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PORT OF LONGVIEW SWEARS IN NEW COMMISSIONER

Longview, WA- At a special Commission meeting last week Commissioner-elect Lou Johnson was sworn in for a six year term on the Port of Longview's Board of Commissioners. Johnson, a lifetime local resident, will represent the second district.

As a second generation longshoreman, Johnson brings more than 30 years of cargo handling experience to the Commission. He joined the ILWU Local 21 as a young man and worked 30 years loading and unloading cargo vessels before taking his current position as a marine clerk with Local 40. Throughout his career he served in several union leadership positions, often working as a liaison between the Port and union.



“Lou is a great addition to the Commission,” said Commission President Darold Dietz. “I’m looking forward to working with him and all the new ideas he brings to the board.”

Commissioner Johnson fills the seat vacated by Dan Buell, who retired from the board in 2011.

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About the Port of Longview

The Port of Longview is the first full-service operating port with strategic transportation connections on the deep-draft Columbia River shipping channel in southwest Washington State. The Port is located just 66 river miles from the Pacific Ocean, 120 driving miles from Seattle, Washington, and 40 driving miles from Portland, Oregon. Port facilities include eight marine terminals and waterfront industrial property with direct connections to main-line rail and interstate highway. Cargo handling specialties include all types of bulk cargos and breakbulk commodities such as steel, lumber, logs, pulp, paper, project and heavy-lift cargo.