

Executive Director's Letter



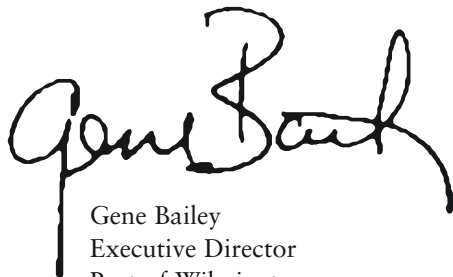
I joined the Port of Wilmington a couple of months ago, bringing with me more than 30 years' experience in the maritime industry – a good bit of it from Baltimore. You can imagine that it's a little unnerving to leave that behind and move on to someplace new. But the transition has been fairly easy. The people I've met in Wilmington have been friendly and responsive and make me feel a part of this new team.

In recent months, the Port has been busy handling frozen and chilled cargo such as juice concentrate from Argentina and New Zealand; meat and fish imports from New Zealand and Australia; fish exports to Africa; and abundant imports of Chilean fruit. This issue highlights our handling of chilled and frozen cargoes, and our role in maintaining the cold chain.

Security upgrades, food handling regulations, and rail service improvements are important topics which impact the daily operation in our community. Here, we take a closer look at enhancements to the Port's security and reconstruction of the Shellpot Bridge on the Christina River. We also update our readers on APHIS and FDA proposed regulations.

In the first few months on the job, I focused on absorbing the Port's operations and niche market capabilities and meeting with employees and groups within the Port who make it all happen. In this publication and in future issues, we'll bring you more information on the Port community and our opportunities to grow together as a team.

I look forward to working with you!



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