

INTERNATIONAL
LONGSHORE
&
WAREHOUSE
UNION



PUGET SOUND
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

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AFFILIATED ILWU
LOCAL UNIONS:

Local 4 Longshore
Vancouver

Local 5 Allied
Olympia

Local 7 Longshore
Bellingham

Local 9 Warehouse
Seattle

Local 19 Longshore
Seattle

Local 21 Longshore
Longview

Local 22 Portworkers
Tacoma

Local 24 Longshore
Aberdeen

Local 25 Longshore
Anacortes

Local 27 Longshore
Port Angeles

Local 28 Security Officers
Tacoma / Longview

Local 32 Longshore
Everett

Local 47 Longshore
Olympia

Local 51 Longshore
Port Gamble

Local 52 Checkers
Seattle

Local 98 Foremen
Seattle

MARINE DIVISION

Inlandboatmen's Union
Seattle

IBU Region 37
Seattle

Washington Pensioners

Washington Women's
Auxiliaries

Brothers and Sisters,

Attached is a notice from attorneys representing the Port of Vancouver describing a plan to enter the United Grain facility, located in Vancouver, WA., to remove equipment and do "punchlist" work between 0600 June 28 and July 3, 2013.

The attorneys for the port quote case law as to the legality of the work they want performed behind ILWU picket lines.

I am not an attorney and can not tell you whether a union member can "legally" work behind another unions pickets, but I do know that working behind another unions pickets is *wrong* and detrimental to that unions fight and the labor movement as a whole. Working behind another unions pickets only empowers the company and removes leverage from the union that is in the fight.

If your union represents any of the companies listed in the attached letter or any company your union represents asks you to enter the UGC facility we ask that you refuse to cross or work behind any ILWU picket lines. Because you can "legally" use a gate without pickets does not make it OK. Please do not assist the grain merchants. Your actions will help bring an end to the lockout.

The ILWU will win this fight and will win it with solidarity from other unions. When our brothers and sisters are in a fight and need the ILWU we will be there.

We thank you in advance for your solidarity.

In Solidarity,

Dan McKisson
President, Puget Sound District Council - ILWU