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**PORT OF KLICKITAT APPOINTS MARGIE ZIEGLER
AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

BINGEN, Wash. – The Port of Klickitat Board of Commissioners officially appointed Margie Ziegler as the new Executive Director, following a thorough executive search process which started when the position was vacated in late September. Ziegler will begin her new position on January 1, 2021.

Wayne Vinyard, President of the elected three-member Port Commission, announced the appointment of Ziegler, who has served with the Port of Klickitat for the last 14 years. *“We look forward to working with Margie to build on our successes,”* Vinyard said. *“We know Margie is very focused on our community and our region. She has a strong understanding of economic development and the inner workings of our port. Her institutional knowledge will help her hit the ground running as we enter 2021.”*

With over 30 years in public service, Ziegler has strong roots in the local region, having worked for Hood River County and City of White Salmon prior to coming to the Port of Klickitat in 2006. *“I am excited to continue working with the Commissioners and staff to lead the Port of Klickitat to its full potential. I believe in the Port’s mission of being an economic engine and a strong partner for the community and for the region,”* said Ziegler.

In this new capacity, Ziegler will focus on the Port’s strategic plan for the Dallesport and Bingen Point Industrial Parks, environmental protection, increased public awareness, and working with local partners to increase economic development in the region.

Ziegler joins the ranks of a small group of female executive directors who lead ports in the U.S. Ziegler was the former Port Auditor, Administrative Services Manager, and led the Port’s staff during a rigorous executive search process which included several rounds of reviews and interviews led by Byron Hanke, a long-time Port consultant and former Executive Director of the Port of Vancouver.

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About the Port of Klickitat

The Port of Klickitat focuses on economic development, transportation, and marine-based recreation. Its competitive strengths include available industrial-zoned land, property development and commercial facilities, rail and dock facilities, maritime recreational facilities, and close working relationship with local partners organizations and agencies to deliver on the port’s mission of economic development to build a strong and vibrant community.

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