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Port Promotes Assistant Harbor Master and Manager of Government Affairs

Corpus Christi, Texas – Port Corpus Christi announces the promotion of Ray Harrison former Assistant Harbor Master to Port's Harbormaster and Nelda Olivo, former Manager of Government Affairs to Director of Government Affairs.

Harrison began working in the marine industry in November 1977 as a line handler, driving line boats and securing ships. In 1978 Ray began working for the Port of Corpus Christi as a vessel traffic controller in the Harbormaster's office. In 1993 he was promoted to Traffic Control Chief and remained in that position until 2010 when he was promoted to Assistant Harbormaster. Ray was appointed to his current position of Harbormaster in December 2013 joining a legacy of professionals dating back to 1926.

Nelda Olivo joined the Port in 1993. She is responsible for serving as the government affairs liaison and developing and implementing government affairs activities. Nelda serves on the American Association of Port Authorities Government Relations Committee, Gulf Port Association of Americas Government Affairs Committee, Texas Ports Association, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, Coastal Bend Council of Governments and the Port Industries of Corpus Christi.

Prior to joining the Port of Corpus Christi, Nelda worked for the City of Corpus Christi as a grants coordinator for the Housing and Community Development Department. Nelda is a native of Corpus Christi, Texas and a graduate of the University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas and holds a Bachelor's Degree of Applied Arts and Sciences.

About Port Corpus Christi

As the primary economic engine of the Coastal Bend, Port Corpus Christi is the 5th largest port in the United States in total tonnage. The Port's mission statement is to "serve as a regional economic development catalyst while protecting and enhancing its existing industrial base and simultaneously working to diversify its international maritime cargo business." Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico, with a straight, 45' deep channel, the Port provides quick access to the Gulf and the entire United States inland waterway system. The Port delivers outstanding access to overland transportation with on-site and direct connections to three Class-1 railroads and uncongested interstate and state highways. The Port is protected by a state-of-the-art security department and an award-winning Environmental Management System. With outstanding management and operations staff, Port Corpus Christi is clearly "The Port of the Lone Star State." <http://www.portofcorpuschristi.com/>

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