

# United States Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound Fact Sheet

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## Joint Harbor Operations Center (JHOC) & Sector Offices

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## Resources and Results

- Annual Operating Budget: \$4.1M total annual funds (for Sector and sub-units)
- Over 770 Active Duty, Reserve, and Civilian personnel
- Over 600 Coast Guard Auxiliary Volunteers  
Responsible for 3,500 square miles of waterways including the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound and inland waters extending eastward including Idaho and Montana.

## Sector Sub Units

- Air Station/Sector Field Office Port Angeles
- CGC CUTTYHUNK
- CGC TERRAPIN
- CGC SEA LION
- CGC BLUE SHARK
- CGC ADELIE
- CGC WAHOO
- CGC SWORDFISH
- CGC OSPREY
- Station Seattle
- Station Bellingham
- Station Port Angeles
- Station Neah Bay
- Station Quillayute River
- Aids to Navigation Team Puget Sound

## In Fiscal Year 2016, Sector Puget Sound:

- ✓ Prosecuted 1,089 cases including 405 search and rescue cases; 110 lives saved, 580 lives assisted, \$1.8 million property saved, \$16.9 million property assisted.
- ✓ Maintained 298 Aids to Navigation and 14 lighthouses.
- ✓ Maintained 12 radar sites, 11 camera sites, 15 high sites and 13 remote sites for Automatic Identification System (AIS) in support of the Vessel Traffic Center.
- ✓ Conducted 23 security and positive control boardings of commercial vessels, 143 ferry security operations, and 119 recreational boating safety boardings using the Sector Boarding Team.
- ✓ Directed 97 military and 449 high capacity passenger vessel escorts.
- ✓ Responded to 82 reports of pollution.
- ✓ Expended \$494,339 in federal funds to clean up 23 oil spills.
- ✓ Conducted 1,341 Commercial Vessel inspections and examinations.

## Sector Organization

A Coast Guard Sector is a shore-based operational unit responsible for the execution of all Coast Guard missions within its Area of Responsibility (AOR). The Sector Commander works as Captain of the Port, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Officer-in-Charge of Marine Inspection, and Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator. The Sector organization directly supports the Sector Commander in these duties and in the execution of the full range of Coast Guard missions, including Maritime Safety, Maritime Security, Protection of Natural Resources, Maritime Mobility, and National Defense.

## Joint Operations

Sector Puget Sound works closely with other Coast Guard units in the Puget Sound area including the Marine Safety and Security Team (MSST) Seattle and Marine Force Protection Unit (MFPU) Bangor.

Sector Puget Sound also coordinates operations with other government agencies including but not limited to: Customs and Border Protection, Transportation Security Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Defense, U. S. Navy, Washington State Patrol, Washington State Ferry System, Washington State Department of Ecology, and various City, County and Port Police/Sheriff and Fire Departments.

## Sector Puget Sound Facts

- Sector Puget Sound's vast geographic Area of Responsibility (AOR) adjacent to the Canadian border includes 10 ports and 12 counties with commercial maritime interests.

- Sector Puget Sound's AOR includes the three major commercial shipping ports of Seattle, Everett, and Tacoma. These three ports combined make up the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest shipping port in the U.S.

- Sector Puget Sound Domestic Vessel Inspectors examine 23 Washington State Ferries, the largest ferry system in the U. S., which transport over 23 million ferry passengers a year.

- Sector Puget Sound's Vessel Traffic Center is the largest in the U.S. and is a key traffic center in the Combined Vessel Traffic Service (C-VTS) shared between U.S. and Canada. Sector Puget Sound's VTS includes 3,500 square miles of waterways and supports over 231,000 annual vessel transits.