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REGIONAL PORT RECEIVES AIR SERVICE UPDATE FOR 2020

On April 27th the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority Board of Directors received an update on recent commercial passenger performance and opportunities for additional service to new destinations.

The year 2020 was challenging for commercial air service due to the global pandemic. Pangborn was not immune from the impacts but was not as hard hit as many other markets and is recovering faster than peer markets and the industry as a whole. In March, Pangborn was 4th of 20 airports in the northwest in passenger volumes compared to 2019, only seeing a 25% decline. Horizon Air has responded, adding a third daily flight in June 2021.

Disruption in the industry has led to a couple of benefits for passengers: Flying from Wenatchee has become less expensive, with average fares having decreased over 14% in the last year, and more flexible, as airlines are making it easier for passengers to change their plans.

The \$1.15 million revenue guarantee secured in 2018 for direct Bay Area service, through strong support from local businesses, governments, and individuals, remains in place and Pangborn continues to work toward a direct flight to the Bay Area.



“Last Year was an unprecedented year with major impacts on air service”, said Regional Port Board President Alan Loeb sack, “but as Americans look to vacation closer to home, often choosing destinations with abundant outdoor recreation activities, we are well positioned for more visitors and service.”

“As we continue to pursue non-stop flights to the Bay Area and other destinations, continuing to use current Seattle service is the best way to secure additional fights”, said Pangborn Airport Director, Trent Moyers.

The Airport is owned and operated by the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority. Contact Trent Moyers, Director of Airports, at 509-884-4700, with additional questions.

About the CDRPA: The Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority is the first of its kind in Washington by functionally consolidating two county-wide port districts into one operating entity. With the mission to “Work Together to Enhance the Economic Vitality of North Central Washington”, the CDRPA acts as the principal economic development agency for Chelan & Douglas Counties. For more information, please visit www.cdrpa.org or follow us on [Facebook](#).