

Oregon Public Ports Dredging Partnership

Business Oregon—Ports Program

Meeting Logistics:

- Date/Time: April 28, 2021, 10:30am–12:00pm
- Microsoft Teams

Meeting Attendees:

- Aaron Bretz, Port of Newport
- Jeff Griffin, Port of Bandon
- Michael Saindon, Port of Garibaldi
- Mike Dunning, Port of Coos Bay
- Brandon Collura, Port of Coos Bay
- Dena Horton, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA)
- Stephanie Prybyl, Business Oregon

Action Minutes

- 1) Welcome and Review of Action Minutes (March 2021)
 - a) Action Minutes for the March 2021 meeting were distributed.
- 2) In Water Work Permitting (Federal Regulations)
 - a) Review of federal permitting
 - b) Discussion of recent port permitting experiences and information sources
 - c) Status of permitting modifications and advocacy

PNWA is well known for tracking regulatory matters, including, but not limited to, discussion between NOAA Fisheries' and US ACE about the definition of environmental baseline for Section 7 consultations and what that means for in-water maintenance permits. PNWA's Dena Horton provided members with an update on permitting matters.

Because Oregon ports are different and don't always align with federal calculations (cargo over fish landings), it is important those that advocate for ports hear from members about their permitting experiences. Members expressed their permitting needs as:

- Understanding that infrastructure serves public and environmental purposes,
- Regulations based on science,
- Consistent application of regulatory authority,
- Investment in problem-solving initiatives over regulation (ADV funding over permitting),
- Incentivizing best practice and avoiding unintended consequences, and
- Fee schedules that recognize ports as public entities over developers.

New federal executive and administrative leadership is providing an opportunity for reeducation of policy makers, which PNWA is pursuing. Port members were asked to continue sending PNWA updates about their federal permitting experiences.

- 3) Debrief 2020-2021 Annual Project (Coos Bay)

This year's project provided maintenance services to the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay's Charleston Marina Complex. In October 2020, planning efforts transitioned into the mobilization of equipment, marking the operational start of the project. The crew of three conducted progress surveys as they removed 12K cubic yards of sediment by flow lane disposal, despite challenging weather conditions and the resulting need to repair pipe. In February 2021, the annual project concluded on time and on budget. The result allows vessels safe access to the fish processing plant in the Point Adams Building and the fuel dock to float at low tide.

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- Ports are in the process of updating their district budgets, therefore more information about next year's annual project is developing.
- Business Oregon is making progress on the procurement of a new utility boat and booster pump for the State's Dredging Program. Existing state equipment is receiving maintenance care during the off season (e.g. sandblasting, hydraulic hoses, piping, etc.).
- Business Oregon will be meeting with Liza Wells, the US ACE's new Deputy District Engineer for Project Management (DPM) at Portland Headquarters and will attend the Annual Dredging and Resource Agency Coordination Meeting. Additionally, Business Oregon has requested its MOA with the federal agency be renewed, as the agreement will come to term in March 2022.

5) Next Meeting Logistics

- a) Date/Time: May 26, 2021, 10:30am-12:00pm
- b) Location: Microsoft Teams
- c) Agenda: To be distributed one week prior
- d) Topic: US ACE 2021 Work plan (Contracting Status)

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