



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers** ®  
Portland District

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**  
**COOS BAY NORTH JETTY**  
**INTERIM REPAIR**  
**COOS COUNTY, OREGON**

CENWP-PM-E-08-02  
Issue Date: March 24, 2008  
Expiration Date: April 23, 2008

**30 Day Notice**

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Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), Portland District, proposes an interim repair of the Coos Bay North Jetty. The purpose of the proposed action is to repair three damaged areas on the North Jetty in order to strengthen the jetty structure and extend its functional life. These three areas have been damaged by winter storms and include: (1) a low area with active overtopping from stations 53+00 to 61+00; (2) a seaward scalloped area from stations 62+00 to 64+00; and (3) a root jetty breach area near station 45+00. The proposed action will prevent jetty failure, which would have a substantial impact on marine use of the area. The major impacts of a jetty failure would be as a result of sediment moving into the navigation channel and blocking commercial navigation travel as well as recreational use of the channel.

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations [Federal Register 40 CFR 1508.9(a)], a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared by a federal agency when a proposed action is not covered by a categorical exclusion or otherwise exempt from NEPA. Federal agencies use the EA to determine whether the proposed action has the potential to cause significant environmental effects.

The draft EA for the Coos Bay North Jetty Interim Repair has been prepared to ensure that NEPA compliance is addressed. Completion of this EA will involve consideration of all public comments. Upon completion of the EA, the Corps will make a determination of significance, concluding the NEPA process.

**Environmental Documents:** A draft Environmental Assessment addressing the impacts associated with the activity is available for public review and comment on the Corps website at [www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pm/e](http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/pm/e).

**State Water Quality Certification:** State Water Quality Certification, pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, is being requested from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. A Section 404 (b) (1) Evaluation was prepared and has been submitted to the Oregon DEQ.

**Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972:** A consistency determination was prepared and submitted to Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development on March 24, 2008.

**Additional Information and Comments:** Questions or comments regarding the environmental documents should be directed to Wendy Briner, Environmental Resources Branch, telephone (503) 808-4781, or at the address below. Comments on this notice must be mailed by the above close date to:

District Engineer  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineer District, Portland  
Attn: CENWP-PM-E  
P.O. Box 2946  
Portland, Oregon 97208-2946

In your response, please refer to the above public notice number, title and date.

Should no response be received by the above closing date, a “no comment” response will be assumed.