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Notice of Public Hearing

Maintenance Dredging at Mouth of the Columbia River

30 Day Notice

Issue Date: January 11 2002

Interested parties are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held, pursuant to 33 CFR 327, for the purpose of acquiring information or evidence which will be considered in evaluating the proposed maintenance dredging at the Mouth of the Columbia River Federal navigation project. This Federal action was addressed in a separate public notice, REFERENCE NUMBER: NWPOP-CRA-F02-001, which was issued on 21 December 2001 and is being considered under the Provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1977, Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (MPRSA), and in accordance with Regulation 33 CFR parts 335-338.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2002, at the Red Lion Inn, 400 Industry Street, Astoria, Oregon. An informal open house will be held from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM to answer any questions on the proposed action. The formal hearing will begin at 7:00 PM and is expected to be finished by 10:00 PM. Written comments will be accepted 10 days after the hearing, effectively extending the comment period on the initial public notice, including the State Water Quality certification and Coastal Zone Management to February 22, 2002.

This will be a joint public hearing conducted by the Corps of Engineers, Washington Department of Ecology and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The US Environmental Protection Agency and Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development will also be participating.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained from Eric Braun, Channels and Harbors Project, Waterways Maintenance Section, at the above address, telephone 503/808-4348.

Note: The address for the Washington Department of Ecology was incorrect in the public notice issued on December 21, 2001.

The correct address is:

Permit Coordination Team
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