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## **Portland to host international 2007 Coastal Zone conference**

SALEM – Many of the world’s leading ocean and coastal management professionals will be in Portland in July for the 2007 Coastal Zone biennial conference.

Nearly 1,000 people representing federal, state and local governments, academia, non-profit organizations and private industry are expected to attend the July 22-26 meeting. The theme for this year’s conference is “Brewing Local Solutions to Your Coastal Issues.”

The conference, which is open to the public (fee required), will be at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower (921 S.W. Sixth Ave.).

The conference will look at coastal resource management issues through a combination of field trips, training sessions, speakers, poster presentations, exhibits, and roundtable discussions. Topics to be discussed include protecting and restoring water quality, understanding coastal hazards, restoring coastal habitats, developing new energy resources, and creating resilient communities.

Speakers of interest at the conference include: Jack McGowan, Executive Director of Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV); and The Honorable Leon Panetta, Founder and Director of the Leon & Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy.

More information on the conference can be obtained by:

- Visiting the Web at: <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/cz/index.html>
- Donna McCaskill, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center, 843-860-1645 (cell).
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**POSSIBLE LOCAL FEATURE IDEAS**

**Port Orford:** Leesa Cobb (541-332-0627), Director of Port Orford Ocean Resource Team (POORT), will participate on a panel on strengthening communities through research. POORT is an innovative, pioneering project involving local fishermen in developing sustainable fisheries.

**Rockaway Beach:** Lisa Phipps (503-355-2291), Mayor of Rockaway Beach, will participate on a panel of local government officials on coastal management. Most communities along the Oregon coast are dealing with the same issues: growing pains due to a growing economy, unsafe development near the shoreline, and traffic congestion along U.S. Highway 101.

**Newport:** Onno Husing (541-265-8918), Director of the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association (OCZMA), will participate on a panel on wave energy.

**Salem:** Paul Klarin (503-373-0050 x249), Oregon Coastal Management Program (OCMP), will moderate a panel on climate change – perhaps the No. 1 issue today in coastal management.

**Portland:** Tanya Haddad (971-673-0962), Oregon Coastal Management Program, will participate on an international panel describing the uses of Web-based coastal atlases. The Oregon Coastal Atlas is recognized as a world leader in coastal information technology. The Atlas serves as a warehouse for traditional and digital information that can be used to inform decision-making within the Oregon Coastal Zone. **Corvallis:** Dawn Wright (541-737-1229), professor in the Department of Geosciences at Oregon State University, will moderate the panel.

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