

Sustaining, Growing and Improving Jobs and the Economy in the Maritime Sector

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## **Department of Commerce Mission**

"Grow and Improve Jobs in Washington State...

Thriving Communities, a Prosperous Economy, and Sustainable Infrastructure"





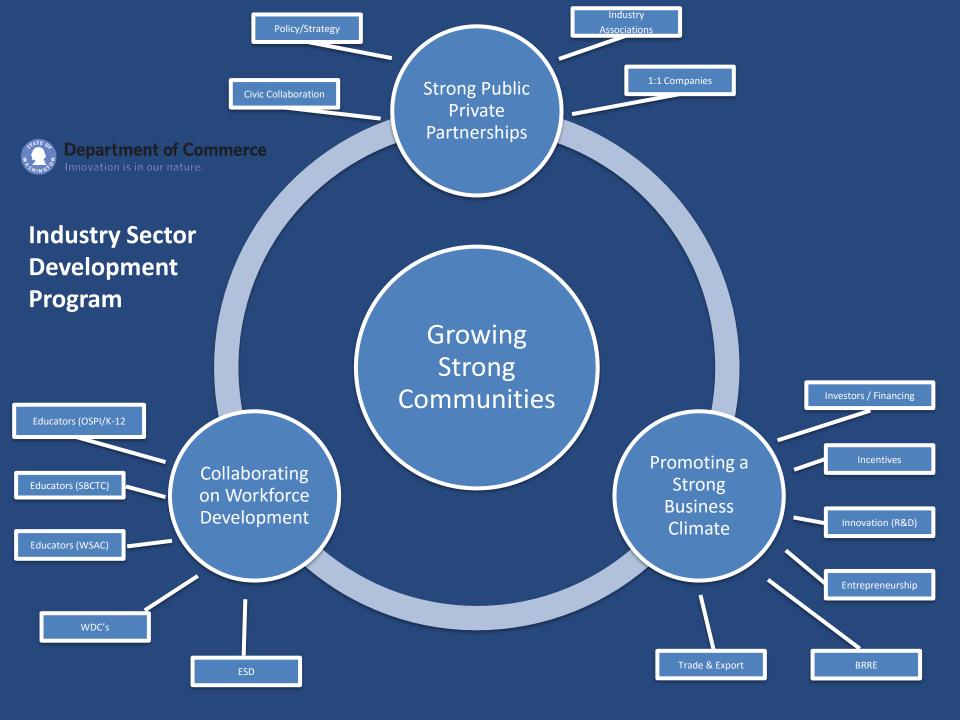
## **Governor Inslee's Sector Lead Program**

#### **Our Mission**

To **grow** and **strengthen** communities by promoting a *strong business* climate in our state through targeted high demand industry sectors that focus on *strategic economic development efforts*.

Maritime - Clean Tech - Aerospace - Life-Science - ICT - Forest - Military & Defense





## What is the "Maritime Sector"?





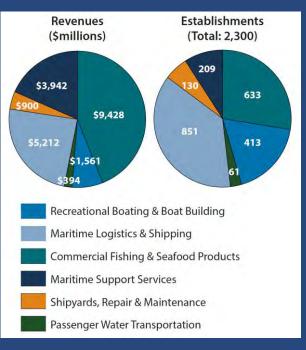
## A Complex, Segmented Industry

- Commercial Fishing
- Recreational Boating/sport fishing
- Cargo Handling (ports, shipping lines, tug and barge, agents, etc.)
- Shipyards and Boat Yards
- Passenger Vessel services
- Military/Government (USN, USCG, NOAA)
- Marine technology
- Numerous and diverse support businesses

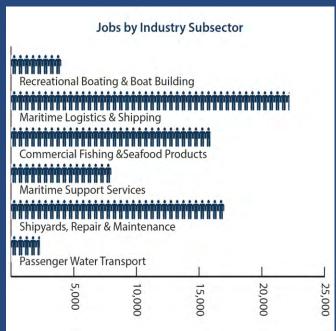
## **Diverse and Interdependent**



## **Economic Impact**







The maritime industry paid nearly **\$4.5 billion** in wages in 2015 with average salaries of **\$65,300**. In comparison, the state's average wage in 2015 was **\$56,700** (does not include benefits).

Industry-wide, revenues have grown **2.4%** per year from 2012 to 2015, with the largest growth rate in Maritime Logistics & Shipping at **5.2%**.

2016 Economic Impact Study, Community Attributes



# **Coordination & Public / Private Partnerships**

Maritime Organizations - Ports - Business - Labor <u>Workforce Development</u> - Economic Development Organizations

#### Coordination

Be a resource and conduit for information on a thriving, resilient and sustainable maritime industry in Washington state

#### Awareness

Create awareness among the public, key stakeholders and constituencies of the importance of Washington's maritime industry

## **Advocacy**

Engage and communicate the policy and investment priorities of the maritime industry in Washington



# **Business Climate & Economic Development**





#### **Protecting Industrial Land-use**

Pressures in Puget Sound Region despite trade dependency and living wage job creation.

#### **Port Competitiveness**

Controlling state born costs to protect discretionary cargo operations and trade dependency.

#### **Regulatory Reform**

Working to develop a permitting regime that is predictable, transparent, timely and cost effective.

#### **Infrastructure Development**

Support maritime infrastructure including remediation, modernization and transportation.

#### **Modernization of the Fishing Fleet**

Incentivize and finance efficient and safe vessels boosting shipyards and manufacturing.



# 21st Century Workforce Development



#### **Marketing and Awareness**

Increase awareness of maritime occupations and job opportunities

### **Defining Pathways**

Develop clear career pathways to inform students, parents, incumbent workers and the industry



### **Curriculum and Program Development**

Train and educate Washingtonians for maritime careers and provide professional development

### **Connecting Industry and Providers**

Help industry recruit and retain workers based on their priorities

## Innovation – The Future of Maritime





Washington State will be home to the nation's most sustainable maritime industry by 2050.

## Strategy:

Comprehensive strategic plan for innovation and deep-decarbonization of Washington's maritime industry through clean technology and best practices.

- R&D / Incubation and Commercialization
- Demonstration Projects
- Policy and Incentives
- Workforce Development, Education and Training
- Clear Standards





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