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Port of Newport not successful in bid to receive federal grant

NEWPORT – The Port of Newport and the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation were recently notified that they were not awarded a Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Project Grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for site restoration.

Don Mann, General Manager, stated, "Although we are disappointed not to be awarded this grant, the Port has appreciated the opportunity to reassess the project while preparing our application. We remain committed to maintaining the project within budget and starting construction this fall."

The Marine Terminal Renovation project includes environmental remediation of contaminants located within two sunken ships. The project will retain and create local jobs and economic development opportunities, increase Port access for commercial fishing boats and provide opportunity for future cargo needs.

The Port of Newport is committed to protecting Yaquina Bay while it meets its mission to promote and support projects and programs, in cooperation with other community organizations and businesses, that will create new jobs and increase community economic development," said President Ginny Goblirsch.

For more information about the project, contact General Manager Don Mann at the Port of Newport, 541-265-7758, or visit the Port's website at <u>www.portofnewport.com</u>.

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