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Port Submits its Joint Permit Application for In-Water Work on the International Terminal Renovation Project

NEWPORT – The Port Commission received an update on the progress of the International Terminal Renovation project at its monthly meeting Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

Project consultants advised the Commission the Joint Permit Application (JPA) was submitted and received by the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) and the US Army Corps of Engineers on Friday, June 4, 2010. The Biological Assessment was also submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service approximately the same time. As soon as both agencies deem the documents are complete, the JPA and the Biological Assessment will be made available for public review and comment for 30 days. John van Staveren of Pacific Habitat Services and the chief scientific consultant to the Port expects the public review period will begin toward the end of this month or early July. (The complete Application will be posted to the US Army Corps of Engineers' and the Oregon Department of State Lands' websites for public review and comment.)

Frank Berg of DAY CPM Services (project managers) reported the Port and the Natt McDougall Company (NMC), the Port's construction manager / general contractor (CM/GC), executed their construction agreement at the end of last month. Berg noted the focus of the project has turned the corner from design and permitting to construction. Natt McDougall presented the Port Commission members with a brief outline of the three work phases, procedures and tentative schedule. McDougall said early Phase 1 bid packages are expected to be released within a few weeks. Work will start later this summer and will include mobilization, site utilities and soil stabilization to the uplands dock area. The in-water work is

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scheduled to commence in November. Phase 1 will span two in-water work periods beginning with construction of a coffer dam around the SS Pasley, remediation of the Pasley and SS Hennebique, demolition of the Pasley and dredging. (The coffer dam will be removed during the second in-water work period). Phases two and three will address other dock construction work. The entire project is expected to be completed in 2014. Building permits for the entire project are expected shortly.

Port General Manager Don Mann told the Commission that underground utility work for the two new replacement upland office and warehouse buildings has commenced. Completion of the buildings' construction is expected in October 2010.

In anticipation of increased public interest, project information has recently been updated on the Port's web site (www.portofnewport.com) which now includes a Frequently Asked Questions page as well as an online comment form. Additional details about the JPA and an information open house will be posted as they are finalized.

For more information about the project, contact General Manager Don Mann at the Port of Newport, 541-265-7758, or visit the Port's Web site at www.portofnewport.com. Comments can be submitted at anytime by emailing terminalproject@portofnewport.com.

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