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### Port of Anacortes announces 2021 Port Partnership awards

**ANACORTES, WA** – Each year the [Port of Anacortes](#) recognizes exceptional people and organizations with its Port Partnership awards. These awards acknowledge and celebrate significant strategic contributions to the achievement of ongoing and long-term goals and initiatives set forth in the [Port of Anacortes Strategic Plan](#).

This year's **Strategic Partner Award** is awarded to U.S. Representative Rick Larsen for his contributions to the Port of Anacortes and Washington state port industry. Congressman Larsen's hard work and leadership helped the Port receive key permits for A-Dock construction, improve the Cap Sante Marina to support local and visiting boaters, and maintain operations at the Anacortes Airport through the COVID-19 pandemic. His advocacy has helped the Port of Anacortes grow purposefully and allowed the Port and the state's port industry to continue supporting our communities through good and challenging times alike.

The Port is awarding its **Economic Development Partner Award** to Skagit County for its contributions through the Economic Development Grant Program to spur business development and economic growth within the Port district. In 2021 the County provided a \$500,000 grant to the Port to fund electrical upgrades to B-Dock, which will allow the Port to upgrade the B-Dock electrical system to meet current and future commercial vessel operational demands and requirements, thereby continuing to support local businesses, workers, and families.

The 2021 **Customer Service Partner Award** recognizes Port consultant Moffat & Nichol for outstanding customer service supporting the design, permitting, and construction of the A-Dock project. Moffatt & Nichol's dedication and professionalism in working through complex and lengthy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration permitting processes was key to the Port's ability to complete this critical project and continue supporting the economic health and livability of Anacortes and Skagit County.

The Port Commission will present the 2021 Port Partnership awards at its regularly scheduled [Commission Meeting](#) on July 1, 2021, at 7 p.m. The Port continues to hold its Commission meetings remotely; information on how to join can be found below or at <https://www.portofanacortes.com/governance/commission-meetings/>.

### Port of Anacortes Commission Meeting

7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 1, 2021

- Join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/342557453>
- By phone: [1-786-535-3211](tel:1-786-535-3211)
- Access code: 342 557 453

*The current Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) Proclamation 20-28.15 (which extends the prohibitions and guidance in Proclamation 20-28.14) remains in effect. All public meetings must continue to include a remote attendance option as well as follow the standards and restrictions set forth in Proclamation 2028.14 and the Miscellaneous Venues guidance for any in-person component. The Port of Anacortes intends to continue Commission meetings via remote attendance until otherwise noticed.*

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