



**Media Release  
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**PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY MOVES TO HIRE  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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At the regular business meeting of November 3, 2016, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Chelan County authorized Port Commission President JC Baldwin to negotiate an agreement with Patrick Jones to serve as the Port's executive director for a period of up to two years, beginning January 1, 2017. Mr. Jones had been serving (in his capacity as a principle in Jones Strategic) as the consultant charged with the recruitment of the next executive director. The executive director position will become vacant at the end of 2016 with the retirement of long time executive director Mark Urdahl.

A number of qualified applications were received in that recruitment process; however, the Commission decided to take a step back from selecting a permanent director and will use Jones to guide them through a process of evaluating existing strategies and activities with the goal of creating a new vision and potentially new roles for the Port of Chelan County.

Patrick Jones has a wealth of port industry experience, having worked for the Port of Seattle, serving as the executive director of the Washington Public Ports Association, and most recently, as executive director of the Port of Moses Lake, where his leadership resulted in a significant expansion of that community's industrial base.

A proposed agreement with Patrick Jones will be presented to the Port Commission for action at its next business meeting, which will be held at 9:00 AM on November 14, 2016 in the Port office in Olds Station.

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