For Immediate Release
May 26, 2010

Contact:
Don Mann, Port of Newport
541-265-7758

Port Expected to Submit its Joint Permit Application for
In-Water Work on the
International Terminal Renovation Project

NEWPORT – The Port Commission received an update on the progress of the International Terminal Renovation project at its monthly meeting Tuesday, May 25, 2010.

Project consultants advised the Commission the Joint Permit Application (JPA) will be submitted to the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) and to the US Army Corps of Engineers by Friday, May 28, 2010. The Biological Assessment has been reviewed by the Port's environmental attorney, who said it was ready for submittal to the NMFS. Once the agencies have determined the documents are complete, the JPA and the Biological Assessment will be made available for public review and comment for 30 days. (The complete Application will be posted to the US Army Corps of Engineers' and the Oregon Department of State Lands' websites for public review and comment, expected mid to late July of this year.)

Frank Berg of Day CPM Services reported that a project team meeting involving the Port, project consultants and the Natt McDougall Company (NMC), the Port's construction manager / general contractor (CM/GC), was held on May 6, 2010 to review the 95% complete construction documents. During that meeting, the Construction Estimate and Schedule were reviewed and refined. Berg also noted the Project Budget has been reconciled for the Phase 1 scope of work with an adjustment to the cost estimate needed to accommodate Phase 2 contaminated dredge material and Phase 3 seismic stone columns. The contaminated material was discovered during the sediment analysis process, and the stone columns are proposed and designed as soil stabilization measures to meet seismic requirements in an upland area of the dock. He said, however, neither of these is expected to change the Project Schedule.

 # # # More # # #

The Commission was also briefed on the Contract for Pre-construction Services with NMC. That Contract concluded as of May 15, 2010 and the subsequent Agreement for Construction Services has been reviewed by Port counsel and executed by the Port and NMC. Future guaranteed maximum price (GMP) amendments to the Agreement will further define the project's scope and time frame of work in components to control the Project Budget and to assure there is no over-spending.

In a related matter, Port General Manager Don Mann told the Commission the permits for the two new replacement upland office and warehouse buildings have been submitted to the City of Newport for review. The permits are expected to be released later this month and construction is expected to commence in early June with completion expected in October 2010. Port Commissioners approved Mann's recommendation that construction of the buildings move ahead with funding from sources outside the existing bond. Quade Commercial Construction of Lincoln City is the general contractor for both of the replacement buildings. Commissioner David Jincks noted he is chairing a committee to review the effects existing dock activities, pending demolition and new construction events will have on traffic expected throughout the duration of the project.

In anticipation of increased public interest, project information has recently been updated on the Port's web site (www.portofnewport.com) which now includes a Frequently Asked Questions page as well as an online comment form. Additional details about the JPA and an information open house will be posted as they are finalized.

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.

 # # # End # # #