

News and Information from Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

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Port Seeking Public-At-Large Representatives for Marine Reserves Committee

The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay (Port) is seeking letters of interest from area residents who are willing to serve as public-at-large members of the Marine Reserve Recommendation Committee for the South Coast of Oregon; specifically the Oregon Territorial Sea segment from north of the mouth of the Umpqua River at Reedsport to south of the mouth of the Coquille River at Bandon, and including the Coos Bay area.

The make-up of the committee will include members representing identified community groups from the region, plus six public-at-large positions. The Port's Board of Commissioners previously approved a process for implementation of a community-wide discussion of marine reserve site recommendations. The marine reserves committee will meet to review and discuss proposed and potential marine reserves, and will participate in "town hall" meetings in Reedsport, Bandon and the Coos Bay/North Bend/Charleston areas.

Persons wishing to serve as a public-at-large member of the committee should submit a letter of interest stating qualifications and experience to the Port's administration office in downtown Coos Bay. Letters can be mailed, hand-delivered or sent by email to the following:

Mail: Oregon International Port of Coos Bay
Attn: Mike Gaul
P.O. Box 1215
Coos Bay, OR 97420-0311

Hand-delivery: 125 Central Ave., Suite 300; downtown Coos Bay

Email: portcoos@portofcoosbay.com or mgaul@portofcoosbay.com

The deadline for letters of interest is 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2009. Port staff will take recommendations for the public-at-large positions to the Port's Board of Commissioners March 19, 2009, regular meeting. Applicants will be informed of the results after the commission meeting.

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