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The NWSA applauds PMA-ILWU three-year labor contract extension

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The Northwest Seaport Alliance applauds the International Longshore and Warehouse Union's ratification of a three-year extension to its contract with the Pacific Maritime Association.

Friday's [vote](#) extends the coastwide contract through July 1, 2022.

"In this incredibly competitive shipping market, a longer contract helps give certainty to importers and exporters that depend on our region to move goods and create family-wage jobs," said Tom Albro, Port of Seattle commission president and co-chair of The

Northwest Seaport Alliance. “This certainty helps us focus on attracting more cargo and growing our market share.”

“We appreciate the cooperative efforts of our labor partners and shipping lines and terminal operators in ensuring that retailers, farmers and manufacturers can rely on our supply chain to move their goods efficiently,” said Dick Marzano, Port of Tacoma commission president and co-chair of the NWSA. “Our region depends on us pulling together.”

Taken together, marine cargo operations in the NWSA’s Tacoma and Seattle harbors support more than 48,000 jobs across the region and provide a critical gateway for the export of Washington state products to Asia.

About The Northwest Seaport Alliance

The Northwest Seaport Alliance is a marine cargo operating partnership of the ports of Seattle and Tacoma. Combined, the ports are the fourth-largest container gateway in North America. Regional marine cargo facilities also are a major center for bulk, breakbulk, project/heavy-lift cargoes, automobiles and trucks.

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