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Port Announces Public Open House Update on the International Terminal Renovation Project

NEWPORT – The Port of Newport is hosting an open house next week to update the public on the International Terminal Project. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2010 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, 750 SE Bay Boulevard, Newport.

Project consultants, the general contractor and agency representatives will be on hand to provide clear and up-to-date information on the project's design, budget, schedule and permitting activities required to complete the work. The agenda for the open house includes:

<i>6:00 – 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Open house</i>
<i>6:30 – 7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Welcome and presentation</i>
<i>7:00 – 8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Public comment forum</i>

A comment summary will be produced after the open house and posted online on the Port's web site (www.portofnewport.com).

While the open house is not a formal public hearing, it will provide a forum for the public to gain a better understanding of the project scope, permitting requirements and the economic and environmental benefits of the project prior to making formal comments.

The Port previously announced that the Joint Permit Application (JPA) was submitted and received by the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) and the US Army Corps of Engineers last month. The Biological Assessment was also submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Both documents are available for public review and formal comments will be taken through July 25, 2010 on the DSL (www.oregon.gov/DSL) or US Army Corps of Engineers'

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(www.nwp.usace.army.mil) websites. Also, early construction bid packages are expected to be released within a few weeks. Work will start later this summer and will include mobilization, site utilities and soil stabilization to the uplands dock area. The in-water work is scheduled to commence in November 2010.

In anticipation of increased public interest, project information has recently been updated on the Port's web site 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.

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