

# Commissioner Attendees

## **Anacortes**

Shawn Ottenbreit  
Kathy Pittis (Russ)

## **Bellingham**

Ken Bell  
Michael Shepard

## **Benton**

Roy Keck (Heillie den Hoed)  
Scott Keller (Melissa Hooper)

## **Bremerton**

Gary Anderson  
Axel Strakeljahn

## **Brownsville**

Paul Brumm (Laura)  
Dan Kieta (Cheldan)

## **Camas-Washougal**

Larry Keister  
Cassie Marshall (Rick)

## **Chelan Douglas RPA**

JC Baldwin  
Richard DeRock  
Donn Etherington  
Mark Spurgeon

## **Clarkston**

Mark Brigham

## **Edmonds**

Ross Dimmick (Minna)  
Jay Grant  
David Preston (Tammy)

## **Everett**

Glenn Bachman  
David Simpson  
Tom Stiger (Rosie)

## **Friday Harbor**

Barbara Marrett

## **Grays Harbor**

Phil Papac (Danya)

## **Kalama**

Patrick Harbison  
Troy Stariha  
Randy Sweet

## **Kingston**

Laura Gronnvoll  
Mary McClure

## **Longview**

Allan Erickson

## **Moses Lake**

Kent Jones (Pamela)  
Stroud Kunkle (Mary)

## **Olympia**

Amy Harding  
Bob Iyall  
Sarah Montano  
Maggie Sanders

## **Othello**

Homer Montemayor  
Gary Weaver

## **Pasco**

Hans J. Engelke (Teresa)

## **Port Townsend**

Carol Hasse  
Pam Petranek

## **Ridgefield**

Scott Hughes  
Joe Melroy

## **Seattle**

Ryan Calkins (Lindsay)

## **Shelton**

Kristy Buck  
Dale Elmlund  
Dick Taylor

## **Skagit**

Melanie Mankamyer  
Kevin Ware

## **South Whidbey Island**

Curt Gordon,  
Commissioner

## **Sunnyside**

Tyler Schilperoort

## **Tacoma**

Kristin Ang  
Deanna Keller  
Don Meyer  
Dick Marzano (Candi)

## **Vancouver USA**

Eric LaBrant  
Don Orange

## **Walla Walla**

Ron Dunning  
Amy Schwab

## **Whitman County**

Tom Kammerzell (Cheryl)

## **Woodland**

Pat Canfield (Cassie)  
Rob Rich (Amy)  
Bob Wile



# 2025 Commissioners Seminar



Thank you for taking the time to  
be with us this week!



July 21 - 23  
Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine

## Monday, July 21

*This evenings reception & dinner take place outside in the Tent Pavilion*

- 5:30 pm **Social Hour & Reception** - Spouses Invited!
- 6:15 - 8:00 pm **Dinner** - Spouses Invited!

## Tuesday, July 22

*Today's breakfast, lunch, & reception take place in the Tent Pavilion  
The general sessions take place in the San Juan Ballroom*

- 7:00 - 8:00 am Breakfast Buffet
- 8:15 am **Welcome & Announcements**  
*Eric ffitch, WPPA*
- 8:30 am **What's on Your Mind? Open Discussion Forum**  
*One person from each Port to share one success & one challenge from the past year or year ahead  
Moderated by Eric ffitch*
- 10:00 am **Executive Director Turnover**
  - Establishing Clear Expectations
  - How does the commission onboard a new Executive Director
  - What support can you expect from the association for onboarding
  - Tips on succession planning from other ports*Moderated by Eric ffitch*
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:00 am **Port Planning & Comprehensive Scheming, Commissioners Role in the Planning Process**  
*Tim Schermetzler, CSD Attorneys at Law  
Frank Chmelik, WPPA Life Member, Attorney (retired) from CSD Attorneys at Law*
- 11:45 am - 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm **Maritime Career Pipelines**  
*Betsy Davis, Former Director (retired), Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding  
Sierra Oliver, Apprenticeship Program Director, Whatcom Working Waterfront Foundation  
Katie Oman, Chief Operating Officer, Northwest Maritime*
- 2:45 pm Break

## Tuesday, July 22 (continued)

- 3:00 pm **Strategic Communications Plan Workshop**  
*David Fisher, Partner, FM Public Affairs  
Jocelyn McCabe, APR, Partner, FM Public Affairs*
- 4:00 pm Adjourn
- 5:00 pm **Social Hour & Reception** - Spouses Invited!
- 5:45 - 7:30 pm **Dinner** - Spouses Invited!

## Wednesday, July 23

*Today's breakfast takes place in the Tent Pavilion  
The general session takes place in the San Juan Ballroom*

- 8:00 am Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 am **Continuity on the Commission: Commissioners Role in Replacing a Commission Vacancy**  
*Moderated by Eric ffitch  
Curt Gordon, Port of South Whidbey  
JC Baldwin, Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority  
Rob Rich, Port of Woodland*
- 10:00 am Break - Check out of your rooms!
- 10:30 am **Port Commissioner Elections - Recent Legal Updates**  
*Tim Schermetzler, CSD Attorneys at Law  
Frank Chmelik, WPPA Life Member, Attorney (retired) from CSD Attorneys at Law*
- 11:45 am **Seminar Adjourn**

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