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**PORT OF WOODLAND AND WILSONVILLE CONCRETE PRODUCTS, LLC SIGN HISTORIC MARINE TERMINAL LEASE**

A historic moment for the Port of Woodland occurred with the first step to the development of marine terminal operations. This comes after negotiations and investigations occurred by both sides regarding the future aggregate plant that will serve Southwest Washington. This is the first maritime lease within the Port's 64 year history for the development of a terminal.



*Port of Woodland Commissioners Paul Cline, Bob Wile and Rob Rich and WCP owner David Bernert all smiles after historic lease signing.*

“This is an exciting step for the Port of Woodland to diversify our economy in Woodland, bring additional family wage jobs to the area, and prepare the property for its intended use as was set out with its purchase in 1967,” stated Commission President Paul Cline. The site is one of the few greenfields zoned heavy industrial along the Columbia River.

“Our multi-generational family business is built on long-term partnerships combined with steady investment. Our family is honored to be undertaking this new partnership with the Port of Woodland to activate the Port's Columbia River frontage as a source of quality local employment while achieving market leading environmental and safety performance,” stated David Bernert, President of Wilsonville Concrete Products.

WCP still has numerous steps prior to the final lease with due diligence including studies and further design to move towards permitting. It is anticipated that this will take a period up to 24 months and the final engineered and permitted plan will come to the Port Commission for a final lease review.

“These are exciting times for the Port and we look forward to getting to know WCP, the jobs that will be created and the investments in the community,” stated Commissioner Bob Wile. Commission Secretary Rob Rich added, “the maritime industry has passed by the waters of the Port of Woodland for several decades. Today, we will begin the process to leverage this property, the Columbia River Channel with



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those investments that will be made by Wilsonville Concrete Products to our industrial property. Though there are significant steps that Wilsonville will need to accomplish during their due diligence, I am confident they are prepared to climb that mountain towards a successful project.”

The Port of Woodland has owned the Martin Bar property since 1967. In 2020, a feasibility study began to identify options for the sites including aggregate and steel products. The Port and WCP entered into a right of entry agreement in April 2023.

Wilsonville Concrete Products has over 130 years of service, providing aggregate materials and concrete products as well as marine services for the Columbia and Willamette Rivers with towing and delivery services. The company is deeply committed to being carbon neutral and their conservation investments in the communities they serve. For more information about WCP, visit [wilsonvilleconcrete.com](http://wilsonvilleconcrete.com).

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About the Port of Woodland- the Port was established in 1961 and has 425 acres of industrial and agricultural property. There are 18 companies and farms at the Port creating over 300 jobs. The Commission is committed to attracting and retaining family wage jobs, supporting the industrial development and providing recreational opportunities to the region.



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