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### **Port of Bremerton Receives 17<sup>th</sup> Clean Audit**

**Bremerton (WA)** – For the 17th consecutive year, the Port of Bremerton has received a clean audit report from the Washington State Auditor's Office.

The state's annual audit for 2008 reported no deficiencies, no instances of non-compliance with state and federal laws and no practices in violation of the Port's own policies and procedures.

In examining the Port's internal financial practices and activities as a whole, the office found that the Port's controls were "adequate to safeguard public assets." The audit examined the following areas:

- Accounting/financial reporting
- Billings/receivables
- Cash receipting
- Insurance/risk management
- Open public meetings/records laws
- Petty cash
- Disbursement expenditures
- Payroll/personnel
- Compliance with grant requirements
- Port's promotional hosting
- Procurement (bidding/prevaling wage)

The auditor also examined the Port's financial statements and controls over federal awards. It reported finding no material deficiencies or significant weaknesses in either area.

The Port of Bremerton, like the other 75 Port districts in Washington State, is a special purpose district whose charter under the law is to promote economic development, to facilitate job creation, to provide for marine and aviation transportation, and to promote tourism.

Its primary business operations are its marinas in Bremerton and Port Orchard, the Bremerton National Airport and its business and industrial parks. These operations are important catalysts for business development as well as contributors to the County's job and tax base and its tourism industry.

The full audit reports are available to the public at [www.portofbremerton.org](http://www.portofbremerton.org) and at <http://www.sao.wa.gov/EN/Audits/Pages/Search/AuditReportSearch.aspx?AuditNumber=32689>.

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