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Columbia River Channel Improvement Project Columbia River, Washington and Oregon Dredge OREGON Pipeline Dredging

Background on Channel Improvement Project:

The Columbia River Channel Improvement Project benefits transportation, economic development, and international trade in the Pacific Northwest. Much of the region's economy depends on maritime trade. The Columbia River is the United State's largest wheat export system, with 40 percent of all U.S. wheat exports shipped through Oregon and Southwest Washington ports.

More than 40,000 local jobs with an average annual wage of \$46,000 are dependent on Columbia River maritime commerce and 59,000 more Northwest jobs are influenced by such activity. About \$1.8 billion per year in personal income is earned through maritime activity and more than \$208 million in state and local taxes are generated each year by Columbia River maritime shipping.

The world's shipping fleet has changed. Today, more than 80 percent of the vessels in transpacific trade are larger, more fuel-efficient ships that are constrained by the current authorized depth of 40 feet in the Columbia River navigation channel. In order to better accommodate those vessels, the navigation channel needs to be deepened to 43 feet. This will enable ships to access and serve the businesses, farmers, ports, and communities in the region.

The Port of Portland's Dredge OREGON is currently under contract for the Columbia River Channel Improvement Project and the Columbia River Channel Maintenance Project. The scope of work covers dredging material from the Columbia River in the Longview area (from River Mile 62 to River Mile 65).

Where Material Will Be Placed and Safety Measures:

The dredged material will be placed on the Rainier Industrial Site (also known as Dibblee Point), owned by the Department of State Lands. During the time this site is in use, all access will be closed to the public. The Corps of Engineers (Project Manager) and Port of Portland (Contractor) apologize for any inconvenience. Safety is a priority on all Corps/Port of Portland contracts. Because public safety is imperative, and due to the heavy equipment onsite, it is necessary to close all access to the public.

Estimated Start/End Dates:

The Port of Portland intends to use this site through Feb. 28, 2009. Once the project is complete, Port of Portland will demobilize all equipment and public access will be restored.

Contact Information:

The Corps of Engineers and the Port of Portland look forward to a safe and productive project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dylan Davis at 503.808.4347.