



2026 WPPA Executive Committee

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 Kingston - Steve Heacock
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 Lopez - Steve Adams
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 Othello - Homer Montemayor
 Pasco - Matt Watkins
 Pend Oreille - Kelly Driver
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 Woodland - Rob Rich

Washington Public Ports Association

2026 Spring Meeting, May 19 - 21
 Skamania Lodge, Stevenson

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 am - 4:00 pm WPPA Registration Desk Hours
 Conference Center Lobby

8:30 - 11:45 am Committee Meetings

8:30 - 11:30 am:

- Legal - Stevenson CD

8:30 - 10:00 am:

- Trade & Transportation - Stevenson B
- Marina - Hood Room
- Environmental - Stevenson A

10:15 - 11:45 am:

- Economic Development - Stevenson B
- Aviation - Stevenson A

10:15 - 11:15 am:

- Communications - Hood Room

12:00 - 1:30 pm Luncheon

Cascade Locks Ballroom

President Jack Ng, Commissioner,
 Port of South Whidbey & WPPA President Presiding

Keynote Program:

It's goin' down, I'm yellin', "Timber!"
 Jason S. Spadaro, WA Forest Protection Association
 Heath Heikkila, American Forest Resource Council

1:30 pm Break

2:00 - 4:00 pm General Session

Stevenson Ballroom

2:00 - 2:50 pm World Cup in Washington: Regional Preparations & Long-term Implications

Beth Knox, SeattleFWC26

Cat Soper, Port of Everett

Pearse Edwards, SEA-Port of Seattle

3:00 - 4:00 pm Industry Update: The State of Nuclear Energy

Daniel Himebaugh, Energy Northwest

Andrew Neill, NEI (Nuclear Energy Institute)

4:00 - 6:00 pm Associate Member Reception

Cascade Locks Ballroom

Enjoy some appetizers & tasty refreshment while casually networking with Associate Members and colleagues.

Evening: On your own to enjoy Stevenson!

WPPA 2026 Spring Meeting

Wednesday May 20

7:30 am - 4:30 pm WPPA Registration Desk Hours
Conference Center Lobby

6:15 - 7:00 am Rise & Shine Walk with Eric ffitch

Meet in the main hotel lobby to join your port peers for an invigorating early morning walk

8:00 - 9:00 am Ports Only Breakfast

Cascade Locks Ballroom

Please note - This breakfast is for Port Commissioners, Port Executive Directors, Port Staff, & Life Members Only

9:15 - 11:30 am General Session

Stevenson Ballroom

9:15 - 10:15 am Public Meetings & Public Records in the Age of AI

Tim Schermetzler, CSD Attorneys at Law

John Dumas, Port of Anacortes

Tiffany DeSimone, Port of Bellingham

Eron Berg, Port of Port Townsend

10:30 - 11:30 am Washington's Manufacturing Economy and Business Recruitment Strategies

Max Martin, Government Affairs Director, Association of Washington Business

Bret Marchant, Director of Data & Research, Greater Portland Inc.

Joey Gunning, Director of Business Development, Greater Spokane Inc.

12:00 - 1:20 pm Luncheon

Cascade Locks Ballroom

Vice President Mark Brigham, Commissioner, Port of Clarkston & WPPA Vice President Presiding

Keynote Program:

Maryhill Museum of Art at 100 Years

Amy Behrens, Executive Director, Maryhill Museum of Art

1:20 pm Break

1:45 - 4:30 General Session

Stevenson Ballroom

1:45 - 2:45 pm Report of the 2026 Legislative Session

Eron Berg, Port of Port Townsend Executive Director & Legislative Committee Chair Presiding

WPPA Government Relations Team

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3:00 - 4:30 pm Port Reports

- Port of Garfield
Tina Keller
- Port of Grandview
Randy Tucker
- Port of Anacortes
John Dumas

Wednesday May 20 (continued)



Hawaiian Luau Cocktail Reception

4:30 - 6:30 PM

MOONLIGHT PAVILION & FOREST FIRE PIT

**ALL attendees & SPOUSES are invited for
HOSTED hors d'oeuvres & BEVERAGES**

(the pavilion is outside, next to the mini golf course)



Evening: On your own to enjoy Stevenson!

Thursday May 21

Hotel Checkout is 11:00 am, please plan accordingly!

8:00 am Awards Breakfast

Cascade Locks Ballroom

Please join us for breakfast & the awards ceremony to help congratulate our award winners:

- Community Engagement
- Creative Partnership
- Outstanding Job Creator
- Environmental Stewardship
- Spring Scholarship

Board of Trustees Meeting

Immediately Following Awards Breakfast

- Treasurer's Report
- President's Report
- Executive Director's Report
- New Business

11:30 am Meeting Adjourned

**Thank you for joining us this week.
Have a safe trip home!**

Save the Dates! WPPA 2026 Event Calendar

Finance & Administration: June 24 - 26, Hotel Indigo, Everett

Directors: July 8 - 10, Courtyard, Pullman

Commissioners: July 20 - 22, Hilton Garden Inn, Wenatchee

Environmental: Sept. 24 - 25, Renaissance Hotel, Seattle

Small Ports: Oct. 22 - 23, Campbell's Resort, Chelan

Winter Meeting: Dec. 9 - 11, Hilton Vancouver WA

