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Construction grants to aid five coastal governments

SALEM – Five Oregon coastal governments have been awarded \$152,845 in grants for small-scale construction and acquisition projects. The grants – distributed by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) – are aimed at improving or enhancing public access to coastal waters and shorelands.

The State of Oregon receives the federal funds through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) because DLCD's Coastal Management Program meets national requirements. The grants for small-scale construction and acquisition projects are called '306A grants.'

"These federal funds are crucial in helping local governments provide better access to coastal waters for everyone," said Lane Shetterly, director of DLCD.

The grants will be awarded to:

City of Manzanita (\$46,000) to design and build an access ramp to the ocean beach for people with physical limitations and who may be confined to a wheelchair or need other assistance. The ramp will be located at a prominent intersection on the Manzanita beachfront. This is the first 306A project in Manzanita.

Shetterly saluted the City of Manzanita for proposing the first such ocean beach access ramp.

"This will be a terrific destination for folks with mobility issues who want to get onto the beach and enjoy the sand and surf," Shetterly said. "My hat is off to the city for this innovative project."

Port of Garibaldi (\$26,950) to purchase and install an access ramp to new boarding floats at the Port of Garibaldi launch ramp. The ramp will have a slope that is accessible to wheelchairs at a minus two-foot tide. The Port of Garibaldi was previously awarded a 306A grant for a fishing pier to the old U.S. Coast Guard boathouse.

Shetterly added that “bottom fishing and crabbing are not just fun, they’re the economic engine for the Port. These ramps will enable more people to get onto boats and go fishing in Garibaldi.”

Depoe Bay (\$29,800) to expand a city park at the south end of the bay through the purchase of a 10-acre forested parcel on South Depoe Bay Creek; a salmon-bearing stream. This is the first 306A project in Depoe Bay.

Yachats (\$30,150) to restore a degraded and partly filled wetland in the Yachats Commons in the center of town. Yachats was previously awarded 306A funds for oceanfront access projects.

Port of Bandon (\$19,945) to replace boarding floats at the Port’s sport boat launch ramp, which were built in 1993-94 in part with 306A funds. The Port of Bandon received a 306A grant in 2004 for the Meandering Walkway along Front Street.

Shetterly said that the department is particularly proud of these 306A grants.

“Over the years we have funded projects in almost every coastal community,” said Shetterly. “Local efforts can make every dollar count on these small-scale projects.”

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