



**Media Release
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**PORT OF CHELAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO INTERVIEW
DEPUTY DIRECTOR CANDIDATES ON APRIL 3**

The Port of Chelan County Commission will interview four candidates for the position of Deputy Director at its meeting on April 3. The interviews will occur in the Methow Room of the Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

“The Port is excited about the opportunity to bring the new deputy director on board to assist the Commission and staff in implementing the Port’s new strategic plan,” stated Port Executive Director Patrick Jones. “This is a strong group of candidates. They bring energy, expertise, and a variety of economic development, port and non-port experience to this position,” continued Jones.

The Deputy Director will report directly to the Executive Director and work with elected Commissioners, and be a candidate for appointment as Executive Director when Jones departs at the end of 2018. The four finalists emerged from a field of 26 applicants. The finalists for the Deputy position include:

Todd Coleman, Star, Idaho: Mr. Coleman grew up in Quincy and has a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington and a MBA from Washington State University. He served in various management positions at the Port of Vancouver USA for 15 years, beginning as Facilities Manager, then Deputy Director and as CEO from 2012 to 2016. He also has consulted on development and construction projects.

James Kuntz, Walla Walla: Mr. Kuntz, a Wenatchee native, has a BA in Economics from Eastern Washington University and a MA in Public Administration from The Evergreen State College. He began work for port districts as the Assistant Port Manager at Port of Benton responsible for airport and property management and moved to Port of Walla Walla, serving as Executive Director from 1990 to 2016. He currently serves as Executive Director of the Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts.

Jeff McIrvine, Wenatchee: Captain McIrvine, USN, grew up in Ellensburg, received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington and a MA in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. He has been an active duty officer in the Navy since 1990, making multiple overseas deployments, including a 2011 deployment in Afghanistan as Commanding Officer of an Electronic Attack Squadron. He currently serves as

Regional Director of the Naval Reserve's Northwest Region Command encompassing 11 northwest states.

Allison Williams, Wenatchee: Ms. Williams grew up in Walla Walla and received a BA in French from Gonzaga University. She has worked as the City of Wenatchee's Executive Services Director since 2005, where she serves as the right hand of the Mayor running day-to-day operations, and began work at the City as Community Planner in 1998. She previously served as Executive Director of the Wenatchee Downtown Association from 1992 – 1998.

Please contact Patrick Jones, Port of Chelan County Executive Director, at 509.663.5159 for additional information.