

PUBLIC WRITTEN TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY KEVIN GREENWOOD, PORT OF  
NEWPORT

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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POINTS OF SUPPORT

1. PORT-RELATED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

- a. Development of Export Facility next to International Terminal –
  - i. increased interest from Mid-Willamette Valley ag producers looking for alternatives for barging product to Oakland, Calif. or Tacoma, Wash.
  - ii. Permits are in place and a lease option has been signed with a terminal operator.
  - iii. Budget is being developed but the tentative cost for the facility is \$6-million.
  - iv. Cost Benefit Analysis will show transportation cost savings.
- b. Commercial Fishing Docks
  - i. Increasing maintenance expenditures to make much-needed repairs
  - ii. Newport is Oregon's leading commercial fishing port with 250 commercial fishing vessels generating over \$100-million annually to the fishermen between Alaska, Oregon and Washington
- c. Rogue Brewery Expansion
  - i. Oregon's premier brewery is looking for another wave of expansion.
  - ii. Will be pursuing Transportation Growth Management Grant to aid in the transportation issues related to those impacts in South Beach.
- d. NOAA MOC-P Dredging
  - i. NOAA's six vessel berths are requiring much more dredging than originally anticipated in 2010.
  - ii. Port is studying options to re-direct silt material from the berth.
  - iii. Current lease arrangement and dredging requirements have potential to cause long-term financial issues to the Port.
- e. USCG Air Facility
  - i. Port appreciates the Oregon legislature's support for a permanent federal solution on keeping the Coast Guard Dolphins in Newport.
  - ii. We are supportive of House Joint Memorial-20 that will be heard at 3pm tomorrow.

2. OVER REACHING REGULATORY RESTRICTIONS

- a. Emergency Repairs – pile/dock replacement. Net zero impact on environment. Simplify process. Current process includes several pages of technical questions.
- b. Allow port the ability to piggy back on Army Corps dredging – ACOE may dredge federal channels during summer. Allow for local governments to obtain state permits to lower costs by utilizing dredge equipment on site. View dredging impacts comprehensively with federal dredging activities.
- c. Allow existing boat basins and marinas to be maintained without creating more environmental protections – Why encourage eel grass and other habitat to propagate in pre-existing marinas and boat basins that require on-going dredging and pile/dock replacement and repairs? Understand the need to mitigate impacts



for new marine facilities, but it doesn't make sense to make it more difficult to maintain pre-existing marine facilities.

3. FINANCIAL

- a. Ports provide a real Return on Investment opportunity for the State.
- b. 1 in 6 jobs in Oregon are port-related.
- c. Export-related jobs pay 30% more than other jobs.
- d. In Newport, 2000 jobs are supported by Port facilities
- e. With an annual Gross Domestic Output of over \$300-million annually.
- f. The Port appreciates an aggressive transportation funding package that leverages private sector investments to benefit the state's economy.

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