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### SWANTOWN MARINA & BOATWORKS WINS CLEAN MARINA WASHINGTON CERTIFICATION

Swantown Marina & Boatworks, owned and operated by the Port of Olympia, has been awarded a Clean Marina Washington certification by the Puget Soundkeeper Alliance. The Clean Marina Program is a partnership between the State Departments of Ecology and Natural Resources, the Northwest Marine Trade Association, Washington Sea Grant, Puget Soundkeeper Alliance and the EnviroStar Cooperative.

Awarded to less than 10 percent of the marinas in the state, this certification demonstrates and recognizes the Port's commitment to the adherence to meet strict environmental standards in its operation of Swantown Marina and Boatworks. This award came after three inspections over the last year and continued adherence and improvements to facilities to meet strict standards for certification.

"Swantown is very proud to be a leader in protecting the environment," said Port Commission President Bill McGregor. "I commend the staff at Swantown Marina and Boatworks for their contribution, environmental commitment and awareness in their efforts to attain this certification. Our goal is to set high standards in the operation of our marina and boatyard as well as help educate boaters on clean boating practices."

In addition, Swantown will receive the Leadership Award also granted by the Puget Soundkeeper Alliance. This prestigious award, the highest certification available, is given to less than two percent of marinas in the state and is awarded only to facilities demonstrating innovative standards that vastly exceeds those required to become certified under this program.

Swantown was cited for its innovation in several areas of operation, including our hazardous waste disposal program at the boatyard, use of electric vehicles, vessel inspection policies, emergency preparations, staff training, integrated pest management plan, boatyard environmental compliance and live aboard pump out program.

Clean Marina Washington was created in 2005 as an expansion of the EnviroStars program, which provides incentives for businesses to reduce and better manage their hazardous waste. A Clean Marina Certification indicates that a marina is in full compliance with environmental regulations, has voluntarily adopted additional environmental practices and has passed a rigorous certification inspection by county pollution experts.

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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 656-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.