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**JOINT PRESS RELEASE – PORT OF ANACORTES  
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**News Release  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**ANACORTES – Port of Anacortes Executes Lease with Anthony’s Restaurant.**

The Anacortes Port Commission at their regular meeting of August 20, 2009 authorized the Port’s Executive Director to execute a 30 year lease agreement with Mad Anthony’s, Inc., parent company for the Anthony’s restaurant chain, for the portion of the Port’s west basin property immediately north of the boat launch at Cap Sante Boat Haven. Final negotiations were completed on August 25<sup>th</sup>, and the lease signed on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Present at the signing were Anacortes Mayor Dean Maxwell, City Councilman Brian Geer, City Planning Director Ryan Larsen and members of the City staff, as well as Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mitch Everton, Port Commissioners Pat D. Mooney and Bill Short, and Port staffers.

Anthony’s will build a new 14,700 square foot restaurant on the site, facing the Trailer Boat launch and Boat Haven promenade, and will develop the remainder of the property behind the restaurant, approximately 42,000 square feet, for parking. Anthony’s has had an ongoing dialog with the Port for several years and recently approached the Port in earnest regarding the possibility of locating a restaurant at the Boat Haven.

Bob Hyde, Port Executive Director, stated, “Anthony’s Restaurant is exactly what we were hoping for in an anchor tenant for the Boat Haven. It will bring the community and tourists by land and sea to Anacortes. We are proud of the fact that Anthony’s sees Anacortes as a place they want to be. Thanks go out to Mayor Maxwell and the City of Anacortes, as well as Mitch Everton and our Chamber of Commerce for helping with this opportunity.”

Mayor Dean Maxwell noted, “Anthony’s will be a great addition to Anacortes with their unique northwest dining experience. We are known for having a wonderful restaurant community; Anthony’s presence will add to and enhance the Anacortes dining experience. The jobs and the spin off benefits of having them here in our community will be a very beneficial and welcome addition.”

Speaking for Anthony’s, Project Manager Jeff Arnot said, “Anthony’s is looking forward to being part of and bringing jobs to your community.” Anthony’s will provide over 80 new jobs in Anacortes.



*About the Port of Anacortes*

*The Port of Anacortes was formed in 1926 to promote economic development for Anacortes and the surrounding area. The Port district is led by a board of five elected commissioners: Keith Rubin, Pat D. Mooney, Ray Niver, Steve Hopley, and Bill Short. Public meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Main Port Warehouse, 1<sup>st</sup> & Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, WA. For more information, visit [www.portofanacortes.com](http://www.portofanacortes.com) or contact Julie Johnson Lindsey, Administrative Coordinator at [julie@portofanacortes.com](mailto:julie@portofanacortes.com)*