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Welcome to the APP's 2025 Winter Conference

As President of the Association of Pacific Ports, it is my pleasure and honor to welcome you to the APP's 2025 Winter Conference in O'ahu, Hawaii.

As the middle point between our members in North America and those in South East Asia and the South Pacific, Hawaii not only serves as a convenient meeting location for all members but it's natural beauty and tropical climate provide the ideal setting to carry out the main goals of the APP — learning from each other, sharing your knowledge, and enjoying the company of your peers. I encourage you to make the most of your time here.

The agenda for this year's conference strives not only to balance our time between in-class sessions and networking opportunities, but to also reflect the diversity of our members — in size, geography, and industries served. And while we are a diverse group, you'll find in each presentation, common issues, challenges, and opportunities. I encourage you to consider how each topic can be applied to your own port.

As always, one of our most important agenda items is the Port Update Session with each Port being given the opportunity to not just describe activities but to raise issues that others might be experiencing. Noting that we have now moved this session to one of the first on our agenda, you'll have many chances to discuss these issues over the following days of the conference.

You will also find a number of opportunities to network and enjoy the tropical surrounding of this year's venue — golf at the O'ahu Country Club, a Hawaiian style dinner complete with hula

and fire knife dancers, and a trip to The Pasha Group's Kapalama Container Terminal to see the progress being made on one of the newest additions to Hawaii's supply chain, for example. These networking sessions can be just as valuable as the presentations. Building relationships is a key mandate for the APP. I look forward to meeting old friends and making new acquaintances.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our many sponsors. While there are too many to name here, you'll find their logos just below and we'll be reminding you of their participation throughout the Conference. Such support is critical to the APP's success, and it is with sincere gratitude that you have our thanks.

My last message includes my personal invitation to you. As we wrap up our 2025 Winter Conference, planning on the APP 111th Annual Conference will begin in earnest. With Nanaimo Port Authority as the Host Port, my team and I are eager and excited to welcome you to British Columbia, Canada — August 10 to 13, 2025. We look forward to sharing details over the coming months.



Ian Marr
President, APP / CEO, Nanaimo Port Authority

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COMPANION PROGRAM

JANUARY 29, 2025

6:00 to 8:00 pm

Welcome Reception (Plumeria Ocean Grove)

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JANUARY 30, 2025

7:00 to 9:00 am

Breakfast (Maile Foyer)

Sponsored by Port of Redwood City

8:45 am to 12:30 pm (aprox. time of return)

Kualoa Ranch Tour

Experience the famous Ka'a'awa Valley, known as Hollywood's "Hawaii Backlot," where over 200 Hollywood movies and TV shows have been filmed since the 1950's. Hop aboard a vintage school bus and see where the Finding 'Ohana scavenger hunt was filmed, the boneyard from Kong Skull Island, the Jumanji dance-fight area, the ATV hill from Mike & Dave, Godzilla's massive footprints, and several other filming locations! You will also learn about Hawaiian culture, ranch history, agriculture, and stop at a historical WWII army bunker, built entirely into the side of the mountain range. There you'll find posters, props and memorabilia from movies and tv shows filmed at Kualoa through the years, as well as some cool WWII artifacts and exhibits.

Companions should be ready to board the shuttle bus at 8:45 am (located at the front entrance of the Kahala Resort).

12:30 pm

Lunch (Maile Foyer)

Sponsored by Matson

2:00 to 3:00 pm

Hula Dancing Lessons (Veranda)

Learn the basics of the Art of Hula Dancing! A one-hour lesson on the basics of dancing hula using the foundational moves.

Companions should meet at the Veranda (located next to the hotel entrance on the lobby level of the Kahala Resort) no later than 1:50 pm.



6:00 to 9:00 pm

Dinner on Koko Head Ocean Lawn

Co-Sponsored by Port of Umatilla and Young Brothers with support from GHD, Lynker, Vector Corrosion Technologies and Republic of Marshall Islands Ports Authority

Guests are sure to enjoy this buffet dinner in a prime location surrounded by beautiful beaches. Entertainment includes a musical duet, hula dancers, and a knife fire dancer with drummers.

JANUARY 31, 2025

7:00 to 9:00 am

Breakfast (Maile Foyer)

Sponsored by Port of Stockton

9:30 to 11:30 am

Field trip: Kapalama Container Terminal

Join conference attendees on this field trip to The Pasha Group's Kapalama Container Terminal featuring an 84-acre yard and 1,800 linear feet of new berthing space as the heart of the Harbors Modernization Plan.

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Lunch (Maile Foyer)

Sponsored by The Pasha Group

2:00 to 3:00 pm

Lei Making Lesson (Veranda)

Learn about the native art and history of kui-string lei while creating your own lei necklace to wear or share with someone special.

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6:45 am

Golf: O’ahu Country Club

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Join your colleagues for an exclusive round of golf at the Oahu Country Club, one of Hawaii’s first and most prestigious member-only golf clubs. Hidden behind the tranquil

mists of Nu’uanu valley and beset on all sides with towering and majestic green mountain faces, the property upon which the Club sits, otherwise known as Waolani, or “heavenly wilderness,” traces its history of ownership back to Hawaiian Royalty under King Kamehameha III. Approximately four-hundred feet above sea level, the Club offers members and guests alike breathtaking views of the Honolulu skyline and Pacific Ocean unlike any other.

The outing includes a snack at the 14th hole as well as lunch following the game.

Golfers should be ready to go by 6:45 am at the front entrance of the Kahala Resort to take the shuttle to the O’ahu Country Club. The return shuttle has been scheduled for 1:00 pm.

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2:00 to 5:00 pm

APP Executive Committee Meeting (Kainoa i Boardroom)

Association business for the APP Executive Committee.

1:00 to 4:00 pm

Registration (Located in the Maile Foyer)

Stop by to register, pick up your name tag and delegate bag with goodies from our sponsors!

6:00 to 8:00 pm

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7:00 to 9:00 am
Breakfast (Maile Foyer)
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7:00 am to 4:00 pm
Registration desk (Maile Foyer)

8:00 am
Welcome Remarks (Maile Ballroom)

8:05 to 8:35 am
Keynote Speaker
Mario Cordero, Chief Executive Officer,
Port of Long Beach

8:35 to 10:00 am
Pacific Islands Round Table
Moderator: Gus Hein, Mid-Pacific Gateway Director, U.S. Maritime Administration
Panel: DreanaLee Kalili, Deputy Director, Hawaii Department of Transportation; Rory Respicio, General Manager, Port Authority of Guam; Zoya Toyag, Deputy Director, Republic of Marshall Islands Ports Authority
MARAD's Gus Hein leads this panel of Pacific Island Port Representatives to highlight activities, issues, challenges, and opportunities.

10:00 to 10:20 am
Refreshment Break (Maile Foyer)
Sponsored by Don Young Port of Alaska

10:20 to 10:40 am
Sister Port Agreement Signing Ceremony (Maile Ballroom)
Join the APP in congratulating the Port of Long Beach and the Hawaii Department of Transportation as they sign a Sister Port Agreement that strengthens the bonds between the two.

10:40 am to Noon
Port Update Session
APP Port Members are asked to provide a five-minute update on activities within their jurisdiction. This important session will identify ideas and initiatives that

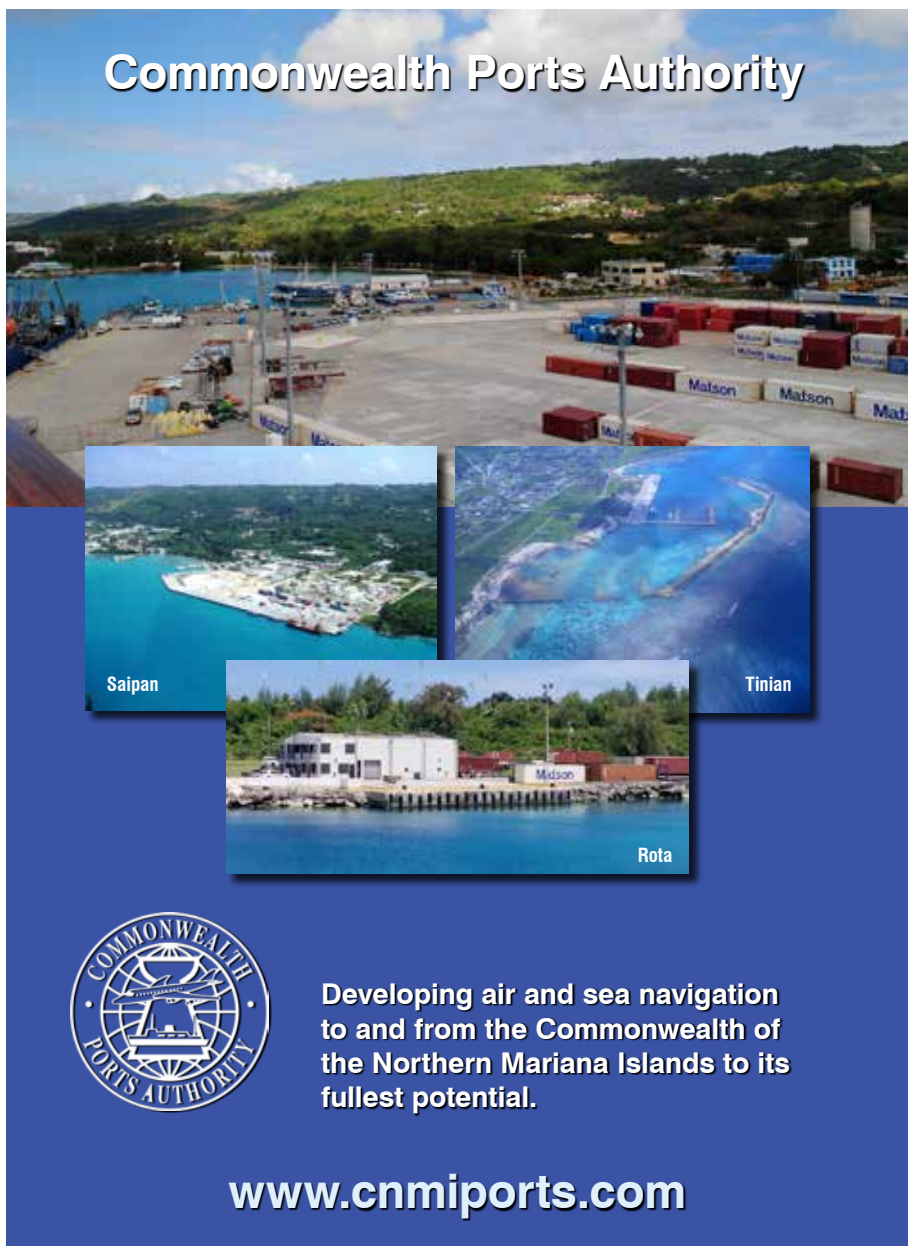
can be further discussed throughout the remaining days of the conference. With time remaining, Associate Members will also be asked to provide updates on new technologies and best practices.

Noon to 1:00 pm
Luncheon (Mail Foyer)
Sponsored by Matson

1:00 to 1:30 pm
The Past, Present, and Future of Recreational Marinas (Maile Ballroom)

Scott Grindy, President, Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters and Port Managers

Focus on operation and maintenance, revenue/occupancy and major operational changes coming. Presented by Scott Grindy, President, Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters and Port Managers.




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1:30 to 2:00 pm

Disaster Resilience and Recovery — Port to Final Destination

Michael Legler, Transportation Planner,
Federal Emergency Management
Agency

Mr. Legler will discuss the importance of an integrated plan for “Last Mile Logistics” from ports to consumers post disaster. Using examples from Hurricanes Maria and Milton we will show the ability to effectively move cargo out of the port is a challenge. Resilience and Recovery is more than opening the port — it is getting food, water and gas into the hands of disaster survivors.

2:00 to 2:40 pm

U.S. Maritime Administration Address

William Paape, Associate Administrator
for Ports & Waterways, MARAD
An update on the activities of MARAD.

2:40 to 3:00 pm

Refreshment Break (Maile Foyer) Sponsored by Burns & McDonnell

3:00 to 3:30 pm

Defense Infrastructure for a Free, Open & Prosperous Indo-Pacific (Maile Ballroom)

Catherine Simons, Deputy Posture
Branch Chief, U.S. Indo-Pacific
Command

Catherine Simons, Deputy Posture
Branch Chief for the U.S. Indo-Pacific
Command will review INDOPACOM’s
Infrastructure Investments and Initiatives.

3:30 to 4:10 pm

Governance 2.0

Mary Anne Rooney, Commissioner,
Oxnard Harbor District/The Port of
Hueneme / Port of Hueneme, and
Ruben Duran, Partner, Best Best &
Krieger LLP

Following on their very successful and
well-received presentation from the 2024
Winter Conference, Mary Anne Rooney,
Port of Hueneme, and Ruben Duran,
BBK Law, carry on the discussion of port
governance.

4:10 to 4:40 pm

Modernization in Hawaii Harbors: How to Promote Long- Term Progress in a “Short-term” Policy Environment

Melissa Pavlicek, Executive Director,
Hawaii Public Policy Advocates, LLC
Hawaii’s ten commercial ports operate
on a hub-and-spoke system with more
than 90 percent of all goods coming
through Honolulu Harbor. Honolulu’s
three-stage modernization plan has been
in effect for nearly 20 years, yet 1920s
infrastructure built remains pervasive.
Viewed as a case study in major long-
term transformation when policy leaders
operate on short term horizons, Hawaii
offers universal lessons in planning and
policy development.

6:00 to 9:00 pm

Dinner on Koko Head Ocean Lawn

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7:00 to 9:00 am
Breakfast (Maile Foyer)
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9:30 to 11:30 am
Field Trip! Tour of Kapalama Container Terminal

The Pasha Group's Kapalama Container Terminal project (Piers 41, 42, and 43 in Honolulu Harbor) features an 84-acre cargo yard and 1,800 linear feet of new berthing space serving as the heart of the Harbors Modernization Plan and a critical component in addressing the severe congestion in the system's hub. The Kapalama Container Terminal project will be constructed in two phases over a six-year period with an estimated project cost of \$555 million. The completion of this project is targeted for 2025.

11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Lunch (Maile Foyer)
Sponsored by The Pasha Group

1:00 to 1:30 pm
Board of Directors Meeting
Association of Pacific Ports business. All are welcome.

1:30 to 2:10 pm
Changes to Federal policies and programs under a new Presidential Administration
Moderator: Derek Chow, Business Development Manager, Burns & McDonnell
Panel: Jeannie Beckett, Principal, The Beckett Group; Michael Legler, Transportation Planner, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and Jeff Wingfield, Deputy Port Director of Regulatory and Public Affairs, Port of Stockton;
While it will still be early days into the Trump Administration, this panel will highlight anticipated and speculative changes that could be expected related to grants, electrification and decarbonization, budgets, and priorities, among other key decisions.

2:10 to 2:40 pm
Infrastructure Maintenance with Vector Corrosion Technologies
Jason Chodachek, South East Territory Manager, Vector Corrosion Technologies
Jason Chodachek of Vector Corrosion Technologies will be presenting on extending the life of your structures in a marine environment. The tidal zone is the most corrosive naturally occurring environment, due to the abundance of chloride, moisture and oxygen. Jason will talk about preventing and mitigating that corrosion through various types of cathodic protection and jacketing systems.

2:25 to 2:45 pm
Refreshment Break (Maile Foyer)
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3:00 to 3:30 pm

Facilitation of International Trade: The Importance of Ports

Jason Middleton, PNW Regional Manager, United Grain

Jason Middleton, PNW Regional Manager, United Grain, speaks from the perspective of a port user on the importance of ports to international trade and its impact on the

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local economy. Looking specifically at the grain industry, Middleton will highlight how collaboration and close interaction with the Port of Umatilla provides much needed support for both parties. He will also speak to trends in the world market as well as future forecasts.

3:30 to 4:00 pm

Unrealistic Regulations Coming to a Port Near You!

Ryan Pessah, Director of Government Relations, Western Wood Preservers Institute

Recently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District decided not to issue a new programmatic general permit for projects in or over waters due to the development of the Salish Sea Nearshore Programmatic Consultation. This consultation includes a calculator that establishes credits and debts for your project. This type of consultation is being piloted in the Salish Sea and then it will be implemented in each corps district office. The pilot program is not going well as ports in the Seattle area are not able to complete it for their projects. From the preserved wood industry, the consultation limits the use of preserved wood products among other things.

4:00 to 4:20 pm

Clean Ports Program 101

Asia Yearly

Hawaii Clean Energy and Transportation Lead / U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced close to \$3 billion in Clean Ports Program grants. Asia Yearly provides an overview of the program's goals, the types of projects awarded grants, and the best path forward for ports to meet guidelines.

4:20 to 4:30 pm

Closing Session

A chance for last comments, last thoughts, and a look to our upcoming 111th Annual Conference in Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada — August 10 to 13, 2025.

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SPEAKER PROFILES

Jeannie Beckett

Principal, The Beckett Group.



Jeannie's 40 years of expertise provides her clients with "boots on the ground" knowledge of infrastructure development, business continuity, emergency management and the logistics of inland transportation. Ms. Beckett works with agencies and associations to leverage their resources and build economic vitality for their regions. Before starting The Beckett Group in 2009, She had a 25-year career with the Port of Tacoma in leadership positions including Director of Budget and Planning, Senior Director, Inland Transportation, and Director of Operations. Jeannie has worked on projects that profile the logistics and freight delivery needs, as well as infrastructure resiliency efforts. These engagements pinpointed capital infrastructure planning, funding, development and implementation of port, road, rail, levee and bridges projects. The Beckett Group has helped clients achieve federal grant success of over \$350 million in grants in the last five years.

Jason Chodachek

South East Territory Manager, Vector Corrosion Technologies



Jason Chodachek is a Marine Specialist for Vector Corrosion Technologies and a NACE Cathodic Protection Technician. Jason received his associate's degree in computer engineering then started his career in the concrete restoration industry. He has over 25 years of experience in the restoration and protection of reinforced concrete structures. Jason has worked extensively in areas related

to corrosion of reinforcing steel, cathodic protection installation, concrete condition assessments, concrete repair and restoration.

Derek Chow

Business Development Manager, Burns & McDonnell



Derek Chow currently serves as the Pacific Rim Business Development Manager for Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company. Previously, he served as the director of Hawaii's commercial ports and oversaw the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers water resources development throughout the Pacific. He was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom to assist with infrastructure reconstruction in these war-torn countries. He is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard's Leadership Program and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Leadership Program.

Mario Cordero

Chief Executive Officer, Port of Long Beach



Mario Cordero, an international maritime industry leader, Long Beach resident and attorney, is Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Long Beach, California, named to the post by the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners in May 2017. Beginning in 2003, Mr. Cordero served as a member, vice president and president of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners for eight years, before resigning to accept President Barack Obama's appointment to the Federal Maritime Commission in 2011. He served on the FMC until May 2017 and was FMC Chairman from April 2013 to January 2017. As Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Cordero reports to the Board and leads the Port's Harbor Department staff of more than 500 with a budget of \$634.5 million for the 2023 fiscal year. Mr. Cordero has practiced law for more than 30 years, specializing in workers' compensation cases.

Ruben Duran

Ontario Office Managing Partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP



Ruben Duran represents public agencies in the Municipal Ruben Duran represents exclusively public agencies in the Municipal Law and Government Policy & Public Integrity practice groups of Best Best & Krieger LLP. As general counsel to the Oxnard Harbor District, which owns and operates the commercial Port of Hueneme, the Crescent City Harbor District and the cities of Ontario and Fontana, California, he brings a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach to the practice of public law. With an emphasis on open government and transparency and complex conflicts of interest issues, as well as elections law, land use and planning issues, Ruben also provides special counsel to many of the firm's clients. Ruben is currently serving his second term as chair of the State Bar of California Board of Trustees, and was recently awarded IMLA's Brown, Mulligan, Rocha Distinguished Public Service Award.



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Scott Grindy

President, Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters and Port Managers



Scott Grindy is the President of the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters and Port Managers as well as being the current Harbor Master for the San Francisco Marina Small Craft Harbor.

In addition to these roles, he continues his appointment by California Governor Newsom as a member of the San Francisco Harbor Safety Committee and leads a work group called Bay Area Marina Operators (BAMO) with over 60 San Francisco Bay regional marinas participating in technical training, regional regulation updates and building comradeship for keeping the harbors/marinas safe. In 2014, Scott was awarded the Harbor Master of the Year for the State of California and continues to support many other regional maritime entities. Grindy has more than 30 years of professional and practical experience in the areas of management of personnel, major capital projects, facilities management and capital and operational budgets.

Gus Hein

Gateway Director, Mid-Pacific Region, U.S. Maritime Administration



Mr. Hein serves as the Gateway Director for the Mid-Pacific Region for the U.S. Maritime Administration. His responsibilities include promoting economic growth;

mitigating port and highway congestions; environmental compliance; support ship-building; and emergency response. He is also a Navy Reserve Officer and veteran of Afghanistan. His broad range reserve staff assignments include the U.S. Strategic Command, the Maritime Civil Affairs and Security Training Command, the U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Transportation Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan.

DreanaLee Kalili

Deputy Director, Hawaii Department of Transportation



Dre Kalili serves as a Deputy Director for the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) and oversees operations of the state's commercial ports system. She was appointed by Governor Josh Green in December 2022. Prior to her appointment, Dre served as the HDOT Highways Special Projects Manager and led the \$25 million broadband pilot project to fiber-enable highway facilities and provide free high-speed internet service in underserved communities statewide. She also provided support for implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act programs including the National Electric

Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program. Dre also served as an Interim Deputy Director and Executive Assistant for the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services, Business Development Manager for HDOT, Policy and Program Analyst for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and as a Projects Director for Government Affairs and Business Development for the Native Affairs and Development Group in Washington, D.C. She holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor's degree in international affairs and Russian language.

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SPEAKER PROFILES

Michael Legler

Transportation Planner, Federal Emergency Management Agency



Michael Legler is a Transportation Planner for the Federal Emergency Management Agency focusing on the Pacific Region. He retired from the US Army in 2013, after serving 29 years as an enlisted parachute rigger and logistics officer. His last military assignment was as the Director of Logistics for the Pacific Theater Sustainment Command in Hawaii. Prior to coming to FEMA, he worked as a Realtor on Oahu and Director of Overseas Agencies for an international shipping company. He has a master's degree in economics from Oklahoma

University, enjoys fishing, coin collecting and lives in Hawaii (because his wife says so).

Jason Middleton

PNW Regional Manager, United Grain



Jason Middleton is the Pacific Northwest Regional Manager for United Grain Corporation, a leading grain export company in North America. Overseeing grain merchandising and originating, as well as the operations of United Grain's assets in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Prior to being named PNW Regional Manager in June 2016, Jason served as the Director of Grain Operations for Pendleton Grain Growers from 2012 – 2016. Before joining PGG, Middleton spent 17 years with Louis Dreyfus Corporation serving in various roles. While

working in the grain industry Middleton served as a board member for several years for Pacific Northwest Grain and Feed Association, with the last year in his role as President. Middleton was elected as a Commissioner for the Port of Umatilla back in 2022 and is also finishing up his final term as Commissioner for the Oregon Wheat Commission.

William Paape

Associate Administrator for Ports & Waterways, U.S. Maritime Administration



Bill Paape, a member of the Senior Executive Service, became the Associate Administrator for Ports & Waterways on June 7, 2020. In this capacity, Mr. Paape directs a national port infrastructure modernization program in excess of \$2 billion. Discretionary grant port programs and other programs managed by Mr. Paape include: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, Infrastructure for Rebuilding America, Port Infrastructure Development, America's

Marine Highways, Deepwater Port Licensing, and Port Conveyance. Previously, Mr. Paape served as the Deputy Associate Administrator for the Office of Ports & Waterways and the Director for the Office of Maritime & Intermodal Outreach. In this role, he managed the Agency's 10 regional Gateway Offices and was responsible for supporting MARAD's mission to improve and strengthen the U.S. marine transportation system to meet the economic and security needs of the Nation.

Melissa Pavlicek

Executive Director, Hawaii Public Policy Advocates, LLC



Melissa Pavlicek serves as the executive director of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group, a trade group representing more than 20 commercial maritime organizations with governmental partnerships at the state and federal level. For 20 years, she has served as a lobbyist and association management professional in Honolulu. Ms. Pavlicek currently volunteers as the executive director of the state's law enforcement memorial, honoring fallen police officers. Raised in Maui, she graduated from the Wm. S. Richardson School of Law and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Hawaii.

Ryan Pessah

Director of Government Relations,
Western Wood Preservers Institute



Ryan Pessah has spent the past 15 years in and around California's public policy. He has worked for multiple Assemblymembers and Senators pushing legis-

lation and advising members on multiple policy topics. Over the past 4 years Pessah has been advocating on behalf of the preserved wood industry in 17 western states. Most of his time is spent addressing issues in Washington, Oregon, and California. Ryan is married to Anna and they have two charming boys.

Rory J. Respicio

General Manager, Port of Guam



As General Manager of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port of Guam since 2019, Respicio has embraced a team-centered leadership style. His manage-

ment has resulted in enhanced operational efficiency, improved employee morale, and strategic modernizations. During his tenure in the legislative and executive branches of Guam's government, he was the Majority Leader and chair of critical committees and was a key player in initiatives like the Recycling Revolving Fund and essential budget reforms. Mr. Respicio's involvement in forming the Guam First Commission underscores his collaborative spirit, facilitating significant advancements in Guam's federal and territorial initiatives, military buildup, and political status.



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Mary Anne Rooney

Commissioner,
Oxnard Harbor District/The Port of Hueneme



Mary Anne Rooney was elected to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Port of Hueneme in 2010, the first woman in the 86-year history of the Port. Her service and leadership roles in the global arena include: Past President of the Association of Pacific Ports (APP); Former Executive Director of the World Affairs Council, California Central Coast Chapter; Delegate on a Leadership Mission to Taiwan in 2013, and Past President of the Oxnard/Ocotlán Sister City Committee. Ms. Rooney is a member of the Ventura County LAFCo Board and Member of the Ventura County Special Districts Association. In addition to her other roles, Ms. Rooney is an independent strategic business consultant, working with local non-profits and private clients. She is the co-founder of Nyeland Promise, a non-profit designed to transform Nyeland Acres and fill it with hope and pride. Ms. Rooney earned her bachelor's degree from U.C. Santa Barbara and a master's degree from Azusa Pacific University. She holds a Certificate in Mediation and Negotiation and is a Certified Global Business Professional.

Catherine Simons

Deputy Posture Branch Chief,
U.S. Indo-Pacific Command



Catherine Simons is the Deputy Posture Branch Chief in the Strategy & Policy Division, Strategic Planning and Policy Directorate (J5), Headquarters, United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM). She oversees the posture planning team, driving the development and implementation of national and regional posture initiatives. Throughout her career, Catherine has consistently delivered impactful outcomes in policy and planning across various sectors, including defense, science and technology, maritime and transportation, and international development. Her expertise in leading high-level collaborations with U.S. Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial agencies, as well as international governments and multilateral organizations, has earned her recognition as a strategic leader. Prior to her current role, Catherine led Congressional engagement for the USINDOPACOM Logistics and Engineering Directorate (J44), where she supported the execution of high-priority military infrastructure projects across the Indo-Pacific region. She also served as Director of the Pacific Northwest & Alaska Gateway Office at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration, support ports in Alaska, Washington and Oregon.

Asia Yeary

Hawaii Clean Energy and Transportation Lead,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



Asia Yeary works on several U.S. EPA grant programs, including the Clean Ports Program, the Clean Heavy Duty Vehicle Program, and the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Program. These programs help improve air quality and community health by reducing harmful emissions from diesel engines. The grants fund the purchase and installation of zero-emission equipment and infrastructure, air quality planning, workforce development and training. Currently, Asia is focused on goods movement and multimodal transportation projects in California and Hawaii.

Jeff Wingfield

Deputy Port Director of Regulatory and
Public Affairs, Port of Stockton



Jeff Wingfield began his career at the Port of Stockton in 2004. He now serves as the Deputy Port Director of Regulatory and Public Affairs. He oversees the environmental, public affairs, government affairs, and grants departments. Jeff is responsible for balancing commerce and growth with environmental sustainability. His division assesses the environmental impacts of development projects and determines appropriate mitigation measures as well as prepares and distributes environmental documentation; dredging permitting and coordination; noise abatement, water quality, and air quality; contamination characterizations; wildlife management; and establishment of policies regarding environmental quality issues. Jeff oversees public affairs for the port and is responsible for the overall communications activities, including media relations, community outreach, and special events. Jeff also identifies funding opportunities for electrification, port development, and infrastructure improvement in the grants department. He collaborates with multiple governmental agencies to secure funding for these initiatives.

Versatility

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ability to adapt or be adapted to many different functions or activities.

Anchorage, Alaska has a small port with great versatility to serve statewide marine transport needs: containers, break bulk, dry bulk, liquid bulk, dry barge, military . . . and cruise ships too.







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