



# ANDERSON NEWS

## Shipping Update

November 7, 2014

### Holiday Office Closures

*Below is a schedule of the office closures during winter holidays.*

#### Thanksgiving

Closed: Thursday, November 27  
Friday, November 28

Re-open: Monday, December 1

#### Christmas

Closed: Thursday, December 25  
Friday, December 26

Re-open: Monday, December 29

#### New Year's

Closed: Thursday, January 1  
Friday, January 2

Re-open: Monday, January 5

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Closed: Monday, January 19

Re-open: Tuesday, January 20

#### President's Day

Closed: Monday, February 16

Re-open: Tuesday, February 17

West coast port delays have reached a critical point and are effecting our ability to perform for our customers. Be assured that we are doing everything in our power to get our customers' shipments on dock but much of this is out of our control. Vessel schedules are being severely effected at this time.

#### *Current situation:*

Four months after the expiration of their labor contract, longshoremen and container terminal operators appear to be headed into a dispute over work slowdowns at several West Coast ports. A previous agreement between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and a group representing operators, the Pacific Maritime Association, ended in July but longshoremen agreed to continue working while negotiating a new deal.

In the past week labor began slow downs at the Ports of Seattle, Tacoma and Portland which have crippled the Ports' ability to work vessels and accept cargo for export. Each terminal has ships at berth that have been unable to discharge import cargo or load export cargo. The same slow downs begun at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach on Thursday.

Industry leaders are asking President Obama to step in and assign federal mediators to the ongoing contract negotiations between labor and employers in efforts to avoid a full port shutdown.

Anderson Hay will send updates of schedule changes for your cargo as we are advised by the carriers. Customers can contact their sales representative for specific details relating to their particular order status. Please

be aware that vessel sailings from PNW ports have been delayed since November 1st. When the vessels do depart it is likely that their full load of export cargo will not have been loaded. Please watch your email for schedule changes.



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