



# PORT OF SIUSLAW

**Serving Western Lane County and The Central Oregon Coast**

**"Creating quality jobs and businesses through the development and application of Port facilities, resources and unique capabilities."**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Bill Fleenor  
Lane County Commission  
Lane County Public Service Building  
125 East 8th Street  
Eugene, OR 97401

RE: Request for Lane County Support for Federal Appropriations

Dear Commissioner Fleenor:

The proposed Federal FY08 Budget increased from last year but still contains inadequate provision for maintaining and restoring the navigation channel of the Siuslaw River. It will now be up to Congress to add the needed funding into appropriations bills later this year.

The Port of Siuslaw is seeking increased federal financial assistance for two (2) critical projects:

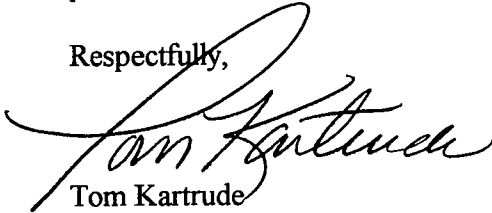
- **A Major Maintenance Study** for the Siuslaw River Jetty System in the amount of **\$250,000**. That amount will fund the first phase of study during FY08. An additional of at least \$150,000 will be needed in FY09 for phase two. This study will examine the failing jetty system (over 470 ft. lost on each jetty) and determine a how to stop the erosion (approximately 50 ft each year) and repair the damage that threaten safe bar crossings.
- Increasing the **Maintenance Dredging Project** on the Siuslaw River by **\$527,000**. This increases the level of dredging related work from the President's proposed \$520,000 (usually the funding level required just to dredge the lower channel) to \$1,047,000 to restore some depth in the shoaled-in turning basin at the Old Town Wharf. Water depths that should be 16 feet are often less than 10 feet. Access to the marine fuel station and vessel waste pumpout facility, as well as vessel maneuverability at the seafood landing dock, are already restricted by these shallow depths.

Success in securing these appropriations will again depend on the level of community support expressed for the projects. Letters of support from Lane County have been very important to our remarkable appropriation successes so far and will be essential to demonstrating the continuing

importance of these projects to our community. Support letters have the greatest impact when addressed and faxed directly to our elected federal representative and senators.

Congress has already begun considering the FY08 funding needs; so the sooner your letters can be sent the better. Having letters on file prior to March 1, 2007 is essential. I have included the addresses for our federal legislators below. Copies of your letters for the Port's files would also be appreciated. Should you have questions about the projects or the appropriations process, please don't hesitate to call me at (541) 997-3426.

Respectfully,



Tom Kartrude  
Port Manager

Addresses:

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio  
House of Representatives 2134 RHOB  
Washington DC 20515  
**Fax (202) 225-0032**

The Honorable Gordon Smith  
United States Senate SR-404  
Washington DC 20510  
**Fax (202) 228-3997**

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate SD-230  
Washington DC 20510  
**Fax (202) 228-2717**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION**    ) IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT OF PORT OF SIUSLAW FOR  
**NO:**                ) REQUEST OF FUNDS FOR DREDGING AT THE FEDERAL  
                      ) LEVEL

WHEREAS, in 1955, the Lane County Board of Commissioners stated that the development of the port facilities at Florence was vital to the continual growth and stability of the economy of Lane County; and

WHEREAS, today the Lane County Board of Commissioners recognize that port facilities on the Siuslaw River remain important to job creation and economic development in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, a loss of federal funding for channel and jetty maintenance on the Siuslaw River will be devastating to families and businesses in the already distressed coastal areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Federal FY07 budget contains no provision for maintaining or restoring vital infrastructure on the Siuslaw River; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Siuslaw is seeking federal financial assistance for two critical projects:

- Maintenance dredging for the Siuslaw River in the amount of \$527,000
- A major maintenance study for the Siuslaw River Jetty System in the amount of \$250,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby fully endorse and support the efforts of the Port of Siuslaw to restore federal appropriations necessary to maintain a safe and serviceable waterway.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ of February, 2007.

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Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

Date 2/14/07 Lane County

*Terence J. Smith*  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL