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Port of Camas-Washougal Highlights 2011; Looks Ahead To New Year

Washougal, Wash. — December 14, 2011 — The Port of Camas-Washougal today announced the completion of several initiatives during the past year and envisions a positive outlook for 2012.

“We believe the future looks promising as we’ve put into place our strategic plan and have a solid economic plan and a strong financial position,” said David Ripp, executive director for the port.

Among the completed activities in 2011:

- Creation of a community-wide economic development organization, the Camas-Washougal Economic Development Association.
- Adoption of a Strategic Plan, outlining the port’s goals.
- Installation of a new launch-ramp ticket machine that accepts debit and credit cards.
- Celebration of 100-year anniversary of Washington State Port Act.
- Identification of major projects with port involvement including waterfront revitalization near the former Hambleton property, State Route 14 construction, industrial park development in the Steigerwald Commerce Center and levee recertification.
- Decision to not pursue federal funding and maintain local control over Grove Field airport.

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- Adjust three port district boundaries to reflect U.S. Census data.
- First-ever fireworks display and concert at marina park on July 4.
- Mock disaster drill with emergency services in the industrial park.
- Second annual Earth Day beach and levee cleanup at Capt. William Clark Park.
- Completion of educational community treasure hunt.
- Receipt of two state grants to digitize state records and conduct waterfront property analysis.
- Installation of energy efficient lighting in port buildings.
- Installation of oil-water separator and new equipment storage building in industrial park shop yard to meet stormwater compliance.
- Replace rail ties, couplings and gauge rods of railroad line on existing industrial park.

The port has retained its regular public meeting schedule on the first and third Tuesday evenings at 5 p.m. at port offices. A calendar of commission meetings and events is available on the port website at www.portcw.com.

About the Port of Camas-Washougal

The port brings jobs and recreational opportunities through a 400-acre industrial park, a 79-hangar general aviation airport and 350-slip pleasure marina. Grove Field is a small, general aviation airport with a state-of-the-art fueling station and 14 tie-downs. The marina is the largest publicly owned marina on the Washington side of the Columbia River and has a floating restaurant, launch ramp, hotel, fueling station, guest docks and is homeport to the Dolphin Yacht Club. The port manages Captain William Clark Park at Cottonwood Beach, the adjacent protective levee and Parkersville National Historic site. More information is found at www.portcw.com.