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**PORT OF LONGVIEW EXEC ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT:  
*Long-time Executive Director plans retirement for late 2012***

**Longview, WA-** Last week long-time Port of Longview Executive Director Ken O'Hollaren announced his retirement date for December 2012 after 25 years as the Port's Executive.

O'Hollaren began at the Port of Longview in 1980 as the Assistant Operations Manager before quickly climbing the ranks to Executive Director in 1988. He is currently the longest serving Director among Washington's 76 port districts.

O'Hollaren is well known and respected throughout the industry for his instrumental work in the Columbia River Channel Deepening project and his long-time involvement promoting seaports with the American Association of Port Authorities, also serving as its Chairman in 2009.

"The Port is in great financial shape with an outstanding management team –so the timing for this move is right in all aspects," said O'Hollaren. "I am very fortunate to have had this opportunity, but now looking forward to the adventure of retirement."

"The Port has seen tremendous growth in the 25 years he will have served as the Executive Director," said Commission President Darold Dietz. "Our success is a direct reflection of his leadership and experience, for which we are very grateful."

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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.