

State of Oregon  
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

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**Date:** June 2, 2014

**To:** Environmental Quality Commission

**From:** Dick Pedersen, Director

**Subject:** Agenda item E, Informational item: Environmental and economic development projects at the Port of The Dalles  
June 18-19, 2014, EQC meeting

**Why this is important** Oregon's ports offer many opportunities for economic development and environmental protection. This item will highlight projects completed, in progress and planned by the Port of The Dalles.

**About the Port of The Dalles** The Port of The Dalles is an Oregon special district that works to create jobs and recruit businesses by developing industrial lands. In addition to the development and sale of industrial land, the Port operates The Dalles Marina.

The Port district is approximately 425,000 square acres covering the northern third of Wasco County. Borders of the district are Deschutes River in the east, Hood River County line in the west, and Tygh Ridge in the south. Although the Port's hub of activity is The Dalles, the Port serves the entire district and Mid-Columbia region through various economic development projects and collaborations.

The Dalles has a long history as a regional trade center and as a hub for river, rail, and road transportation along the Columbia River Gorge. Since 1933, the Port of The Dalles has been dedicated to the growth of industry and jobs in this unique region.

**Presenters** Andrea Klaas has worked for the Port of The Dalles since 1999 and serves as Executive Director. Director Klaas will discuss the work of the Port, its role in the community and as a regional trade hub in the Columbia River Gorge.

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*Report prepared by Stephanie Caldera from  
materials provided by the presenters*