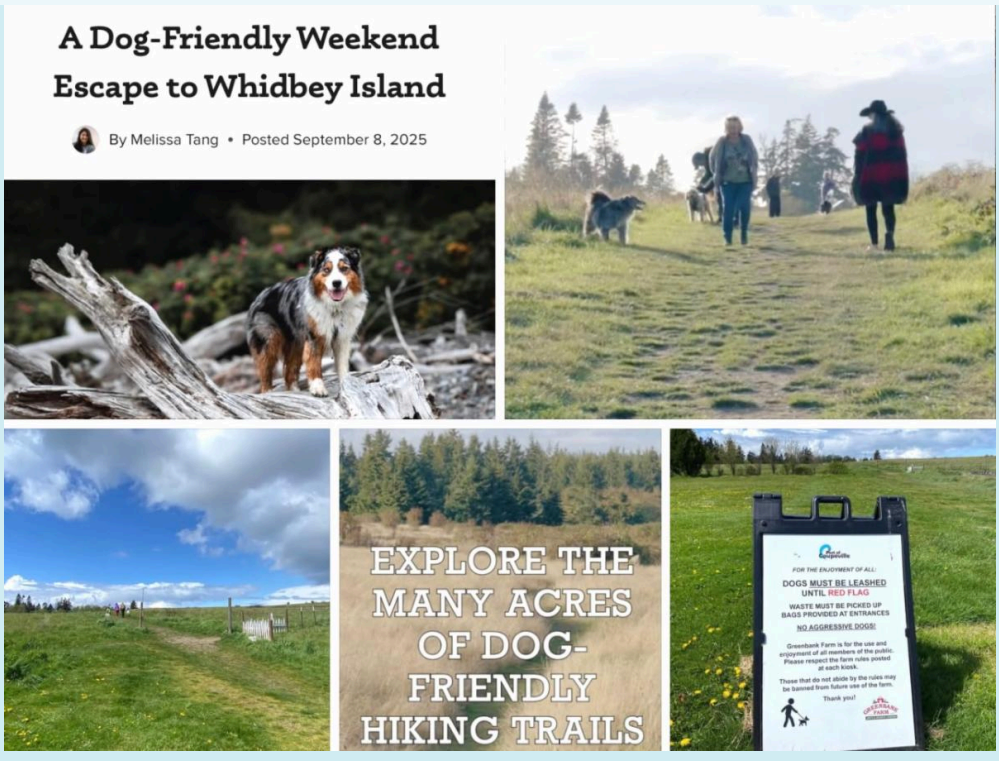
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News for January 2026 🌟

Greenbank Farm Off Leash Trails 🐾

Leashed dogs are now allowed in Washington State Ferry passenger areas. It's a new pet policy trial that runs to February. If you're visiting Whidbey Island with your dog, be sure to stop at Greenbank Farm's large off leash area. And your four-legged will love to visit farm store Pup Stop for a treat!

WA Ferry Pet Policies



Weddings at Greenbank Farm



We're accepting reservations for 2026 weddings. Book early for the best date!

If you're planning a wedding this year, check out this new wedding **Bridal Expo at Freeland Hall, Jan 10th.**

For information + to check Farm barn availability, please visit:

Greenbank Farm Weddings

Coupeville Wharf Dock Storm Damage

The Coupeville Wharf dock was damaged in the strong December storms and it's currently closed to pedestrians and boats. The good news is: a new dock was already under construction!

The new dock is a custom design to better accommodate Penn Cove weather patterns. Safety measures include elongating the gangway and adding stronger metal cleats on the surface for better traction in rough weather. The new dock will be installed in early February.

The Wharf and dock are important to Coupeville tourism and together they support the economy of the town's small businesses. Annually, the dock supports 1500 boats carrying an estimated 5000+ passengers.

This dock rehab work completes a multi-year project to upgrade the Coupeville Wharf.

Wharf Dock Repair Article



Port Executive Director Announces Retirement



Executive Director Chris Michalopoulos will retire this May after more than eight years at the Port.

A new Port director job search gets underway in February. Stay tuned for more info.

A recent newspaper article shared more history + details:

Whidbey News Times Article

Port of Coupeville's 60th Anniversary

1966 – 2026

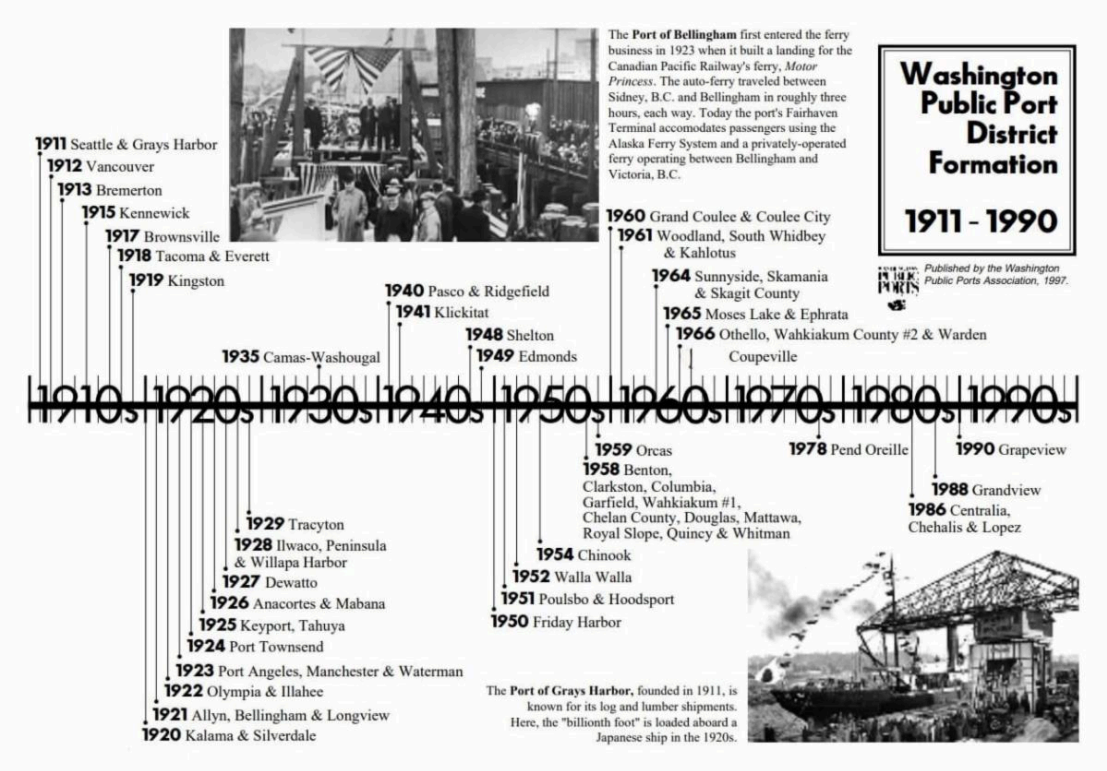
"Public Benefit From Public Resources"

Did you know there are 75 ports in Washington?
There's a port in 33 of the state's 39 counties!

In 1911, the WA legislature passed the Port District Act that allowed formation of port districts governed by elected commissioners. The Port of Seattle was the state's first port.

Many assoicate port's with deep harbors, but ports also include rivers, airports, agricultural facilities, and industrial parks. All ports' purpose is to develop economic opportunities specific to the communities they serve.

WA Public Ports Association



Welcome New Port Commissioner



Shane Clyburn
Port Commissioner – District 3

Welcome to Shane, our newly-elected Port commissioner. He's a Whidbey native who has fond memories of Greenbank Farm growing up. He's keenly aware of the potential of the Farm, and looks forward to explore opportunities to improve infrastructure, enhance its agricultural heritage, expand programming and events to create a vibrant hub that engages both locals and tourists throughout the year.

Holiday Market Weekends A Big Success!

Thanks for everyone who attended the Greenbank Farm Holiday Markets on three weekends in December. And we are grateful to the more than 70+ vendors, Farm stores, musicians, food carts + Santa who together helped our community celebrate the season!

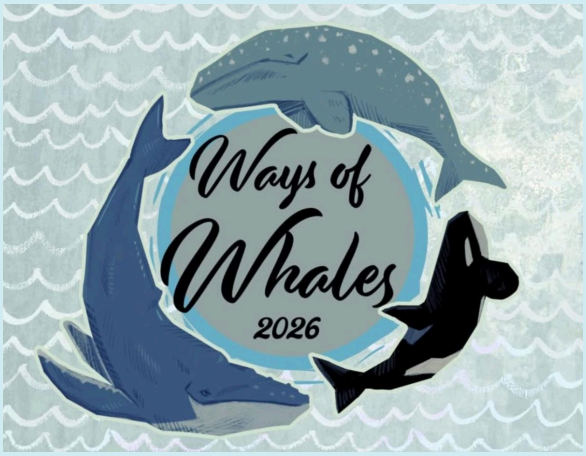






Ways of the Whales

January 24 – Coupeville



Ways of Whales Info

If there's one thing that unites Whidbey Island residents, it's our love for the whales!

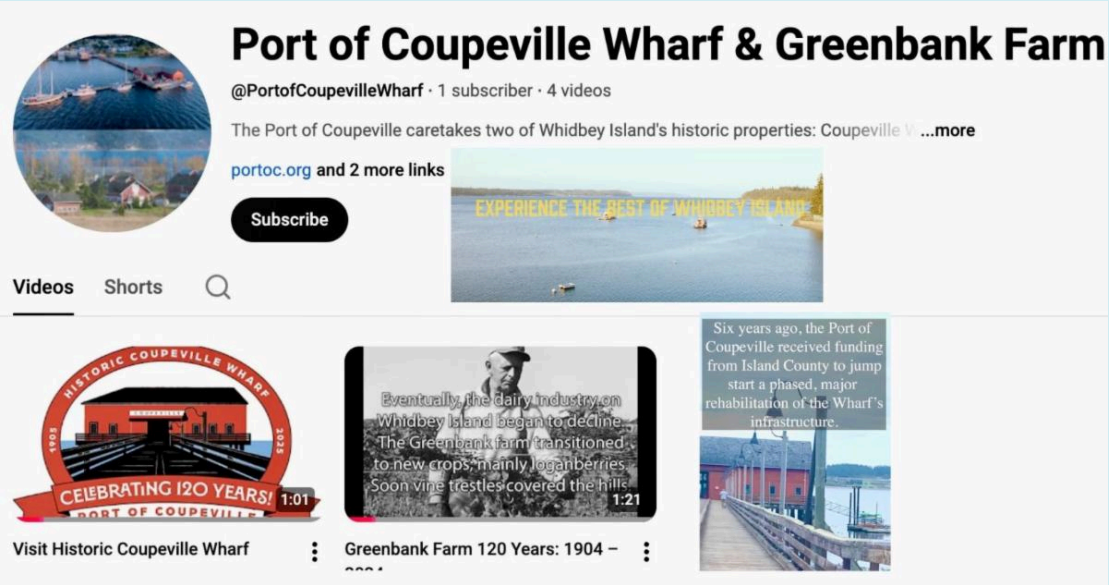
This popular workshop brings together researchers, advocates, + educators for continuing education + networking.

Attend virtually or in person

Port of Coupeville Videos on YouTube

We've documented some Wharf + Farm history highlights in videos that you can watch on YouTube. View two videos and two shorts here:

Port Videos on YouTube



MUSSELFEST 40th Anniversary
March 7 + 8, 2026

Save the Date!

Nonprofits organizations that would like to participate in Musselfest 2026 can apply at link below, the deadline is January 30

[Musselfest Vendor Application]



Port Commission 2026 Meetings



Commission Meeting Schedule

The Port of Coupeville Commission meeting schedule is changing for the coming year. The Commission will meet twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays (not Wed). And the meeting time for both dates is 1:00 PM.

For more info including meeting agendas, please visit the website:

Port Business

Event Calendar

Port of Coupeville Board Meetings
Zoom Conference Call. For instructions on participating, visit the Port website here: ***https://portoc.org/commission-meetings/meeting-agendas/***

Tues, Jan 13, 1:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Tues, Jan 27, 1:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above

Sat, March 7
WICD Native Plant Sale
Greenbank Farm

Sat & Sun, March 7 + 8
Penn Cove Musselfest
Coupeville



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