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Port of Camas-Washougal Announces Fall 2009 Survey Results as part of Comprehensive Plan update process

Washougal, Wash. — December 9, 2009 — The Port of Camas-Washougal today released the results of a recent public survey that asked local citizens for input on communication preferences and opinions on port properties such as the popular marina, Grove Field airport and the industrial park. The results are immediately available to the public.

“We’re pleased that so many people took the time to respond to our survey and provided valuable input and opinions about the use of port assets,” said Executive Director Dave Ripp. The comments provided will add to the input we already receive from citizens at commission meetings, public events and other venues and will certainly be made available to port commissioners as another important source of information to help guide them in updating our comprehensive plan.”

According to port officials, 240 citizens completed surveys during a four-month period from approximately August through November. The surveys were distributed to businesses and residents in Camas and Washougal via direct mail, though port announcements and newsletters and were also made available electronically via the port Web site.

Highlights from the survey results include the following:

- 60 percent of survey respondents prefer port communications in electronic form (e-mail, blogs, Web site)
- 72 percent of survey respondents feel the port should focus on retaining current businesses in the industrial park (investing in building improvements, adding rail)
- 68 percent of survey respondents indicate a preference for partnership with the public utility district and other



energy providers to reach 2020 energy goals

- 70 percent of survey respondents indicate a preference for internship opportunities as a method of partnering with local schools
- 68 percent of survey respondents indicate a preference for making the marina more accessible to the public through additional public events, a second fishing dock
- 89 percent of survey respondents indicate a preference for the port to seek grant-funding to ensure Grove Field airport meets minimum safety and navigational standards
- 69 percent of survey respondents indicate a preference for building new park facilities

A complete copy of survey results is available to review at port offices at 24 South 'A' Street, Washougal, Wash, 98671. In addition, an electronic copy of survey results is now available online via the port Web site at www.portcw.com.

About the Port of Camas-Washougal

Formed in 1935 by a vote of the local community, the Port of Camas-Washougal brings jobs and recreational opportunities through a 400-acre industrial park, a 79-hangar general aviation airport and a 350-slip pleasure marina. Popular with recreational and general aviation pilots, Grove Field airport has a state-of-the-art fueling station and 14 tie-downs. The Port of Camas-Washougal marina, the largest publicly owned marina on the Washington side of the Columbia River, is adjacent to two restaurants, a launch ramp, hotel, a marina park, fueling station, guest docks and is homeport to the Dolphin Yacht Club. The Port also manages the Parkersville National Historic site, Captain William Clark Park at Cottonwood Beach and the adjacent protective levee along the Columbia River. More information about the Port of Camas-Washougal and its ongoing projects can be found at www.portcw.com.

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