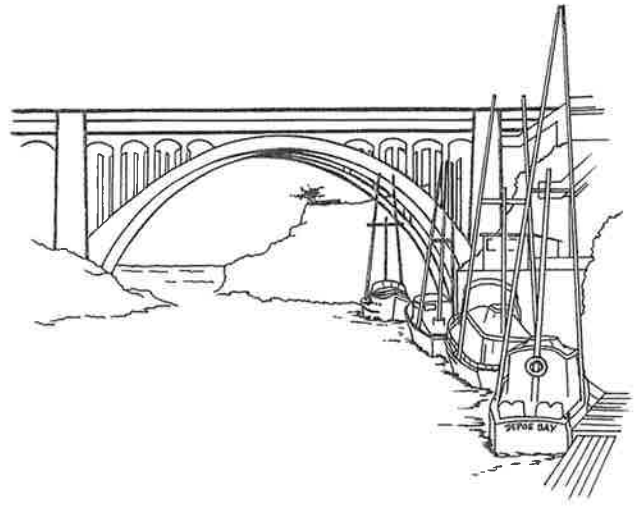


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October 9, 2014

R.T. Gromlich, Rear Admiral  
U.S. Coast Guard  
Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District  
915 Second Ave., Room 3590  
Seattle, WA 98174

RE: Closure of Air Facility in Newport, Oregon

Dear Admiral Gromlich:

The City of Depoe Bay has recently learned of the decision to close the Coast Guard Air Facility located in Newport, Oregon. This closure is of grave concern to the community of Depoe Bay since through past tragic incidents we know that it will result in lives lost.

Depoe Bay is home to the largest charter boat fleet on the Oregon coast. In addition to the chartered ocean fishing and whale watching trips, commercial and sport fishing and recreational boaters access the ocean from Depoe Bay harbor. Family, friends and visitors are aboard these boats.

As we're certain you are aware, time is of the essence when marine emergencies occur and quick response time makes the difference between life and death. Air support is critical in this response time. With its central location on the Oregon coast, the Newport Air Facility is absolutely vital to our area, and must not be closed.

The City Council of the City of Depoe Bay respectfully requests that this decision be re-considered and reversed for the safety of all persons who make their living and who recreate on our ocean waters.

Sincerely,

Mayor A.J. Mattila

cc: Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Jeff Merkley, Representative Kurt Schrader, Governor John Kitzhaber, Senator Arnie Roblan, Representative David Gombert, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, City of Newport, Port of Newport, Depoe Bay City Council