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**News Release**  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

ANACORTES – The Pacific Maritime Association held their 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Washington Area Safety Awards Banquet for the presentation of Coast-wide and Washington Area Safety Awards on March 10, 2010 in Seattle. The Safety Awards Program was established locally in 1948. It has become a Coast-wide program, which includes all ILWU/PMA operations in Washington, Oregon, Southern California and Northern California, basically encompassing all west coast ports from Bellingham to San Diego. Awards are based on incident rates as determined by OSHA. All ILWU Locals and each PMA Member Employer compete for awards against others with similar hours in both size and category of work or Local.

The Port of Anacortes is proud to acknowledge that Port contractor Metropolitan Stevedore Company placed 2<sup>nd</sup> among Coast Bulk Companies and an 8 Year Zero Injury Rate Award for its Anacortes Operations at the Port's Pier 2 facility. Additionally, Metropolitan Stevedore received a Washington State 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy for its Anacortes Bulk Operations.

The Port of Anacortes also proudly acknowledges ILWU Local 25 who received a Washington State Award for Zero Time Loss Injury among Locals with significant hours.

Port Executive Director Bob Hyde praised the contributions and cooperation of these agencies that provide a vital service to the Port and local refineries, and are an integral part of our community's economy.



*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, Executive Assistant, [julie@portofanacortes.com](mailto:julie@portofanacortes.com)*