

News and Information from Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

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Charleston “Town Hall” Meeting Set to Discuss Final Draft of Master Plan

Staff of the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay has scheduled a “town hall” meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 14, 2007, in the Dining Hall of the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology (O.I.M.B.), 63466 Boat Basin Dr. in Charleston. All interested parties are invited to attend.

The Port initiated a new master planning process in the fall of 2005 to create a vision for ongoing development of its various Charleston operations and properties and to define short, medium and long-term goals and projects. The Port’s Charleston facilities and operations include the Charleston Marina & Launch Ramp, the Charleston Marina RV Park and the Charleston Shipyard.

Port staff held a “town hall” meeting to kick-off the project in September 2005 and asked for community input on the planning process. The message from the participants focused on two points; keep the planning process local, and work toward developing a plan for the Port’s facilities that could be integrated with other public and private entities’ activities in the Charleston area.

The Port contracted with Shoji Planning & Development and Dyer Engineering – both local firms – for management and execution of the planning process. A project steering committee was designated to represent the broad interests of the Charleston community. The steering committee met as needed to provide input to the planning contractors and to discuss specific components of the plan.

A second “town hall” meeting was held in February 2006 and additional steering committee meetings occurred in July and September 2006 and January 2007. Each meeting focused on specific Charleston facilities and properties and a included review of the applicable components of the master plan and comments received by interested participants.

The February 14 “town hall” meeting will present the final draft of the master plan and solicit additional comments from participants. A public comment period and deadline will be announced by the project facilitator George Dunkel of the Special Districts Association of

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Oregon. After the plan is finalized by the project contractors it will be presented to the Port’s Board of Commissioners for final approval and adoption prior to the end of the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

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