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## From the Chair, Port of Clarkston Commission

The year 2014 has been a busy, rewarding time for the Port of Clarkston.

Six years of planning, writing grants, permitting and now construction has had the desired result:

**Turning Pointe Business Park is open for business.**



Now that paved roads and utilities are in place, there is interest from several private sector businesses looking to purchase or lease at Turning Pointe. Perhaps you know of a business you can refer to us?

Large investments in 2014 included Turning Pointe and seven miles of new fiber optic cable for telecommunications.

Your Port is working hard to create jobs. We use local property taxes as local match for grants. Without grants, it would take much longer to make infrastructure improvements. Staff and Commissioners are paid from income we earn, not taxes. This earned income covers all management and maintenance costs relating to existing Port facilities.

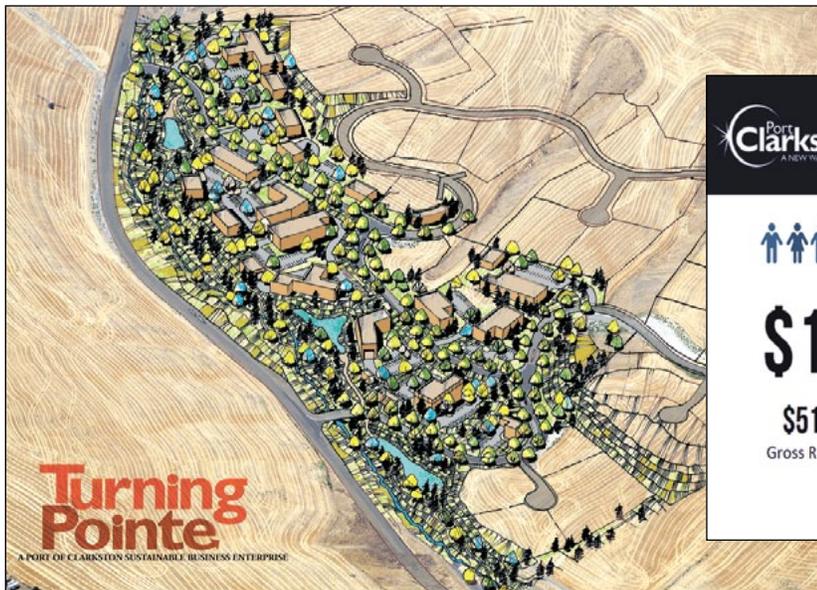
Check out the Port's economic impacts from a recent study by

Steve Peterson from the University of Idaho in the table below. Numbers shown include multiplier effects. This represents over 12.6% of employment in Asotin County.

If you have any questions at all about the priorities set by the Port Commission, our budget, or progress being made on various projects:

- Call us at 509-758-5272;
- Email us at [info@portofclarkston.com](mailto:info@portofclarkston.com);
- Check out the status of various projects at [www.portofclarkston.com](http://www.portofclarkston.com);
- Stop by the office at 849 Port Way, Clarkston, for a chat; or,
- Come to a Port Commission meeting, generally held on the second Thursday of the month, beginning at 1 p.m.

~ Wayne Tippett



Port of Clarkston's Economic Impact:

**MULTIPLIER EFFECTS INCREASE IMPACT\***

**713 JOBS**

**\$106 MILLION REGIONAL SPENDING**

\$51 MILLION Gross Regional Product		\$30 MILLION Total Compensation	&	\$4.3 MILLION State & Local Taxes
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\* Includes Direct, Indirect & Induced Impacts

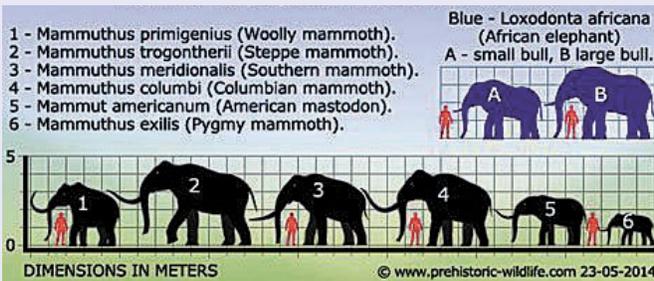
Source: Steven Peterson

### Port Security Cameras Aid Law Enforcement

Cameras in the historic Port district, obtained through Port Security grants, have been helpful to the Clarkston Police Department in preventing and solving crimes. The Port is happy to be a partner.

## About the Bones

Various mammoth species and *Mammut americanum* compared with 1.8 meter tall people and African elephant bulls.



This spring, fossilized bones were discovered as conduit was being placed in Turning Pointe. DNA analysis shows that they were most likely that of a Columbian mammoth. This photo shows how the Columbian mammoth compares to similar creatures. Look at #4, the 2nd largest creature.



## Port Hosts RIVERFEST

The first annual celebration of the Snake/Clearwater Rivers and river community occurred Saturday, September 27, 2014. People of all ages and sizes enjoyed the last of the great fall weather. Held in conjunction with Rotary Rivers & Ridges Ride (a bicycling event), there was something for everyone.

## Perhaps Near You?

Check out the maps at <http://portofclarkston.com/index.php?page=broadband> to see if high speed internet service is near you. While the Port does not directly provide service on its more than eight miles of fiber, we can help you find an internet service provider that will connect you *FASTER!*



Port Manager  
Wanda Keefer

## From The Port Manager

To dredge or not to dredge?

That's not the real question. Arguments about fish and even economic benefit disguise the real question. The real question is whether the lower Snake River dams stay in place.

According to Patagonia's Environmental Campaigns and Advocacy Manager, "Let's specifically take out the four dams on the Lower Snake River. . . This is. . . the holy grail of dam removal. . ."

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream website adds some icing to that cupcake: "For communities that depend on river ecosystems. . . damming rivers and streams has devastating consequences."

To the right is a photo of slack water, created from Lower Granite Dam. You'll note cruise boats in the background and fishing boats in the foreground. Below are photos from the 1992 test drawdown, which killed fish, ruined marinas, and damaged roads, bridges, and the foundation of river terminals. Let's decide, as a community, which is more devastating.

Over the years, the lower Snake River dams have gotten more fish friendly. How friendly, you ask? A 2004 article in the Tribune celebrated the return of 2,500 coho through Lower Granite Dam. In 2014, from Sept 1 - 25, fish counters tabulated 166,820 coho through Lower Granite. In just 25 days.

Perhaps you noticed that fishing for this species opened up for the first time in decades? Perhaps you were someone who caught a record size coho this fall?

These numbers illustrate that fish and dams can co-exist.

Let's presume just for a moment, that the question is about dredging. Some people think that dredging is only about river transportation. That's incorrect. The Port of Clarkston wishes to dredge its recreation dock.

Other recreation facilities are challenged by sediment. The U.S. Corps of Engineers has been holding river volumes unusually high, to keep navigation safe. When water goes back to normal, at least two boat launch facilities and both marinas in the valley will have significant sediment challenges.

Dams provide irrigation for food crops, transportation for products grown and manufactured in our communities, transportation for tourism, and resources to ad-



dress challenges with fish (through ratepayers, not taxpayers). They also provide low-cost non-carbon-emitting energy. Do we really want them to disappear—to be replaced with costly nuclear or coal-fired facilities?

Decide for yourselves. Who gets to have a greater mark on our community—well-intentioned but uninformed corporate outsiders, or you? What will our valley look like if those four dams are removed?

We're all in this together. Let's not let Patagonia, Ben & Jerry's, and Earth Justice decide our future.

~ Wanda Keefer

## 1992 Drawdown -- Clearwater/Snake Rivers

