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Port of Olympia Commission Appoints Bill McGregor as New Commissioner

Commissioners Paul Telford and Bob Van Schoorl appointed Bill McGregor to the Port of Olympia Commission November 27, 2006. He will be sworn in this week and will represent Port District 2.

McGregor replaces Commissioner Steve Pottle, who resigned after nine years at the Port to take a position with the Economic Development Council in Snohomish County.

“We are very pleased to welcome Bill to the Commission,” said Telford. “With his many years of port experience as well as his work in the private sector, he is well qualified to serve our community.”

McGregor served over 27 years in the port industry in Washington State, including 16 years at the Port of Tacoma, eight years at the Port of Olympia and three years at the Port of Grays Harbor. He is certified as a Professional Port Manager by the American Association of Port Authorities. At the Port of Olympia, he was Director of Operations from 1989 to 1997 and oversaw the daily operations of the Marine Terminal, Swantown Marina, formerly known as East Bay Marina, and the Olympia Airport.

He most recently worked as Director of Facilities Management at St. Martin’s University, retiring from that position in October.

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“I am committed to this community and excited to serve the citizens of Thurston County as Port Commissioner,” McGregor said. “I look forward to helping the Port fulfill its mission of fostering a sound economic foundation to support our region’s special quality of life.”

McGregor was chosen from a field of 15 applicants. In October, Commissioners narrowed the list to four finalists.

“We appreciated the interest we received from many talented people,” said Port Commissioner Bob Van Schoorl. “Each candidate had unique skills and experience, and this was a difficult decision for us to make.”

Van Schoorl also praised outgoing Commissioner Pottle and commended him for his service to

the Port and his leadership contributions to the economic health and wealth of Thurston County.

McGregor will serve through 2007. In 2007, he says he will stand for election to serve the unexpired Commission term that ends in 2009.

McGregor has lived in Thurston County for over 16 years and is an active community leader and volunteer. He and his wife are foster parents for medically fragile children and are actively involved in youth sports. In addition, he has served on a variety of community boards.

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About the Port of Olympia

The southernmost deepwater port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia is Thurston County's partner in economic opportunity. The Port owns and operates a diversified international shipping terminal, an established niche facility that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates a strategically located regional airport, a vibrant 656-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, and a thriving real estate division. A community port, it generates an estimated 2,600 jobs in Thurston County and indirectly over 5,000 jobs in Washington State. For more information, please call the Port at (360) 528-8000 or visit www.portolympia.com.