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**PORT WELCOMES FINANCE DIRECTOR
AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER**

OLYMPIA - Ed Galligan, Executive Director, announces the addition of Kevin Ferguson, finance director, and Kathleen White, communications manager, to the Port of Olympia team. Both report to Galligan.

Ferguson has formerly worked as chief financial officer for Washington Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development and the Bremerton School District, business manager of the business and office paper division of International Paper Company, and assistant superintendent of operations of Issaquah School District. He has an MBA in Finance from Purdue University and an MS in Financial Management from the US Naval Postgraduate School, as well as Naval Nuclear Power training during his 26 years in the U.S. Navy.

White has served as senior communications manager for Weyerhaeuser, public relations director for Washington Department of Personnel, communications director for Washington Department of Information Services, and director of marketing and public relations for Tacoma Metro Parks. She has a certificate from University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs' Executive Management Program, did graduate work at Marist College School of Communications and undergraduate work at Santa Clara University, earning her BA at Evergreen.

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About the Port of Olympia

The southernmost deepwater port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia is Thurston County's partner in economic opportunity. The Port owns and operates a diversified international shipping terminal, an established niche facility that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates a strategically located regional airport, a vibrant 733-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, and a thriving real estate division. A community port, it generates an estimated 2,600 jobs in Thurston County and indirectly over 5,000 jobs in Washington State.