



WPPA ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS

2023

Vancouver, WA

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Lary Coppola, Executive Director and Commissioner Ports of Allyn and Manchester



The Washington port industry lost a dear friend and leader, Lary Coppola, on Sept. 30. Coppola left a legacy in his community where he served as Executive Director and Commissioner. Coppola was a prominent and reliable member of the WPPA, where he served important roles within the Legislative and Marina committees.

Lary was always willing to teach those willing to learn and is remembered as a dedicated public servant and important guide for the port industry.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Jim Weber, Marina Operations Director (Retired) **Port of Everett**



Jim Weber served the Port of Everett for nearly 50 years, retiring in July.

During his decades of service, Weber helped design, build, maintain and upgrade many of the Port's marina facilities.

The marina has been recognized multiple times for running the largest public marina on the West Coast, including winning the national Marina of the Year award from Marina Dock Age in 2019.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Jim Orvis, Commissioner Port of Edmonds



Jim Orvis will retire at the end of 2023 after serving as Commissioner for the Port of Edmonds for the past 20 years.

Throughout his tenure in office, Commissioner Orvis played an important role in Port finances, property acquisition, and environmental cleanup and served on multiple WPPA Committees.

Commissioner Orvis is deeply involved with his community, including serving as a founding board member of the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County and participating in the Edmonds Public Education Foundation and the Blue and Gold Foundation.

LIFE MEMBER AWARD

Bob McChesney, Executive Director (Retired) Port of Edmonds



Bob McChesney worked for the Port of Edmonds for 14 years, retiring in May. Bob McChesney has more than 40 years in the Washington maritime industry, including.

McChesney started his maritime career right out of college, working in the steamship industry at multiple Puget Sound ports. McChesney worked for Port of Longview, Port of Everett and Port of Port Angeles before coming to Port of Edmonds.

His career included multiple projects, initiatives, and accomplishments that supported his communities and the port industry. McChesney was an active WPPA member, including serving as chair of the Trade and Economic Development Committee.

LIFE MEMBER AWARD

Mike Fredrickson, Commissioner Port of Walla Walla



Mike Fredrickson will retire at the end of 2023 after serving as Commissioner for the Port of Walla Walla for the past 18 years.

He has been involved with countless economic development projects and other initiatives across Walla Walla County that provide long-term benefits and quality of life for residents.

Commissioner Frederickson has also been an active WPPA member and vocal supporter of the association, including providing leadership in association assets and finances and participation in various committee assignments during his tenure.

PORT OF THE YEAR

Port of Bremerton



The Port of Bremerton is recognized for its extraordinary work to grow its local economy, strengthen its community and join forces with its partners to improve quality of life for the residents of Kitsap County.

This past year, the Port has invested in its marina, industrial park, airport, and community to support tenants, businesses and Tribal partners, provide critical services and facilities, and help its customers, residents and visitors reduce their environmental impact.