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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Northwest Seaport Alliance Managing Members
Silver Cloud Hotel Tacoma at Point Ruston
5125 Grand Loop, Ruston, WA 98407
Wednesday, November 18, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM

A quorum of The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) Managing Members (Ther Port of Seattle and Port of Tacoma Commissions) will gather for a special meeting on November 18, 2026, beginning at 8:00 a.m., at the Silver Cloud Hotel Tacoma at Point Ruston Waterfront located at: 5125 Grand Loop Rustin, WA 98407. The purpose of the meeting is to hold the Second Annual Northwest Seaport Alliance State of Trade Breakfast. The meeting is open to the public at the physical location to attend/observe. It will not be streamed. This event is not intended to be a business meeting to transact the business of the Managing Members or the NWSA, and no final action or public comment will be taken at the meeting.

Agenda:

1. 8:00 AM Doors Open
2. 8:30 AM Welcome remarks
3. 9:00 AM
    - Keynote address from Peter Tirschwell, independent shipping journalist and founder and chairman of TPM.
    - From soil through seaports, a panel discussion with farmers and experts from across Washington state about the opportunities, challenges and journey involved in exporting agricultural products.
4. 10:30 AM Adjourn

2026 State of Trade Breakfast

Second Annual Northwest Seaport Alliance State of Trade Breakfast
From Soil Through Seaports: Agriculture Exports Driving Washington Trade

November 18, 2026
Silver Cloud Hotel Tacoma at Point Ruston Waterfront, Sterling Ballroom
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

This event brings together policy makers, supply chain leaders, economic development professionals and industry influencers for a statewide conversation about the importance of international trade and the role agricultural exports play in Washington's economy.

This year's event will explore how Washington farmers, ports and supply-chain partners support a strong trade economy. Attendees will hear a keynote address from independent shipping journalist and Trans-Pacific Maritime (TPM) conference founder Peter Tirschwell. TPM is the premier annual industry event for the global container shipping and logistics community. This breakfast program also includes a panel discussion with agricultural leaders from across Washington about the opportunities, challenges and journey involved in exporting agricultural products.

8:00am **Doors open**

8:30am **Folks seated and Eric ffitch welcoming**

8:35am **Tacoma Mayor Ibsen welcome**

8:45am **Co-chairs remarks**

8:55am **Peter Tirschwell**

9:20am **WA Department of Agriculture Director Sandison remarks**

9:30am **From Soil through Seaports – panel discussion**

- Panel facilitator: Ben Tindall, Save Family Farming
- Hay grower, Scot Courtright
- WSU economist, Dr. Karina Gallardo
- WA State Potato Commission, Chris Voigt

10:20am **CEO John Wolfe closing**

10:30am **Event ends**