



## Port Sails Through State Audit

**Bingen, Washington** – The Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO) has released the results of its accountability audit of the Port of Klickitat. According to its web site, the SAO “provides citizens with independent and transparent examinations of how state and local governments use public funds, and develops strategies to make government more efficient and effective.” The Port is audited on a three-year cycle with the prior audit having been completed in 2016.

The report, covering the years 2016 through 2018, states in part, “In those [areas we examined], Port operations complied with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.”

The audits performed by the SAO serve to protect the public interest, but they also come with a price tag. “The bill for our audit was over \$7,000,” said Marc Thornsby, the Port’s Executive Director. He added that figure does not include the hours of staff time needed to provide documentation and other information requested by SAO personnel.

### At A Glance...

**Who:**.....Port of Klickitat  
**What:**.....State Audit  
**When:**.....October 23, 2019  
**Where:**.....Bingen, Wash.  
**Quick Facts:**.....The State Auditor's Office completed its triennial audit of the Port and found the Port in compliance with state laws and regulations.

“We are, of course, pleased with the results of this audit and proud the Port has received no findings as far back as the SAO has current records [1993],” said Port Commissioner Jim Herman. “With this history of clean audits, Port District constituents can rest assured of our continued commitment to accountability and transparency.”

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).

### 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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