

COLUMBIA BANK ANNOUNCES RELOCATION & OPENING OF CLALLAM COUNTY BRANCHES

Expert banking teams continue committed service in new North Olympic Peninsula locations

Clallam County, Wash., October 24, 2011 — Columbia Bank announces the permanent relocation and opening of its Port Angeles and Sequim branches on Monday October 24, 2011. The new Port Angeles facility is located at 602 East Front Street while the Sequim branch transferred just across the street from its original location to 645 West Washington Street. Both relocations provide improved accessibility and additional services for customers, including safe deposit boxes and convenient drive-up banking.

“Our Clallam County leadership teams are excited to unveil their new branch facilities,” says Mark Nelson, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. “These two permanent branches represent Columbia’s long-term commitment to Port Angeles, Sequim and the Northern Olympic Peninsula. Both branches will provide the community with added conveniences including extended hours and will continue providing the exceptional customer service Columbia Bank is known for.”

Lobby hours for both the Port Angeles and Sequim locations are permanently extended to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday with drive-up hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday.

Both teams are currently accepting new customers and can be reached directly to discuss commercial banking needs. Businesses in Clallam County should call their branch managers directly: Dakota McKennon in Port Angeles at (360) 457-3601 or Tim Collins in Sequim at (360) 662-8211.

About Columbia

Headquartered in Tacoma, Washington, Columbia Banking System, Inc. is the holding company of Columbia State Bank, a Washington state-chartered full-service commercial bank which was awarded third place in the large employer category by *Seattle Business Magazine’s* 100 Best Companies to Work For 2010 and was designated one of Puget Sound Business Journal’s “Washington’s Best Workplaces 2010”.

With the recent FDIC-assisted acquisitions of Bank of Whitman, First Heritage Bank, and Summit Bank, Columbia Bank has 102 banking offices, including 77 branches in Washington State and 25 branches in Oregon. Columbia Bank does business under the Bank of Astoria name in Astoria, Warrenton, Seaside, Cannon Beach, Manzanita and Tillamook in Oregon. More information about Columbia can be found on its website at www.columbiabank.com.

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