

Port of Kalama named Washington State Port of the Year

The Port is recognized for its long-term vision and innovative planning to create jobs and improve quality of life

Kalama, Wash. (November 23, 2015)—The Washington Public Ports Association has honored the Port of Kalama with the President's Port of the Year Award for combining long-term vision and innovative planning to create jobs and improve the community's quality of life. Port of Kalama commissioners received the award at the WPPA annual meeting last week in Seattle, Washington.

[The Port of Kalama this year celebrates](#) an extensive list of awards, recognition, community infrastructure projects, new contracts and acclaim as an approachable, business-friendly climate for businesses of all sizes

- Several Port businesses have chosen to expand their operations and several new businesses now call the Port of Kalama 'home;'
- New infrastructure projects like the new 24-acre recreation facility, Haydu Park, were completed in 2015;
- Among numerous awards, the Port earned the Pathways 2020 Community Champions Award for Economic Vitality, which awards organizations that excel at creating jobs, employee wellness, training, employable skills, new or expanding business, transportation, financial security, reducing poverty, and higher wages.

Port of Kalama set to develop new commercial property

The City of Kalama Planning Commission recently approved the Port of Kalama's Master Plan to develop 70 acres of Port property to make way for the anticipated [Spencer Creek Business Park](#). The City and Port together earned the 2014 Governor's Smart Communities Award for their collaboration on planning the multi-use business property which is expected to boost the region's available commercial property, economy and job opportunities while strengthening the city's revenue base. Click for aerial video of [Spencer Creek Business Park](#).

"The Port's mission is to 'induce capital investment in an environmentally responsible manner to create jobs and enhance public recreational opportunities.' These projects collectively further every aspect of the Port's mission to contribute to an economically thriving, successful and livable region," says Randy Sweet, president, Port of Kalama Board of Commissioners. "We are so honored to provide such substantial enhancements that will serve the Port's business community for years to come."

About Port of Kalama – Where rail and water meet:

The Port of Kalama is located in Southwest Washington on the Columbia River and immediately off of Interstate Highway 5. The port exists to induce capital investment in an environmentally responsible manner to create jobs and to enhance public recreational opportunities. Port of

Kalama's industrial area includes five miles of riverfront property adjacent to the 43' federally-maintained deep draft navigation channel of the Columbia River. The Port is served by the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroads. There are over 30 businesses located at the Port of Kalama, employing over 850 people. Port of Kalama offers all the superior facilities businesses need to thrive, and an unsurpassed quality of life. The port offers shovel ready sites, a new Industrial Park, state of the art Marine Terminals and transportation accessibility to rail and highway all just a 30 minute drive to the Portland International Airport. Port of Kalama also offers high-bandwidth communications, with dual access fiber-optic service to Seattle and Portland. Properties currently available at the port for businesses wishing to expand and thrive: Visit http://portofkalama.com/industrial_property.

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