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SS Pasley Demolition to Begin September 14

Due to the high risk and unpredictable nature of the demolition of the SS Pasley, Port of Newport contractor Natt McDougall Company may need to perform work around the clock until the Pasley has been completely demolished or stabilized. This is expected to occur intermittently between September 14, 2011 and October 5, 2011. The following activities will be taking place on an as needed basis:

Pumps will need to run on a 24 hour per day basis, seven days a week. The majority of this activity is now being performed at the site using electric pumps that are submerged under the water, which are relatively quiet. A situation may occur, however, where a generator powered larger pump may be necessary to quickly evacuate water from a particular portion of the ship to help float or maintain floatation throughout the operation. Noise level from this operation will be similar to the normal operations, excluding pile driving, that have been underway at the site for over a year. A crane and signalmen with radios may also be heard.

Once the ship is floated, it will be dismantled by breaking the reinforced concrete with hydraulic breakers, shears, and munchers that are mounted on large excavators so they can reach the ship. These units can sometimes be louder than the normal operations, though not as noisy as pile driving activities. Broken materials will have to be removed from the ship to keep the operation flowing, so a number of machines, as many as 4-to-5 excavators, could be operating after hours during this period. It will be possible to hear the rattle of some of this

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equipment if done in the night hours as the monotone beating sound depends on pressure of the concrete which is being broken. There is a good possibility this will be minimal after the first few weeks.

“This is a major milestone for this project,” said Don Mann, General Manager. “Removal of this vessel, working toward the completion of the project, will provide new critical deep water habitat for the lower estuary and at the same time provide economic opportunity and jobs for the community.”

Hauling demolished material to the disposal site east of the Terminal facility will be done during normal hours of operation and involves a loader and trucks running through Port property. The extent of this work will be minimal.

NMC has made this request to limit the risk of the ship sinking once it has been raised, speed the completion of the work to minimize cost to the Port, and complete the last remaining work task toward achieving the construction of Phase 1 of the International Terminal Renovation Project. NMC will only work “as necessary” to complete this work.

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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