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Jim Merten serves as the USCG Sector Columbia River Marine Transportation Recovery Unit (MTRU) Coordinator, Chair of the Sector Columbia River AMSC Cyber- Subcommittee and is the Sector Columbia River representative at Federal, State, Local, and Industry levels for disaster recovery planning and mitigation efforts. As a Port Security Specialist, Jim is tasked with port recovery and re-opening while simultaneously facilitating the resumption of commerce within the COTP Zone. Jim is also a USCG Reservist, serving as the Reserve Training Chief at Station Portland. Prior to becoming a Port Security Specialist, Jim worked for the City of San Diego focusing on water and wastewater disaster recovery planning initiatives. Jim has a BA in Psychology and a MA in Emergency Management and Homeland Security from Arizona State University. Jim enjoys raising his two young daughters, is a Girl Scout Leader, and enjoys Brazilian jiu jitsu in his off time.

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