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## Press Release

### Port Signs Lease with New Lyons Ferry Marina Concessionaire

**Dayton, WA** – After almost 9 years, the Port of Columbia is saying goodbye to Jim and Angela McArthur, the Port's concessionaire at the KOA at Lyons Ferry Marina. Marina employees are throwing a going-away potluck this Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at the Marina restaurant, the Snake River Grill, and the public is invited. Please bring a main dish or side dish. Drinks, place settings, and cake will be provided.

"Jim and Angela will be missed," stated Jennie Dickinson, manager of the Port of Columbia. "The Marina was in poor shape, both physically and from a business standpoint, when they took over on January 1, 2009. They have turned the marina into a professional, well-run, enjoyable recreation facility."

The MacArthurs also introduced the Port to their new concessionaire – Seven K's Enterprises of Washington, Inc., whose President is Steve Klontz. Seven K's is purchasing the MacArthur's business, and the Port signed a new long-term lease with the corporation. Steve and his wife Teri will be at the marina for a meet and greet this Sunday at the MacArthur's going away party.

"The Klontz family has a long history in recreation business management, and currently operates KOA facilities in Oregon and New Mexico," said Dickinson. "We are very happy to have them join us in taking Lyons Ferry Marina to the next level."

The Port leases Lyons Ferry Marina from the US Army Corps of Engineers, then subleases the facility to a private concessionaire. The Port is currently working on a new Facilities Master Plan to address long-term infrastructure improvement needs.

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