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Kitsap Transit hires BP Marine Executive as Marine Services Director

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BREMERTON, Wash. – Capt. Casey Harrington, an experienced maritime executive based in Houston, will become Kitsap Transit's Marine Services Director, leading the agency's launch of its fast-ferry service. He starts April 3.

Harrington serves as the Marine Director for BP, one of the world's largest oil and gas companies, where he leads global marine management and operations tied to exploration and production. He oversees 148 vessels, including 31 fast ferries, involved in operations across the globe. As a licensed U.S. Coast Guard Master Mariner, Harrington has captained vessels in the petroleum, offshore, passenger, cargo, and fishing industries.

"We are excited that our first Marine Services Director brings an incredible depth of experience in maritime management and operations that we will draw upon as we launch fast-ferry service to Seattle and manage a growing fleet of vessels," said John Clauson, Executive Director of Kitsap Transit. "We were impressed not only by Casey's outstanding credentials but his enthusiasm for the role."

In early December, Kitsap Transit advertised the Marine Services Director position. Harrington was selected from a pool of 27 qualified applicants.

As BP's Marine Director since May 2012, Harrington has cultivated an extensive network of maritime contractors and service providers, developed processes for verifying safety and quality standards for vessel operations and managed a \$1.5 billion annual operating budget, among other things.

Prior to joining BP, Harrington was the Global Marine Chartering Manager for four years at BHP Billiton Petroleum, in charge of supporting global petroleum marine activities in the North Sea, Irish Sea, Gulf of Mexico, Trinidad, Australia, South Africa and Malaysia. He has also held various managerial roles at Hess Corp., Westwind Resources and SEACOR Holdings.

Harrington holds a bachelor's degree in marine transportation from the California Maritime Academy, an MBA from Nova Southeastern University and a master's degree in finance from the University of Houston. He grew up on Bainbridge Island and has a wife and two children.

About Kitsap Transit

Kitsap Transit has been operating friendly, convenient public transit since 1983. The Bremerton-based transit agency for Kitsap County carried more than 3.8 million riders last year across a multi-modal system of routed buses, paratransit shuttles, vanpools, worker/driver buses and a passenger-only ferry service.