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Aluminum Vessels call at Port of Olympia

Two vessels carrying cargoes of aluminum arrived at the Port of Olympia February 9. The vessels are the *Igor Ilinskiy*, which will discharge about 4,680 metric tons of t-bars and ingots, and the *Abakan*, which will discharge about 4,600 metric tons.

Theses are the first aluminum vessels to call at the Port this year. Aluminum has become a regular cargo at the Port. In 2005, the Port had five aluminum vessel calls while six vessels discharged aluminum in 2004.

From the Port, the aluminum is loaded on trucks and railcars and sent to aluminum manufacturers along the west coast.

“The Port has been actively working to position Olympia as a port that specializes in handling these types of cargoes,” said Jim Amador, Marine Terminal Director. “This business brings jobs and revenues to our community and is a good fit for our customers. “

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