



The Current

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Meet the Port's New Executive Director

At its public meeting on Tuesday, April 14, the Port of Coupeville commissioners voted to hire a new executive director. Below is a short bio from Marisa Michaud, she starts this job at the end of April.

Welcome Marisa Michaud!



In Her Own Words

"I've called Whidbey Island home since 2019, though my heart arrived here long before the moving truck did. My husband Mike and I made the full move during COVID after spending more than 20 years raising our family in the Fife-Milton area, a community we still hold close.

My career began in trucking and logistics, and over the years I grew into senior leadership roles where I had the privilege of building teams, managing complex operations, and solving problems at scale."

"Alongside that work, I served on the Fife School District Board for a decade, where I learned firsthand what it means to steward a public institution.

I now have the honor and privilege of serving as Executive Director of the Port of Coupeville and I intend to bring those same values to work every single day on behalf of this community.

In my free time you'll find Mike and me walking Greenbank Farm with our two golden retrievers, Tucker and Rosie, riding our bikes on the trails in and around Coupeville, crabbing and fishing in the waters near the wharf, or simply wandering the waterfront and taking in all that Whidbey life has

to offer. We love Whidbey and I am looking forward to investing 100% of my time into where I live and work, now."

Fond Farewell to Executive Director Chris

In mid-May, Port of Coupeville director Chris Michalopoulos retires after nine years leading the Port of Coupeville. We thank him for his years of service as the Port celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2026.

A Look Back

Chris is the Port's longest-serving director and leaves big shoes to fill. His last day is May 15th.

As Executive Director, Chris has provided strategic operational leadership, working with the elected Port Commission to achieve short- and long-term economic development goals.



Commemoration of the 120th anniversary of the Wharf

Port seeking money, community support to fix wharf

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By Maria Matson



Wharf & Farm Restoration

A primary responsibility during Chris' tenure has been infrastructure renovaton + preservation for the Port's properties: Coupeville Wharf, 24 Front St and Greenbank Farm.

Rehabilitating and maintaining the Farm + Wharf benefits both island residents and visitors.

Infrastructure Funds

Infrastructure restoration has required significant fundraising to secure county, state and federal grants, which complement the Port's normal property tax levy income. The Port received more than \$1.4 million in grants from 2018-20 that primarily funded work on the Wharf.

Small Business Pandemic Support

During the COVID pandemic, the Port of Coupeville partnered with the Port of South Whidbey to administer CARES relief funds for businesses located in the unincorporated areas of the island. This financial assistance supported small businesses that did not receive Small Business Association funding.

We thank Chris for his years of service and wish him the best of luck in his retirement and any future endeavors!



Chris oversaw Port Commission public meetings twice each month



In 2017, the Greenbank Farm loan was paid off at a celebration

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	<p>Greenbank Garden Club PLANT SALE</p>  <p>Saturday, April 25 10:00AM – 2:00PM</p> <p>Greenbank Farm Barn A 765 Wonn Road, Greenbank</p>
<p>Come Early! Hundreds of locally grown plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Vegetable startsHerbsPerennialsShrubsGrassesand more! <p>Community raffle, lots of garden art, and something special for the indoor gardener!</p> <p>Cash, Check or Credit Card</p>	
<p>Proceeds support community projects such as: South Whidbey Farm to School, Coupeville Farm to School, Good Cheer Garden, Meerkerk Gardens</p>	

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