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Port of Astoria Marinas Achieve Clean Marina Certification

Astoria, Oregon - The Port of Astoria West and East Basin Marinas and Pier Three Boat Yard were recently certified as "Clean Marinas," a distinction shared by only 47 out of 190 marinas in Oregon. "The Port of Astoria's facilities scored 100 percent at a certification site visit in December," said Glenn Dolphin, Clean Marina Coordinator for the Oregon State Marine Board. The Clean Marina program is a voluntary enrollment program sponsored and run by the Oregon State Marine Board. The program recognizes marinas with an official certification status for being good stewards of the environment and taking steps to protect water quality.

During a presentation at the Port of Astoria's monthly board meeting in February, Dolphin congratulated Marina Manager, Ken Smith and his staff, for their efforts preparing the marinas and boat yard for certification. "The Port has incorporated environmental Best Management Practices (BMP's) in their agreements with tenants at the marinas and boatyard, have completed an Emergency Response Plan, have posted signage for oil spill reporting and are maintaining clean garbage and recycling facilities, storm-water catch basins, and an environmentally compliant boat wash down station at the boatyard," Dolphin noted.

Dolphin presented to the Port the "Clean Marina Certification" certificates for all three facilities, additional spill kit materials, signs and a flag with the Clean Marina designation and congratulated the marina staff for an outstanding job getting the marinas ready for certification. Commissioner Floyd Holcom commented, "The Oregon State Marine Board Clean Marina Certification is an incredible program."

"A lot of work and time is put forth to receive this certification," said Ken Smith, Marina Manager for the Port of Astoria. "The facilities were evaluated in a wide range of areas and the Oregon State Marine Board thoroughly looks at all of a site's management activities. Port staff strives to use environmentally safe operating procedures."

For more information about the Clean Marina Program visit www.boatoregon.com.

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