



*Over 100 Years of Service to Clallam County*



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# *Port Leadership*



***Connie Beauvais***  
Commissioner, District 3  
*President*



***Colleen McAleer***  
Commissioner, District 1  
*Vice President*

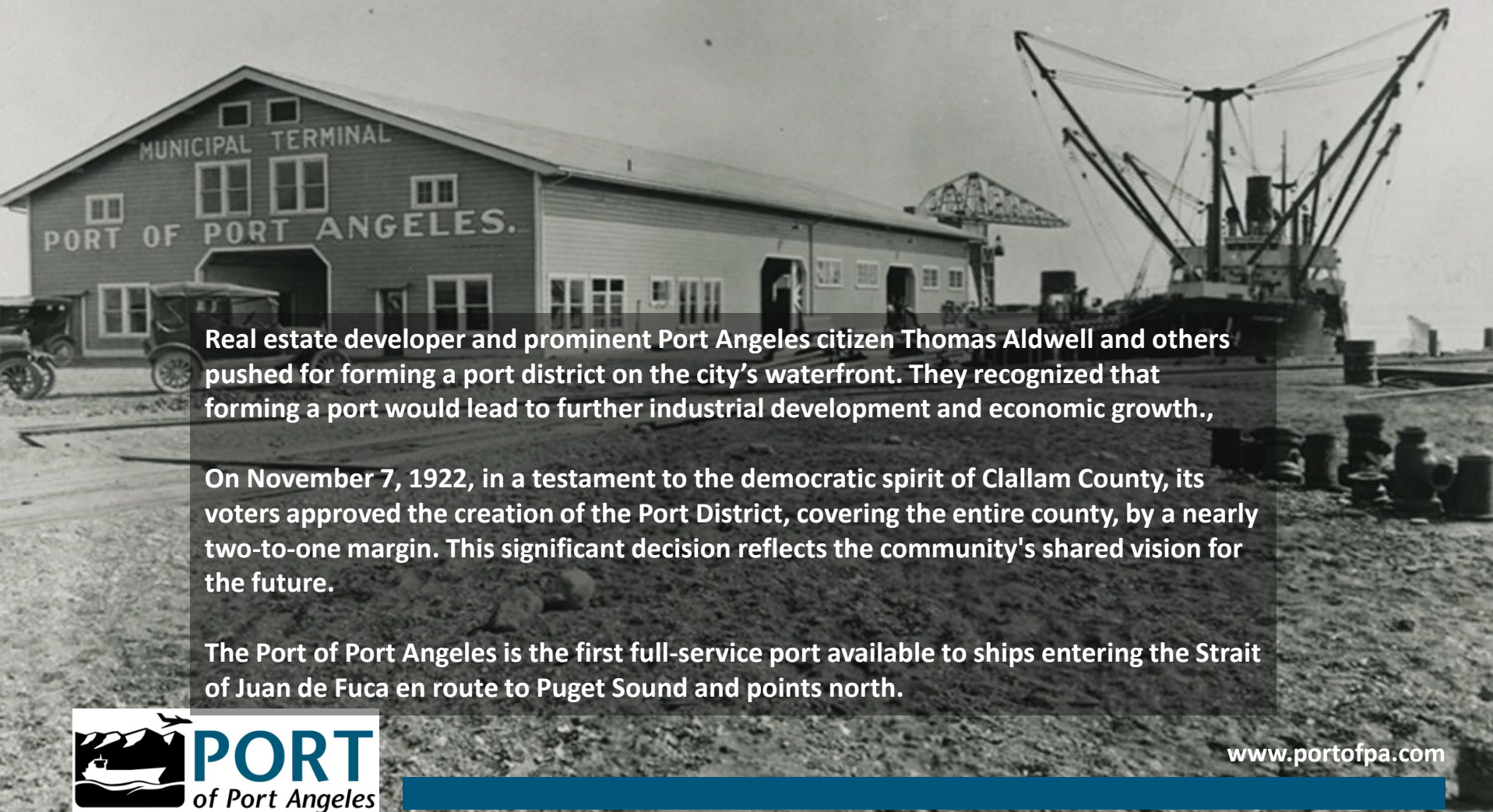


***Steven Burke***  
Commissioner, District 2  
*Secretary*









Real estate developer and prominent Port Angeles citizen Thomas Aldwell and others pushed for forming a port district on the city's waterfront. They recognized that forming a port would lead to further industrial development and economic growth.,

On November 7, 1922, in a testament to the democratic spirit of Clallam County, its voters approved the creation of the Port District, covering the entire county, by a nearly two-to-one margin. This significant decision reflects the community's shared vision for the future.

The Port of Port Angeles is the first full-service port available to ships entering the Strait of Juan de Fuca en route to Puget Sound and points north.





- *Established in 1923*
- *The Port Operates*
  - *4 Deep-Water Marine Terminals*
  - *1 Log Yard / Intermodal*
  - *2 Marinas*
    - *John Wayne Marina*
    - *Port Angeles Boat Haven and Boat Yard*
  - *2 Airports*
    - *Wm. R. Fairchild International*
    - *Sekiu Airport*
  - *2 Industrial Parks*
    - *Composite Manufacturing Campus*
    - *North Airport Industrial Park*







# *Port Spotlight: Forest Products*

Clallam County has a total area of 1,709,440 acres

- Land area: 1,112,960 acres
- Water area: 596,480 acres
- Forested area: 1,034,606 acres

*93% of the land area in Clallam County is Forestland*

*Data 2023, [data.workingforests.org](http://data.workingforests.org)*



# Port Spotlight: Forest Products

Total Forestland Acres	1,034,606
Working Forest	430,732
Private-State-Tribal-County Restricted	108,427
Federal Forest Restricted	495,447

- 42% of Clallam County Forests are working forests -

Timber-Dependent Jobs in **Clallam County**:

Direct: 878 · Indirect: 659 · Induced 367

Total: 1,904

Data 2023, [data.workingforests.org](http://data.workingforests.org)



# Port Impact: Forest Products

Timber-Dependent Jobs in **Clallam County**:

Direct: 878 jobs at \$84,331 = \$74,042,618

Indirect: 659 jobs at \$48,633 = \$32,049,147

Induced: 367 jobs at \$29,814 = \$10,941,738

Total: 1904 jobs at \$61,467 = **\$117,033,168**

Data 2023, [data.workingforests.org](http://data.workingforests.org)







# *Community Engagement*

- *Clallam County Emergency Management*
  - *Operational Area Participation – County-wide*
  - *DART: Disaster Airlift Response Team*
- *Maritime Festival*
- *Fairchild International Airport Days*
- *Fourth of July Celebration*
- *Community Boating Program – Port Angeles Yacht Club*
- *Sea Scouts – Sea Scout Ship Marvin Shields – Ship 1212*
- *Olympic Logging Conference*
- *Sequim Log Show*
- *Yacht Clubs and Puget Sound Anglers*
- *Grant Support*



# Maritime Administration U.S. Marine Highway Program



- *Washington State Sponsor for the M-5 Marine Highway*
  - *Review and endorse private sector applications to the US Marine Highway Grant program*
  - *This initiative aims to reduce landside congestion by moving freight off roads and rail and onto navigable waterways.*
- *The program currently includes:*
  - *31 marine highway routes that reach 41 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories spanning 26,000 miles.*
  - *The definition of marine highway transportation includes bulk, liquid, and loose cargo and shipments from ports on Designated Marine Highway Routes to/from ports in Canada and Mexico.*
  - *Allows Rural and Tribal applicants to request an increase in the federal share.*



# RECOMPETE Act



*The Rebuilding Economies and Creating Opportunities for More People to Excel (RECOMPETE) Act would establish a new federal block grant program at the Economic Development Agency (EDA) to empower persistently distressed communities[3] with flexible 10-year RECOMPETE Grants to meet local economic development needs, create good jobs, invest in their workers and businesses, connect local residents to opportunities and resources for long-term success, and rebuild stronger with lasting opportunity and economic growth.*

[3]Bartik, Tim, "Helping American's distressed communities recover from the COVID-19 recession and achieve long-term prosperity," Brookings (Sep 2020) & Bartik, Tim, "Broad Place-Based Jobs Policies: How to Both Target Job Creation and Broaden its Reach," W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research (Nov 2020)



# North Olympic Peninsula Recompete Coalition



- Brought together 50+ organizations from across Clallam and Jefferson Counties – *including 5 Tribes, both Counties, both Ports, both Economic Development Councils, 10+ community-based organizations, 3 higher education institutions, and numerous private businesses.*
- NOPRC's plan maximizes synergies between the maritime and natural resources sectors:
  - The natural resources industry needs marine highway transportation (barging) to lower costs and emissions compared to trucking.
  - Products from the natural resources industry will provide a steady stream of cargo that supports high-paying maritime jobs at Tribal and non-Tribal ports.
  - Marine trade businesses, like those at the Port of Port Townsend Boat Yard, can use innovative forest products (thermally modified wood) for boatbuilding and repairs.
- NOPRC investments are estimated to create 1,300+ new jobs and connect people in the prime-age employment gap to these jobs by 2030. Maritime/natural resources jobs pay well above the two-county region's annual average wage and will help narrow the wage gap between the North Olympic Peninsula and the rest of the state.



# Proposed Recompete Projects

Project	Lead Organization	Amount	Description
North Olympic Peninsula Barging Network	Port of Port Angeles	\$6 million	Acquisition of 3 barges (one spud, one inland, and one ocean-going) to extend barge routes to the highly underserved West End region, with potential connection points at Neah Bay, La Push, and Queets.
Western Boatyard Expansion	Port of Port Townsend	\$9.4 million	Expansion (4+ acres) and redevelopment (1.5 acres) of Port of Port Townsend's Boat Yard to provide space and facilities to meet the demands of a growing marine trades sector.
Olympic Peninsula Resource Hub	Olympic Community of Health	\$9.8 million	Creation of a "one stop shop" network that connects people with job resources, childcare, transportation, health support, and other social support services.
Tribal and Underserved Communities	North Olympic Development Council	\$8.5 million	Adds economic development capacity, staff, and funds for 5 area Tribes and underserved communities (Forks, Brinnon, Quilcene) to pursue self-directed projects.
Natural Resource Innovations Center (NRIC)	Clallam County Economic Development Council	\$5 million	Creation of an innovation center that brings together the private sector, research agencies, forestland owners, and workforce training organizations to identify and address constraints that limit economic development in the forest products sector.
Thermal Wood Modification	Composite Recycling Technology Center (CRTC)	\$1.2 million	Acquisition of a second thermal wood modification unit for CRTC's manufacturing of in-demand advanced cross-laminated timber, which uses Makah lumber and can be deployed in military and housing contexts.
Workforce Development	Peninsula College	\$6.9 million	Funds expansion of Marine Technology, Natural Resources, and Welding programs to help people train for in-demand career pathways.
Governance	Clallam County	\$3.2 million	Funds (1) marketing, communications to ensure that people learn about and participate in Recompete programs (2) data analysis to understand which strategies are most successful in moving 25-54 year olds into the labor force.

**= \$50 million investment in the North Olympic Peninsula**



# *Projects*



# *Fairchild International Airport*





# ***Fairchild International Airport***

## **Runway Resurfacing Project - Runway 08/26**

- Mill 4" and repave - 5,000' x 150' of runway
- Upgrade Runway Lights to LED
- New navigation gear
- Repaint/Remark Runway
- Redesignate Runway - 09/27 – magnetic deviation adjustment
- MALSR – Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System renewal
- MALSR Electrical Distribution System (EDS) renewal
- Threshold Light renewal – Runway 09
- Localizer Approach System upgrade
  - Addition of Distance Measuring Equipment (DME)
- ***WAMA Project of the Year 2024***



# ***Fairchild International Airport***

## **Runway Resurfacing Project - Runway 08/26**

If the condition of the asphalt runway had deteriorated further, the project would require a full rebuild @ roughly 5x to 10x the cost. Project construction spanned July to November 2023, with nav aids upgrades concluded in April 2024. The project was originally bid in 2022, but a delay in the release of FAA funding required the project to be rebid in 2023.

### **Project Funding:**

- Total project cost - \$7.235 Million
- Total Change Orders = \$113k, slightly less than 1.6% of the original contract.
- 90% funding through an FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant
- 5% funding from a WSDOT Aviation Grant
- 5% funding from the Port



# *K-Ply Brownfield Site*

## *K-Ply / PenPly Mill*

The K-Ply site, also known as Peninsula Plywood (PenPly), was located at 439 Marine Drive in Port Angeles.

From 1941 to 2011, a plywood mill operated on this site under various owners.

Infrastructure build-out and site development begins on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, by Interwest Construction Inc.



# *Yesterday*





# *Today*





# *Tomorrow*





# *Looking Forward: Future Vision for the Next 100 Years*

- Robust Tribal engagement
- RAISE planning grant with the City of Port Angeles – Tumwater Truck Route and Terminal 3
- Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) designation to increase Clallam County's economic competitiveness on the global scale
- RECOMPETE, Climate Pollution Reduction Program – Barging (“portable port”) infrastructure for the North Olympic Peninsula
- New, low/zero-emission cargo handling equipment to increase operational capacity while minimizing pollution impacts in Clallam County
- Collaborative habitat recovery planning with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe for Tumwater Creek
- Major efficiency and environmental upgrades for the Intermodal Handling & Transfer Facility (IHTF) coming in 2025-26
- Planning for Port Angeles Boat Haven infrastructure improvements and public access enhancements
- Increasing developed and development-ready industrial space at the North Airport Industrial Park



# Questions??

