the movement of goods and improve overall efficiency across the terminal.

April marked one of the project's most exciting milestones to date. Crews successfully installed the massive portal stacker/reclaimer (inset photo, right), a piece of equipment essential for handling bulk materials. The lift required four cranes working in unison to raise and rotate the structure into place midair, highlighting both the complexity and precision of the work underway.

Dock upgrades are now complete which will support a new

mechanism that will load the soda ash into ships.

From its origin in Green River, Wyoming, the soda ash handled by the port once this project is complete will move to destinations all over the globe. It's another way the port is helping drive the economy and supporting jobs throughout the region.



Subarus Keep Rolling in Through 2040

In recent months, the port extended its long-standing partnership with Subaru of America, Inc. The new agreement keeps Subaru at the port through 2040 and grows its space to 43 acres, helping it operate more efficiently.

Port CEO Julianna Marler shared, "This partnership has endured through various market shifts for more than 30 years, and we're so pleased this partnership is solidified through 2040.

"This strong agreement not only creates and sustains local jobs, it serves as an anchor for long-term economic opportunities in our region."

Tens of thousands of imported Subaru vehicles begin their U.S. journey to destinations throughout the country at the Port of Vancouver USA, making it the largest import gateway for Subaru vehicles in the country.

Kids Get a Look Inside Sigma DG

During this year's Bring Your Child to Work Day, port tenant Sigma DG welcomed kids for a behind-the-scenes look at their manufacturing operations. Sigma DG creates innovative components used in construction, tunneling, mining and more. They showed how advanced technology drives their work and allowed kids to see modern manufacturing in action.

A highlight of the day was seeing the company's 3D printers at work, turning digital designs into real objects. Each child received a custom 3D-printed gift to take home, making the experience both fun and memorable.

A big thank you to Sigma DG for inspiring the next generation of manufacturing innovators!



Floating Wetlands Return to Improve Stormwater Treatment

One of the port's best environmental innovations has been bobbing in a stormwater pond, almost camouflaged with native vegetation for more than a decade.

It's the "camouflage" that's been doing the work. In the coming months, the port will be reinstalling these floating treatment wetlands with new replacement structures.

Since 2014, the floating structures allow roots to extend into the water, where they help remove algae, heavy metals, nutrients and suspended solids.

In 2024, the port's treatment pond underwent routine maintenance that required excavation of the site. As a result, the original floating wetlands could not be salvaged. Now, the port is working on installing a new system.

The updated floating wetlands will cover approximately 500 square feet and include about 1,200 plants native to the region.

Programs like this reflect the port's creative approaches and long-term commitment to maintaining sustainable operations along the Columbia River.



The port welcomed Temple Lentz (center) to the Board of Commissioners in January.

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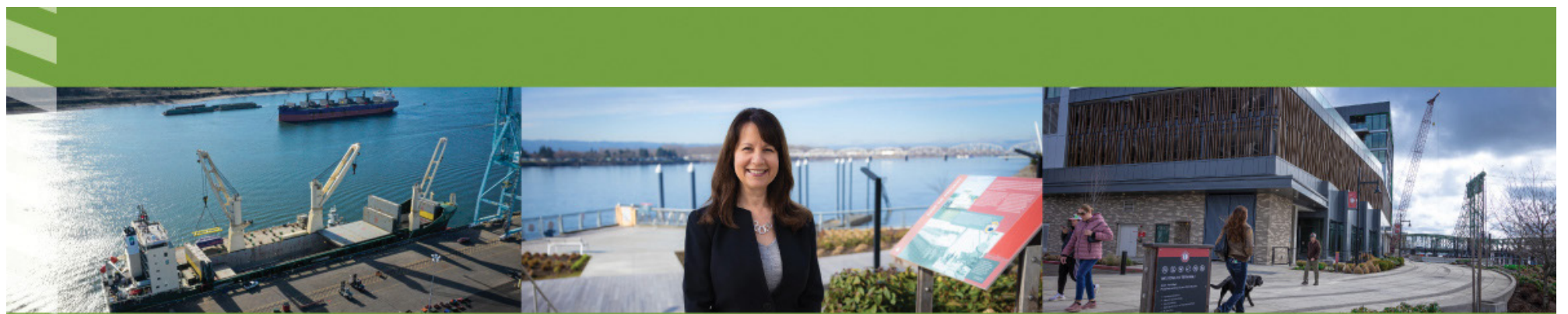
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