

2017 ASTORIA REGATTA

GRAND MARSHAL

BILL WYATT



Bill Wyatt is a native of Astoria. He has been the executive director of the Port of Portland since October 2001. The Port of Portland, governed by a nine-member commission appointed by the governor, consists of four marine terminals, two general aviation airports and Portland International Airport. The Port has more than 700 employees and annual operating revenues of approximately \$260 million. The value of foreign trade moving through the port is \$12 billion annually.

PDX handled more than 18 million passengers in 2016 onboard, 15 domestic and international airlines, including all major U.S. carriers. PDX provides nonstop service to 59 U.S. cities and 11 international cities, including Amsterdam, Tokyo, Frankfurt, Reykjavik, Guadalajara, San Jose del Cabo, Puerto Vallarta, Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto. New service to London Heathrow will begin in May. PDX is also served by the major domestic airfreight service providers.

The port's Marine and Industrial Development Division comprises several diverse lines of marine cargo operations, as well as acquisition, development and management of an extensive industrial real estate portfolio. The port is currently developing a 350-acre industrial park in Troutdale, now home to FedEx Ground's northwest regional distribution center, as well as a 221-acre site in Gresham. The port oversees four marine terminals in the harbor, handling a diverse range of cargo,

including agricultural bulks, mineral bulks, liquids, breakbulk, containers and automobiles. Portland is one of the major ports of entry and exit in the United States for finished automobiles and remains a significant export load center for grain and other bulk commodities.

Prior to his appointment as the port's executive director, Wyatt served as chief of staff to former Oregon Gov. John A. Kitzhaber for seven years, preceded by six years as president of the Oregon Business Council, and five years as executive director of the Association for Portland Progress, then Portland's downtown development association. Wyatt served as a state representative from the Astoria area from 1974-1977.

He attended public schools in Astoria and Alexandria, Virginia, and later attended both Willamette University and the University of Oregon, where he was also student body president.

Wyatt is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Columbia River Maritime Museum and the board of directors of the Oregon Historical Society. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Oregon Public Broadcasting and was board chair of the Urban League of Portland. Wyatt was also appointed by the governor in January 2008 to serve on the board of the Oregon Global Warming Commission. He served as a director of Crabbe Huson mutual funds until their sale to Liberty Mutual in 1998.

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