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Port of Newport Welcomes *Fishing for Energy* Partnership
Innovative fishing gear disposal program hosts fishing gear collection event in Newport

WHAT: On Wednesday, August 5th the Port of Newport will join *Fishing for Energy* partnership members in celebrating the expansion of this innovative program to Oregon. The [Fishing for Energy](#) program provides a cost-free solution for fishermen to dispose of old, derelict and unusable fishing gear. A collection bin has been placed at the Port of Newport International Terminal facility (1430 SE Bay Blvd., Newport, OR 97365) and gear collected will subsequently be converted into clean, renewable energy at the Covanta Marion Energy-from-Waste facility in Brooks, OR.

The *Fishing for Energy* partnership is an initiative between Covanta Energy, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program, and Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (Read more about the [partnership](#).)

United States Senator Ron Wyden acknowledged the importance of the *Fishing for Energy* initiative coming to Oregon's coastal communities:

"The *Fishing for Energy* partnership to recycle unusable fishing gear is an idea that has Oregon written all over it. Having the fisheries agencies, the ports, and the waste and recycling industries all working together shows what can be done when everyone gets together to solve an environmental problem."

Port of Newport Commission President Ginny Goblirsch added that, "Working on this initiative will be another excellent opportunity for the Port of Newport to collaborate with fishermen, ODFW, the City, and others to improve the sustainability of Oregon's fisheries, and we look forward to contributing to this effort wherever possible."

WHO: Speakers and invitees include:

- Ginny Goblirsch – Newport Port Commission President, *speaker*
- Bill Bain – Mayor of Newport, *speaker*
- Jean Cowan - State Representative, House District 10, *speaker*
- Jamie Wilson – Schnitzer Steel NW Regional Manager, *speaker*
- Kurt Schrader – United States Representative, District 5, *tentative*
- Terry Thompson – Lincoln County Commissioner, *tentative*
- Dr. Karen Brady - Director of State Marine Programs, *tentative*
- Ron Wyden - United States Senator, *invited*

WHEN: **Wednesday, August 5, 2009**
10:30 AM – Speakers and media arrive
11:00 AM – Press conference

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About the Port of Newport

The Port of Newport, incorporated in 1910, is located on the central Oregon coast in the City of Newport, Lincoln County seat, and is the major business/economic hub of the area. The port district encompasses approximately 59 square miles and has an estimated population of 10,800 persons. Commercial and sport fishing, fish processing, shipping, tourism, recreation, and lumber and wood processing are the area's major industries. Based in Yaquina Bay, the Port of Newport was constructed as a deep-water port to provide shipping services to local, regional and international vessels and to service one of the largest commercial fishing fleets on the Oregon coast. The Port currently facilitates in the reception and disposal of metals, cardboard and used oil.

About Covanta

Covanta Energy is an internationally recognized owner and operator of large-scale Energy-from-Waste and renewable energy projects and a recipient of the Energy Innovator Award from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Covanta's 38 Energy-from-Waste facilities provide communities with an environmentally sound solution to their solid waste disposal needs by using that municipal solid waste to generate clean, renewable energy. Annually, Covanta's modern Energy-from-Waste facilities safely and securely convert more than 17 million tons of waste into more than 8 million megawatt hours of clean renewable electricity and create 10 billion pounds of steam that are sold to a variety of industries. For more information, visit www.covantaenergy.com.

About National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

A nonprofit established by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation sustains, restores and enhances the Nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Through leadership conservation investments with public and private partners, NFWF is dedicated to achieving maximum conservation impact by developing and applying best practices and innovative methods for measurable outcomes. Since its establishment, NFWF has awarded nearly 9,500 grants to over 3,000 organizations in the United States and abroad and leveraged – with its partners – more than \$400 million in federal funds into more than \$1.3 billion for on-the-ground conservation. For more information, visit www.nfwf.org.

About NOAA

NOAA understands and predicts changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and conserves and manages our coastal and marine resources.

The NOAA Marine Debris Program, housed within the Office of Response & Restoration, coordinates, strengthens, and increases the visibility of marine debris issues and efforts within the agency, its partners, and the public. The program supports activities at both a national and international level focused on identifying, reducing and preventing debris from entering the marine environment. NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R) protects coastal and marine resources, mitigates threats, reduces harm, and restores ecological function. The Office provides comprehensive solutions to environmental hazards caused by oil, chemicals, and marine debris. For more information, visit: www.noaa.gov.

About Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.

Schnitzer Steel, Inc. was founded in 1906 as a one-man scrap recovery operation and has evolved into one of the country's leading provider of used and recycled auto parts and a manufacturer of finished steel products. Our strength and success is directly related to our focus on sustainability. All of our businesses are constantly working on reducing our environmental footprint. Over the years, we've improved our processes and controls, invested capital to increase our efficiency and decrease our energy use, and fostered a culture of resourcefulness and accountability. We've worked hard over the years to integrate that focus into every layer of our culture. Recycling metal instead of using virgin ore to create new steel products saves energy and natural resources. www.schnitzersteel.com

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