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John Overholser becomes Port of Astoria Airport Manager

ASTORIA, OR – Effective immediately John Overholser will become the new airport manager in training for the Astoria Regional Airport. John has worked with the Port of Astoria for the past five years as the independent Fixed Based Operator, offering fueling services and maintaining the pilot lounge/weather computer and Runway Cafe. Effective with the retiring of current airport manager, Ron Larsen, John will assume duties including the airport operations management and oversight of Port of Astoria tenants located at the airport.

In addition to FBO duties, John is a licensed pilot, an airframe and powerplant mechanic, aircraft fueler and airline transport pilot. Prior to moving to the North Coast he served as a commercial airline pilot for Horizon Air for more than eight years. Working with John will be aircraft fueler John Uluch. They will continue to offer Avgas 100 low leaded and JetA fuels. The airport office will be staffed from 8am to 5pm, 7 days a week, with 24-hour service for military and Life Flight operations. “We also sell pilot supplies, offer snacks and a pilot lounge -- a place to check the weather and file a flight plan,” said John. “My job will encompass all airport operations after January 1, including maintaining it as a federally-certified Part 139 airport. That is one what can serve air carriers, and being the airport property manager, I will be responsible for the tenants here, the airport property and all of the hangars.”

Changes John is anticipating include the advent of scheduled air service and the reopening of runway 3-21, which has been closed for many years. Runway 3-21 is the third runway at the airport and offers a beneficial option to pilots especially during inclement weather.

The Port of Astoria provides a host of services to commercial and recreational boaters at its two marinas, serves as a growing cruise ship port-of-call and marine terminal, and operates the highly accessible Astoria Regional Airport.