



# PORT OF KENNEWICK

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#### At A Glance:

**Who:**.....Port of Kennewick  
**What:**..... Clover Island Marina Wins 2008 Build Washington Construction Award

#### Quick Facts:

The Port of Kennewick's Clover Island Marina Renovation Project was honored as the top heavy/industrial construction project in Washington State by the Associated General Contractors of Washington during the 2008 Build Washington Award Ceremony held Wednesday, May 21, 2008. The AGC of Washington is a trade association that represents and provides services to the commercial construction industry. The award ceremony honors the top construction projects of the year.

## **Port of Kennewick Honored for Clover Island Marina Renovation Project Named Top Heavy/Industrial Construction Project of the Year**

Kennewick, Wash.—The Port of Kennewick's Clover Island Marina Renovation project was honored as the top construction project of the year in the heavy/industrial category by the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Washington. Port of Kennewick, project owner, and Advanced American Construction, project contractor, each received awards. The judges were impressed with the accelerated project schedule and the Marina's importance in helping revitalize Clover Island, and felt the project created an appealing space which contributed to the community's quality of life.

Port leaders are thrilled with the award, since it recognizes their efforts to enhance the community's waterfront and encourage urban renewal in downtown Kennewick. Executive Director, Tim Arntzen stated, "The AGC awards are for the best construction projects in Washington. So this truly is a great honor. We're proud that the Commissioner's leadership and investment in the Clover Island Marina have been recognized as Washington's top heavy/industrial construction project." Continued Arntzen, "The Port's mission is to create jobs, improve infrastructure, and enhance the quality of life for district residents. That's what the marina project was all about. We're honoring the boating tradition started by the Metz family and providing opportunities to

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enjoy the Columbia River. Now, boaters are telling us that Clover Island is one of the finest marinas in the northwest. We certainly think it is, and this award lets us know that others feel the same way.”

The Clover Island Marina project was completed a full year earlier than expected—a significant accomplishment considering the permitting and time constraints required for in-water work. The project included removing the existing marina and replacing it with new moorage structures. The former marina had 131 boat slips; the new marina consists of three docks for permanent moorage, one dock for transient moorage, and 150 boat slips. The renovation also included installation of an overhead fire suppression system; Clover Island was the first marina in Washington and Oregon to utilize this type of system.

The heavy/industrial category awards were presented to Port of Kennewick Commissioner, Gene Wagner and Executive Director, Tim Arntzen, and Dee Burch and Kyle Izatt of Advanced American Construction, during the 2008 Build Washington Awards ceremony May 21, 2008 at the Seattle Art Museum. The Port of Kennewick’s Clover Island Marina renovation was the only eastern Washington project chosen, and it joined an impressive list of other construction category award winners including: the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge, Seattle Aquarium, Lodge at Suncadia, and Snoqualmie Library. AGC’s Build Washington award winners and projects will be featured in the August issue of *Washington CEO* magazine.

The Associated General Contractors of Washington is the state's largest and most influential trade association that represents and provides services to the commercial construction industry. AGC of Washington has more than 600 member companies. Headquartered in Seattle with offices in Tacoma, Bellingham, Yakima, and Olympia, AGC of Washington is a professional association of commercial contractors who join together to enhance the performance and representation of members, to promote the respect and integrity of the industry, and to improve the quality of life in member communities.

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*The Port of Kennewick is developing assets to create sustainable family wage jobs, user friendly transportation systems, and quality of life enhancements for visitors and residents of the Port district.*



*The Clover Island Marina Renovation was honored as the Top Heavy/Industrial project of the year, during the Associated General Contractors of Washington 2008 Build Washington award ceremony. From Left: Steve Barger AGC president, Northwest Cascade, Inc.; Gene Wagner, Commissioner, Port of Kennewick; William J. Gerken, project designer, PND.*

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