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Port of Vancouver USA Commissioner Jerry Oliver named Honorary Lifetime Member of Washington Public Ports Association

VANCOUVER, Wash. – The [Washington Public Ports Association \(WPPA\)](#) has recognized [Port of Vancouver USA](#) Commissioner Jerry Oliver as an Honorary Lifetime Member.

Commissioner Oliver received the award on November 22 at the WPPA Annual Convention in Tacoma, Wash. He was selected for performing extraordinary service in the port industry, including leadership on port, transportation and maritime issues in Washington State.

“Jerry Oliver’s impact on the Washington Public Ports Association has been monumental,” said Don Meyer, WPPA President. “He has served as a past president of the association, as a commissioner at the Port of Vancouver since 2007 and has been an absolute stalwart member. For his contributions and leadership within the association, and within the Vancouver community, we were pleased to present Mr. Oliver with an Honorary Lifetime Membership.”

During his tenure with the port, Commissioner Oliver has helped usher in a period of tremendous growth and success. He played a key role in the West Vancouver Freight Access (WVFA) project, a \$250 million infrastructure initiative to expand the port’s rail system from 16 miles of track to nearly 50 miles. Additional capital investments under his leadership include the 108-acre [Centennial Industrial Park](#), [Terminal 1 waterfront development project](#) and expansion of the port’s marine and industrial operations.

Each of these efforts have attracted or retained employers and supported jobs in multiple sectors, including manufacturing, construction, transportation and hospitality. With Commissioner Oliver’s leadership, the port’s annual economic impact in the region has grown from \$1.6 billion to \$3.8 billion, and jobs at the port and its facilities have increased to nearly 4,000.

Commissioner Oliver announced earlier this year that he would not seek a third term on the Board of Commissioners. His current term expires December 31, 2019.

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