

PORT OF LONGVIEW | SUMMER 2025

PORT TALK

2025 SUMMER TOUR SERIES REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



**PLUS: RECAP THE PORT'S CARGO AND
MARINE TERMINAL ACTIVITY FROM 2024**



CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY



HISTORY REWIND: THE PORT IN THE 1950s



NEW DOG PARK OPENS AT WILLOW GROVE



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The Port in the 1950s

The 1950s was a memorable decade for the Port of Longview. After constructing new docks in the 1940s to accommodate the increased shipments of military equipment and war materials, the Port was in a place to start handling more cargo than ever before.

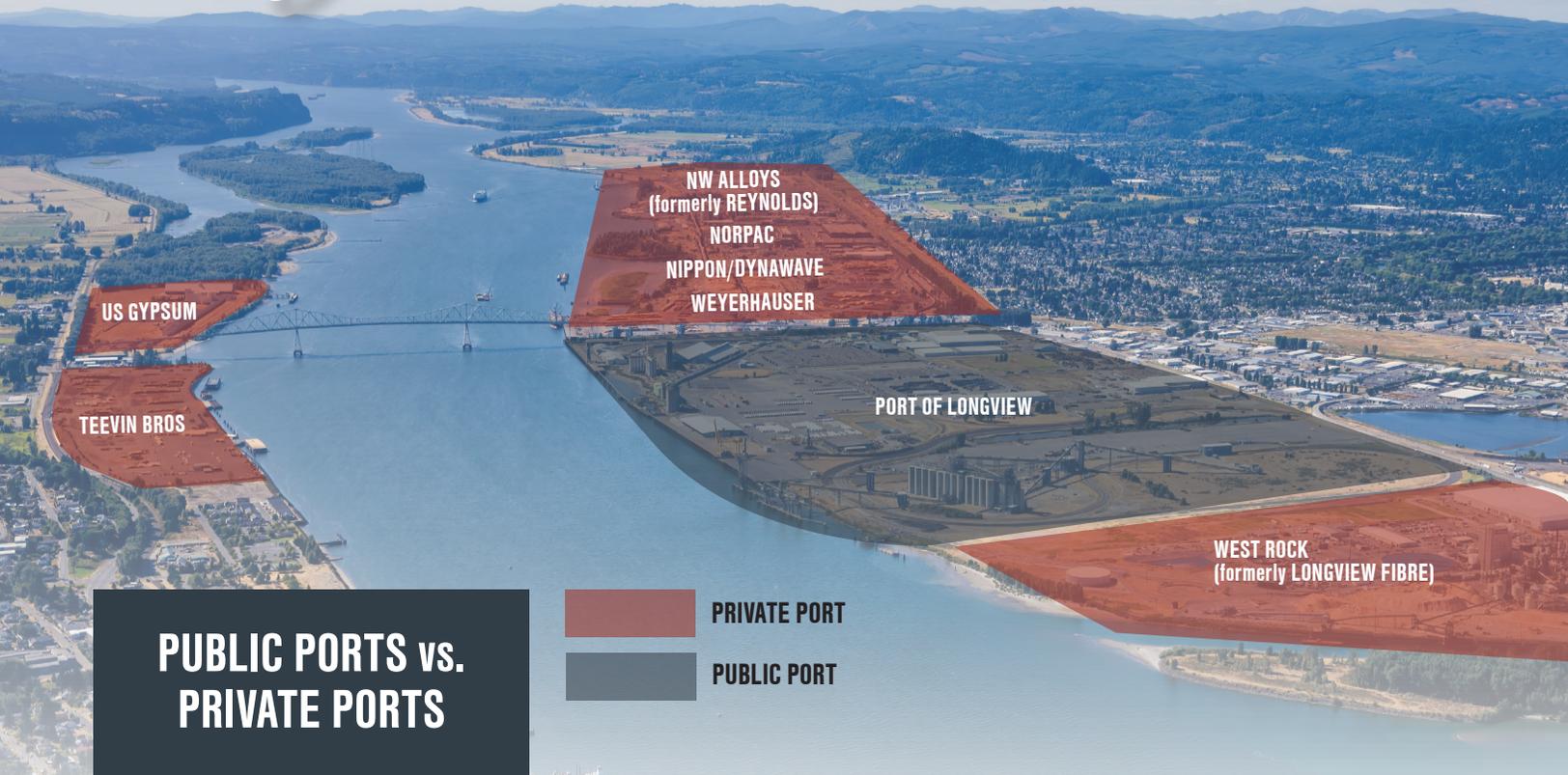
After years of petitioning by the Port, Northwest shipping lines and customers, the Port of Longview was granted "Terminal" status in 1950. A ruling by the Pacific Westbound Conference, an organization of 18 western steamship lines, made the Port of Longview the first small port on the Pacific Coast to be granted this status. Longview joined the ranks of the ports of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, as the only other West Coast terminal ports. This status allowed the Port to set the same favorable rates and schedules that were previously only available to those listed.

In this decade, the Port also purchased new equipment such as two cranes that brought significant heavy-lift opportunities to the docks.

In May 1958, the first shipment of approximately 20,000 tons of equipment for the Priest Rapids Dam on the Columbia River arrived at Longview (pictured right). This was the first of some 40 shiploads of heavy equipment to be handled at the Port over the next two-year period of the dam's construction. This experience served the Port well a few years later when equipment for both Mossyrock and Mayfield Dams on the Cowlitz were unloaded at Longview.

WEST
RAPIDS
HYDRO
ELECTRIC
PROJECT
COLUMBIA RIVER
A SECTION OF
NO 6 WATER TURBINE
INTERMEDIATE HEAD COVER
FEATHERING PROPELLER TURBINE
78 HEAD IN FEET
114,000 HP
537 KEYS PER MIN.

Longview, WA



PUBLIC PORTS vs. PRIVATE PORTS

The Columbia River is home to a mix of public and private ports that each play a vital role in the region's economy. While they may look similar from the outside, busy with cargo, barges and ships, there are key differences in how they operate.

Public ports are owned by taxpayers in the Port's district and focus on supporting economic development, job creation and international trade. Public ports, while owned by the community, are governed by elected commissioners who set policies and budgets that guide the port.

Private ports, on the other hand, are owned and operated by individual companies, often serving business interests with a focus on profit, their own products and efficiency.

Understanding these differences helps show how the Columbia River operates as a gateway to the rest of the world, serving both public and private industries.

-  PRIVATE PORT
-  PUBLIC PORT

FROM THE COWLITZ TO THE COLUMBIA

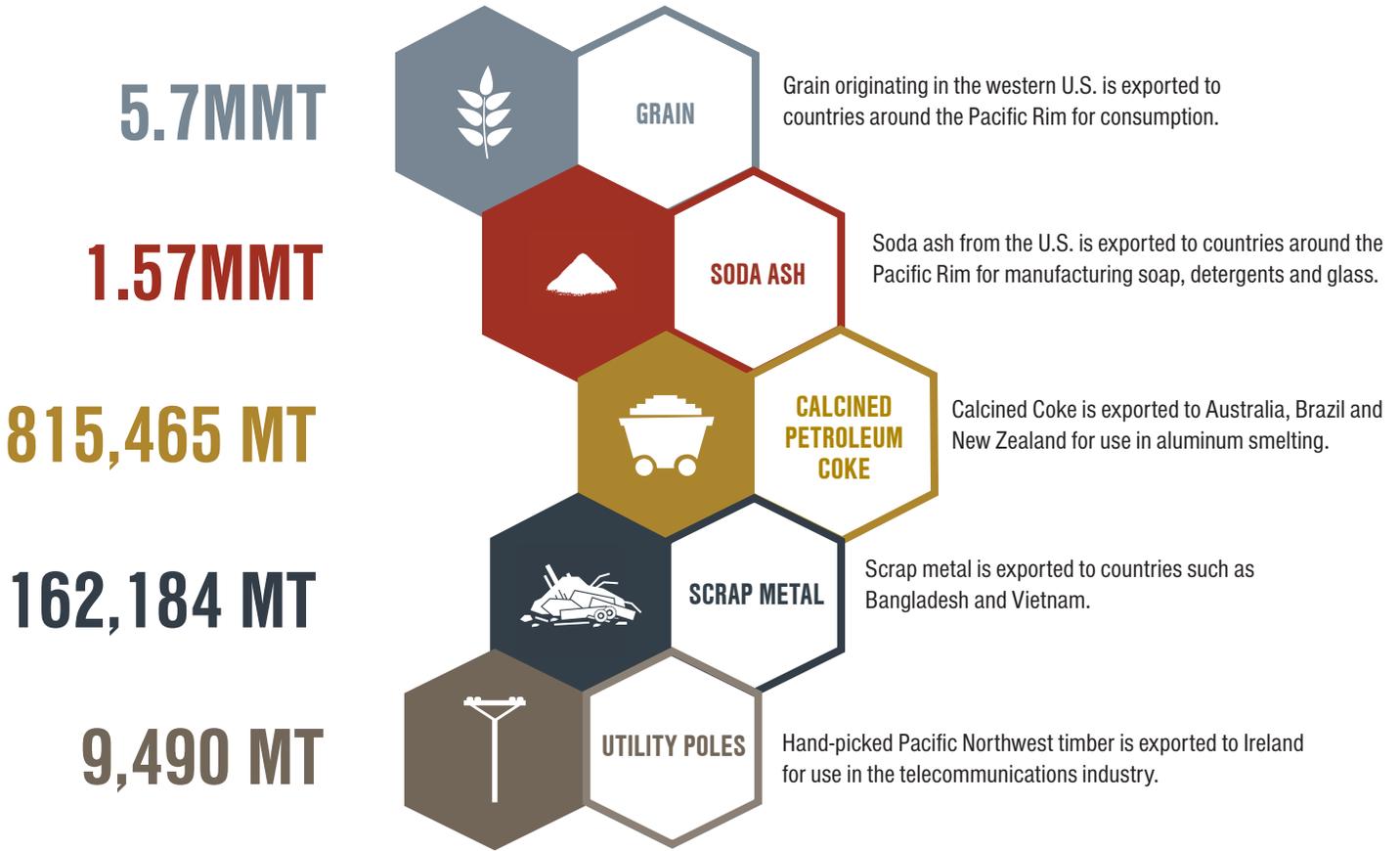
The Port of Longview hasn't always been located on the Columbia River. In fact, the Port of Longview hasn't always been named the Port of Longview! Founded in 1921 as the Port of Kelso, the port spent its first few years on the Cowlitz River before moving to the Columbia River in 1925. Then, the Port was renamed 'Port of Longview' in 1929 by a vote of the citizens of the Port District.



Year In Review: 2024

TOP 5 COMMODITIES

*(MT metric tons)



BY THE NUMBERS:



207 VESSELS
DOCKED AT THE PORT



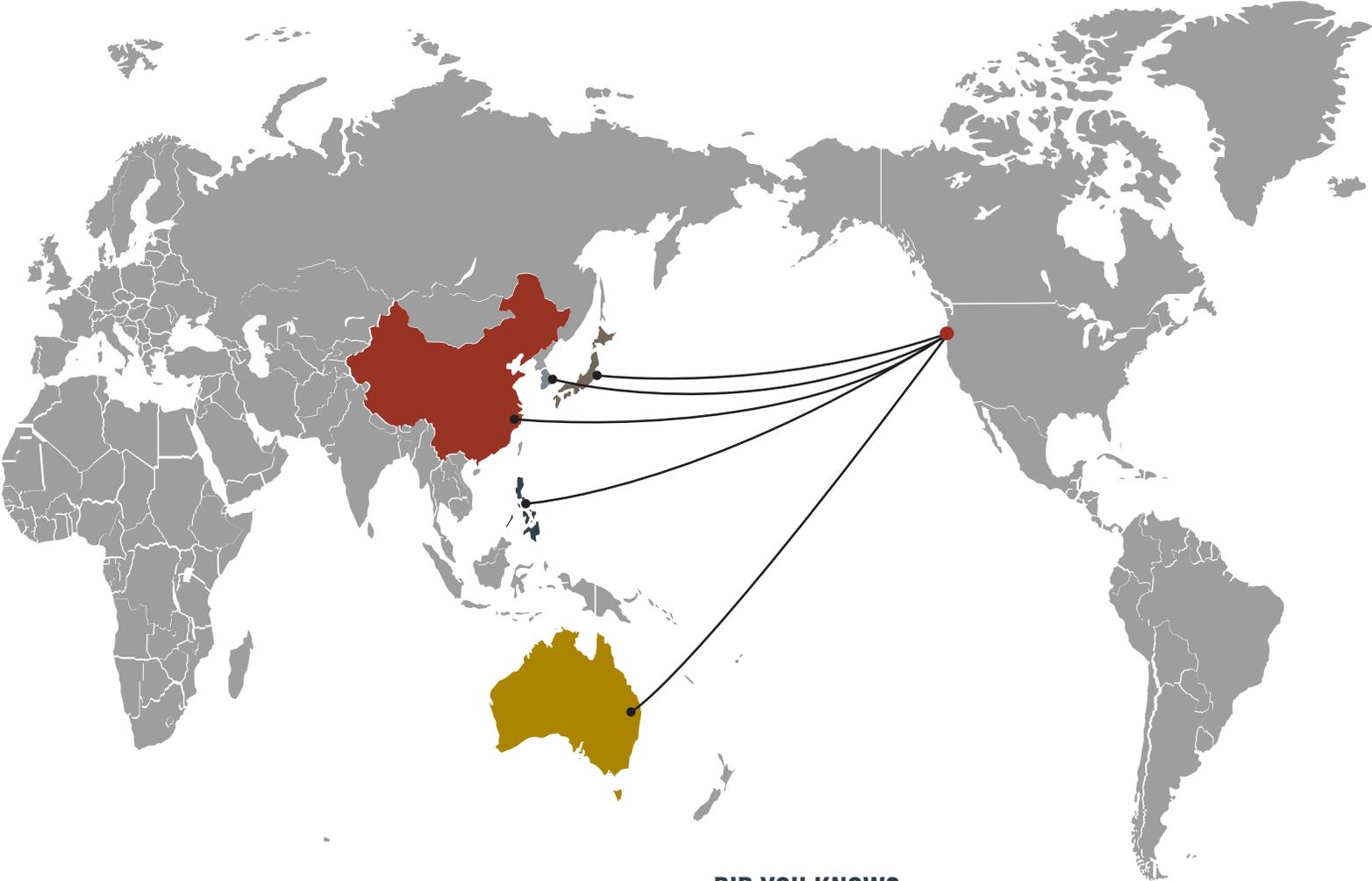
THE PORT HANDLED
8.6 MILLION
METRIC TONS OF CARGO

THE PORT TRADED
WITH 26 COUNTRIES



THE PORT WORKED WITH
OVER 400
LOCAL BUSINESSES AND VENDORS



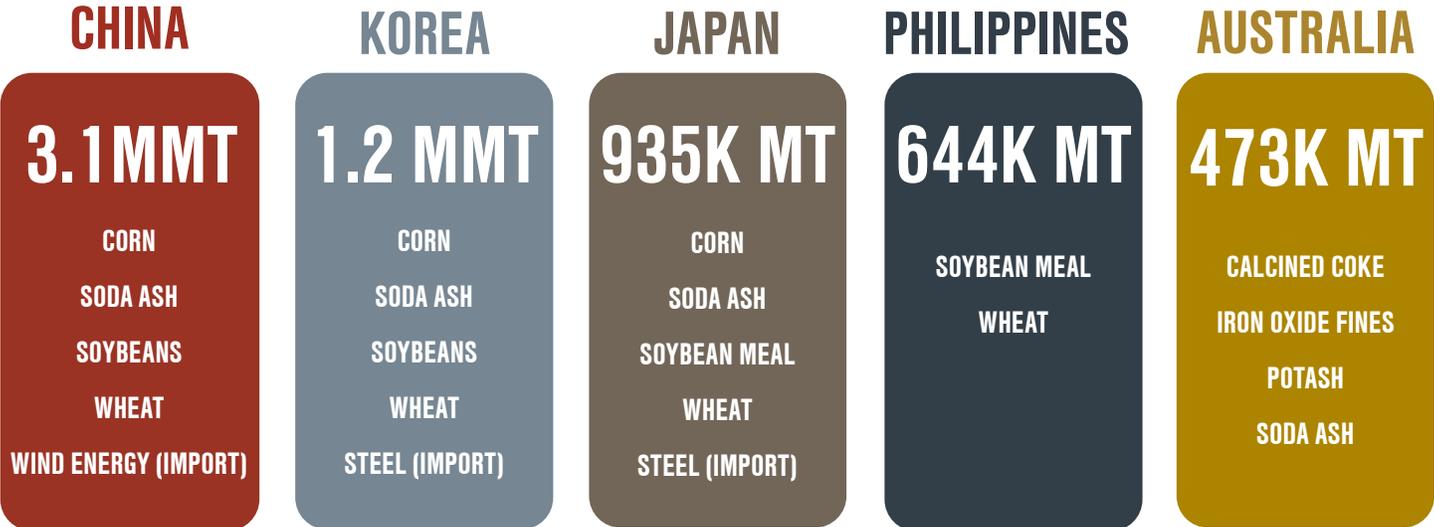


...DID YOU KNOW?

A ton and a metric ton are not the same. The ton, or “short-ton”, is primarily utilized in the United States and is equivalent to around 2,000 pounds. The metric ton, or “long-ton”, is equivalent to around 2,204 pounds and is the global standard, making it a crucial measurement in international trade.

TOP 5 TRADING PARTNERS

*(MT metric tons)



Willow Grove

PARK & BOAT LAUNCH

BARK AT THE PARK!

Did you know Willow Grove Park has a new dog park? Now there's really something for the whole family!

The dog park spans 2.1 acres, including separate fenced areas for large and small dogs. The dog park was completed in April 2025 and is part of the Port's Comprehensive Park Plan, adopted by the Port's Board of Commissioners in 2023.

Since 2016, the Port has invested over \$5 million into maintaining and upgrading Willow Grove Park and Boat Launch facilities. Now at the Park, you will find the dog park area in addition to playground equipment for kids, waterfront access, a boat launch, picnic shelters, walking trails, a river overlook and educational signs about the Columbia River region.

The Park is open every day from sunrise to sunset. We hope you enjoy your Willow Grove Park this summer!



LEARN MORE:



Scan the code to explore Willow Grove Park and Boat Launch and start planning your visit today!



CONNECTING CLASSROOMS TO CAREERS

For over one-hundred years, the Port of Longview has been committed to generating economic opportunities that strengthen its community. From supporting thousands of jobs and bringing in new business to creating local partnerships and forming meaningful relationships with industry partners, the Port is always finding ways to contribute to its port district.

One way the Port stays engaged on a local level is by participating in community events and connecting with local students. This spring, the Port attended a career fair at Castle Rock High School, which hosted hundreds of students from Longview, Kelso, Castle Rock, Toutle, Winlock, White Salmon and Wahkiakum school districts.

By attending career fairs, the Port directly engages with students, providing insights for potential jobs in the maritime industry, connections with trades unions and Port tenants with open positions. These interactions help students explore various careers in the local area and connect them with the resources they need to be successful after high school.

On a wider community level, the Port also participates in events put on by other local organizations such as Concerts at the Lake, the Go Fourth Festival, Squirrel Fest, the Cowlitz County Fair & Rodeo and more!

Bring the Port to you!

The Port is always looking for opportunities to teach the community about who we are, what we do and how we do it! If your company, organization or classroom is interested in learning more, arrangements can be made by calling the Port of Longview at (360) 703-0231 or emailing info@portoflongview.com.



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Regular commission meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Visit www.portoflongview.com for more information.

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COMMISSIONERS PROVIDE STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The spirit of the 1911 Port District Act was to preserve prime real estate for the economic benefit of communities across our state. To ensure this control, it established ports as independent governments run by a board of locally-elected commissioners. Citizens could now elect an official with their economic future in mind - someone to represent them with the power to set port policy, establish annual budgets and designate leadership.

Primary functions of the Port Commission include establishing policies that guide the overall direction of the Port. Plans, such as the Strategic Plan and Master Plan, all drive the Port toward economic success for the community.

Implementation of policies is done by the Commission through the development of the annual budget. By allocating financial resources to key infrastructure projects, cargo handling investments and other projects, the Commission is moving policy toward goals they identified in their planning documents. These plans, combined with the annual budget, ensure the Port is headed toward achieving long-term goals aimed at generating economic benefits and jobs for the community, while connecting cargo with international markets.

Aside from policy-making, Commissioners are also responsible for the only employee they manage: the Chief Executive Officer. The CEO, in turn, administers Commission policies as part of day-to-day operations through the Port's management team and support staff.

SUMMER TOUR SERIES RETURNS, REGISTER TODAY



The Port's Summer Tour Series kicks off in August. We will be offering tours at 10AM and 2PM on August 14 through August 16. We hope you are able to make it to one of our tour times to learn more about your Port of Longview!

Visit www.portoflongview.com to learn more and register. Act fast, there is limited space available!

See you soon!



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