



## **SAO Completes Triennial Port Audit**

**Bingen, Washington** – The Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO) has released the results of the performance audit it conducted for the Port of Klickitat in October of this year. The SAO's stated mission is to promote accountability, fiscal integrity, and openness in state and local government as well as the efficient and effective use of public resources. The Port is currently audited on a three-year cycle with the prior audit having been completed in 2010.

The report, covering the years 2010 through 2012, states in part, "In the areas we examined, the Port's internal controls were adequate to safeguard public assets. The Port also complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in the areas we examined."

"I am proud of the results of our most recent audit and of the fact the Port has had no findings for as far back as the Auditor's Office has current records [1993]," said Port Commissioner Jim Herman. "Our history of clean audits serves as evidence of our commitment to accountability and transparency in service to our constituents."

Though the audits performed serve to protect the public interest, they are not without cost. "Our bill for this latest audit is expected to be over \$8,000," said Marc Thornsbury, the Port's Executive Director. "However, that figure does not include the hours of staff time needed to provide documentation and other information requested by SAO personnel."

The full audit report can be found on the Washington State Auditor's Office web site at [www.sao.wa.gov](http://www.sao.wa.gov) or on the Port's web site at [www.portofklickitat.com](http://www.portofklickitat.com).

### **At A Glance...**

**Who:**.....Port of Klickitat  
**What:**.....State Audit  
**When:**.....November 13, 2013  
**Where:**.....Bingen, Wash.  
**Quick Facts:**.....The State Auditor's Office has completed its triennial audit of the Port and found it in compliance with state laws and regulations.

### **About the Port of Klickitat**

Economic development, transportation, and marine-based recreation are key functions of the Port of Klickitat. These are achieved through leasing industrial-zoned property, developing and renting industrial and commercial facilities, developing and maintaining rail spurs and dock facilities, assisting companies with an interest in locating in Klickitat County, creating and managing marine-based recreational facilities, and working closely with various partner organizations and agencies.

The Port of Klickitat is located in Klickitat County, Washington and was created in 1944. It is one of several port authorities located in the mid-Columbia region. It owns two industrial parks and several buildings, leases industrial property and space, operates a barge dock, and holds property set aside for a park and marina. Transportation access is provided via rail, river barge, highways 14, 35, and 197, and Interstate 84.

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