

To the Members of the Board of Forestry

This Spring the Port of Nehalem joined USGS to begin a sedimentation study of the Nehalem Bay using matching funds. Phase One will provide locations and rates of sedimentation of our bay. Our board is concerned about the continual increase in levels of sedimentation in the river system.

Our mission statement is to maintain an ecologically healthy Nehalem River. A deep concern is that the marshes in the bay remain open so salmon smolts can grow and thrive. Further, we value our fishery and recreation potential for our communities we serve. Methods of dredging come at enormous expense. Without disposal sites in our fragile estuary the Port is seeking alternatives.

As one board member I'm asking Oregon State Forestry to give us a hand. Please look at the river system as a whole. Increase protection of streams. Encourage larger trees to stabilize our most prone landslide areas would be a huge helping hand. Shade protection to control water temperature would benefit our fish populations. Give deserving credit to land stewardship groups for their continued restoration projects in our coastal region.

Thank You,

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