



South Puget Sound's Premier Seaport

**Port Partner Profile: USDA APHIS
Making a difference in livestock export**

We recently caught up with **Holly Irish, DVM**, Veterinary Medical Officer, and Cattle Export Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, to learn how the USDA partners with the Port of Olympia Seaport on agricultural product shipping.

Tell us about the USDA and what your agency does.

USDA's mission is to protect and promote American agriculture. As part of that mission, my agency protects the health of the country's animals, plants and natural resources. My team deals with veterinary issues - protecting livestock and poultry from disease and helping ensure safe international trade of animals and their products.

What is your process from the time the cattle arrive until the time they leave the Port of Olympia?

Port veterinarians are there to help agricultural trade run smoothly while protecting the health of our country's herds and flocks. My main role is to ensure that animals being exported through the Port are healthy and fit for a long international trip by sea.

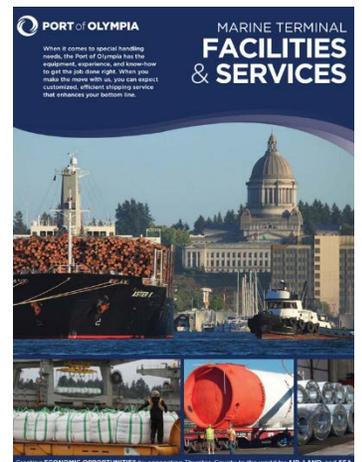
I inspect every vessel to make sure they meet strict space and safety guidelines. The guidelines help make the voyage both safe and comfortable for the animals. Before any animals can be loaded, they arrive at an export inspection facility, where they are inspected for signs of illness and injury. Next, they travel to the port, where they are loaded onto the vessel. USDA staff is always present during loading to ensure animals are not injured during



Cattle loading for shipment at the Port of Olympia Seaport.

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the process. After loading, we walk each of the vessel's decks to make sure the animals are settled in and ready for their trip.

Is there a benefit to having a USDA facility near a seaport?

The export inspection facility in Washington State is less than an hour's drive from the Port of Olympia. This relatively short trip is better than a longer trip, because it is safer and more comfortable for the animals. All animals being exported must have a period of rest at the export inspection facility before they can go to the Port. Together, the rest period and the short trip helps ensure the animals are well-rested, fed and ready to load on arrival.

Can you tell us about your working relationship with the Port of Olympia and how they have been effective in the safe shipment of cattle?

The Port of Olympia staff have worked well with USDA and are enthusiastic about making the process a smooth experience for everyone involved.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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- Experience with successful livestock shipments.
- Recent shipment was the largest ever for cattle crossing the Pacific.
- Flexible and responsive ILWU Local 47 – 24/7 loading operations in varying weather conditions. Flexible start times offered.
- Less than an hour from USDA approved quarantine facility.
- One mile, easy access to & from Interstate 5.
- Ample area for cattle truck staging.
- 76,000 sq ft warehouse for year-round covered dry storage for hay, bedding, and feed.
- Three modern deep water berths with a total length of 1,750 feet.
- 140 MT mobile harbor crane available for breakbulk feed and bedding.
- Loading platform at shipside.
- Member of Livestock Exporters Association

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Port of Olympia's Seaport: Your Competitive Edge

When it comes to special handling needs, the Port of Olympia has the equipment, experience, and know-how to get the job done right.

When you make the move with us, you can expect customized, efficient shipping services that enhance your bottom line.

Owned and operated by the Port of Olympia, our 66-acre terminal is situated on Budd Inlet at the head of Puget Sound.

We are centrally located to serve Puget Sound and the Columbia River Basin, providing ready access to local, regional and international markets.

+ A complete cargo facility focused on breakbulk, bulk and ro-ro goods.

+ Rail service provided by Union Pacific and BNSF with an on-dock rail loop. Switching provided by the Olympia and Belmore Railroad.

+ Three modern, deepwater berths.

+ Strong working relationship with the ILWU to efficiently and safely expedite your cargo.

+ Heavy machinery, conveyor system, a heavy-lift mobile harbor crane, and truck scales.

+ A U.S. Customs bonded warehouse.

+ Easy access to Interstate 5.

+ Midway between Vancouver, Canada and Portland, Oregon.

Economic outlook for China log market

"A steady increase in the China market." That's what we are hearing from our log customers and from speakers at the recent Western Forestry Contractors' Association Conference. Here are few notes about what we're hearing:



- * China is expected to remain the largest importer in the region through 2030 with fairly stable log imports, and a sustainable increase in conifer lumber import demand of 4.64% per year. China has no forest lands and need to import all types of logs from pulp to saw logs.
- * Lower import demand growth in China results from recent over-building, a slow-down in urbanization and an aging population. However, demand is expected to continue to grow, driven by continued growth of satellite cities and basic economic expansion.
- * Will China rebuild the railroad? That would open the Russian market.
- * Capital allocation - Log export opportunities from the PNW, together with continued pressure from China, helped PNW timberland investments to outperform other regions such as the US South.
- * China log volumes in BC are similar to the US. BC is more in the finished lumber export than logs as we are in the PNW.
- * Japan and Korea expect slight increases in conifer lumber import demand.

(As this Seaport Newsletter was being written, President Trump imposed \$60 billion in annual tariffs against Chinese products. As a result, the Chinese are responding by placing tariffs on U.S. products. Further negotiations are expected).

[Click here to watch a Facebook Live video of log loading on the Global Endeavor at the Port of Olympia.](#)



Investing in new loaders is another example of how the Port of Olympia Seaport continues to support the success of our customers.

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Click [here](#) to view the Port's 140MT Mobile Harbor Crane in action at the Seaport.

Seaport News and Notes.....

Mount Baker makes its first call



Port of Olympia Commissioner Bill McGregor presents a welcoming plaque to Captain Gayola.

Yelm High School Career Day

The Port of Olympia invests in education and is currently working with Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs throughout the County.

Participating in the Yelm High School Career Day from the Port of Olympia are (left to right) Jennie Foglia-Jones, Mike Crawford, Jeri Sevier, Frank Boss, Commissioner Bill McGregor, Len Faucher, Tyson Carpenter, and Brianna Baker. Below, Mike and Frank give a presentation on mechanics and equipment.



Weyerhaeuser's Jon Seifert retires

Jon Seifert, International Log Market Manager for Weyerhaeuser Company, recently retired after 35 years with the company. Jon served as the Operations Manager of Weyerhaeuser's Port of Olympia, Washington log export facility. "Jon's in-depth understanding of customer requirements and export markets, coupled with his log harvesting and handling background, allowed him to maximize timber values and customer satisfaction," said Len Faucher, Port of Olympia Marine Terminal Director. Len (right) presents a plaque of recognition and thanks to Jon.



2017 Port Employee Recognition Luncheon



Port of Olympia staff pride themselves on customer service and strong customer relations.

Sea camels available for sale or lease

Sea camels intended for vessel standoff are available for sale or lease. Each section is 4.5' x 66' and weighs approximately 25,500 lbs.

Six sections are available. Specifications can be found [here](#). For further information, please contact Kim Kawada at KimK@portolympia.com.



Port flatcars available for lease

The Port of Olympia has three flatcars that are available for short or long-term lease. You can find specifications [here](#).

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In the news....

Here are some recent maritime industry news articles we found of interest:

[Industry Stakeholders Upbeat on Breakbulk Shipping Prospects](#)

World Maritime News



[AgTC's Friedmann: Trump's China Tariffs Could Hurt US Ag Exporters & Ports](#)

American Journal of Transportation

[IN THE KNOW Podcast 3: Transas Wants to Change Navigation](#)

The Maritime Executive

[Orders Keep Coming for Northwest Yards](#)

Pacific Maritime Magazine

[Offshore rebound questionable](#)

WorkBoat

[Cargo traffic at major ports up by 5% in Apr-Feb](#)

The Economic Times

[Dry bulk FFA market: Oversupply weighs down freight rates](#)

Seatrade Maritime News

[NTSB assesses industry close encounters with recreational boats](#)

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