



WASHINGTON PUBLIC PORTS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF VICTORIA LINCOLN AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON (NOVEMBER 11, 2019) – The **Washington Public Ports Association** (WPPA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Victoria Lincoln as Deputy Director.

As Deputy Director, Lincoln will ensure the needs of Washington's ports are understood and supported by the state, legislature and regulatory bodies that interact with ports. She'll serve as the primary policy and legislative advisor to the Association's Executive Director, while coordinating the Association's legislative program, and serve as an Association spokesperson and liaison to peer local government associations in Olympia.

Lincoln's previous experience includes 25 years on the Government Relations team at the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) as a lobbyist and project manager.



Of the appointment, WPPA Executive Director James Thompson remarked, "Victoria's deep knowledge of the state Legislative process, along with her developed relationships with elected officials, partner agencies and organizations, and her experience on issues that affect ports make her an ideal fit for our Association."

While at AWC, Lincoln concurrently held the position of Energy Project Coordinator, managing a program for city- and county-elected officials, providing education on the value of energy efficiency, evolving energy policies, and the development of building codes.

Her other past experience includes tracking state agency rule-making, providing city representation at federal and regional events, training on the role and structure of local governments, and working directly for elected officials at the state capitol and in Pierce County.

Lincoln is also serving a third term as an elected board member for her hometown electric utility cooperative, currently as President of the Board. In that capacity, she has gained hands-on knowledge of utility budgeting, operations and management. She is a fourth generation Washingtonian, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from The Evergreen State College.

WPPA is the voice of Washington Ports before the Legislature, Congress, other government agencies, and stakeholders. The association serves as the catalyst for promoting communication between ports and developing a broad public understanding of the essential roles of ports across the state.

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ABOUT WASHINGTON PUBLIC PORTS ASSOCIATION

As a state legislative and regulatory advocacy organization, the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) fosters public policy for ports to achieve their goals. The WPPA was formed by the legislature in 1961 to represent public port districts throughout Washington, serving as the focus through which ports work cooperatively to develop policy direction, share information, and address issues on economic development, trade, transportation, and environmental stewardship. Public port districts offer a wide range of locally governed services including marine terminals, barge facilities, industrial development, marinas, airports, railroads, and tourism promotion.

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