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Wyden to highlight navigation infrastructure on Oregon Coast

The Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) is pleased to announce an August 24th event at 12:00pm at Barview County Park to highlight the importance of infrastructure along the Oregon coast. U.S. Senator Ron Wyden is scheduled to attend and speak, and will view progress made on the North Tillamook Jetty project. When completed in mid-September, approximately 900 large stones totalling 37,000 tons will have been placed on the jetty. The jetty maintains the reliability of the 18' deep navigation channel and provides protection for commercial fishing fleets and recreational boaters.

"Recreational use, alone, along the Oregon coast supports \$94.3 million in sales, \$35.9 million in income and provides 1,542 jobs. If the infrastructure at these ports is not maintained, the economic health of these communities would crumble," said Glenn Vanselow, executive director of PNWA. "While we celebrate this successful project in Tillamook Bay, we recognize that there is more work to be done to maintain the economic viability of all of our coastal communities."

In addition to recreation, commercial fishing is often the lifeblood of northwest coastal communities. Newport and Coos Bay rank among the top 30 of all U.S. Commercial Fish landings. Smaller communities like Garibaldi also thrive because of a vital fishing community. Continued funding for infrastructure maintenance and repairs up and down the Oregon coast is essential to the success of our fishing fleets and to maintaining a vibrant coastal economy.

PNWA is the lead advocate for navigation infrastructure on the Oregon coast and throughout the Northwest. For more information, view our fact sheet at http://pnwa.net/new/Articles/Oregon_Coastal_Ports_Create_Jobs.pdf.

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About PNWA. For over 75 years, PNWA has been the regional leader in working with Congress, federal agencies and regional decision makers on federal policy in support of transportation, trade, economic development and environmental sustainability in the Pacific Northwest. PNWA represents multiple industries in the public and private sectors in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and northern California. Members include public ports, navigation, transportation, international trade, agriculture, forest products, energy and governmental interests.

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