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## Press Release

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### **Port Commission Authorizes Dredging and Cleanup Contract**

The Port of Olympia Commission today approved a ward of a public works contract for the Interim Action Dredging of berths 2 and 3 at the Port. This project, to be completed under an Agreed Order with the Department of Ecology due to dioxin contamination, will remove approximately 9,700 cubic yards of sediment that has reduced the water depth of the ports primary berths.

The Port received a final agreed order from the Department of Ecology on December 5, 2008 and permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers on December 22, 2008. The work will be accomplished between now and March 14<sup>th</sup> under supervision by both DOE and the Corps. "We are delighted to be leading one of the first cleanup projects undertaken in South Puget Sound since the inception of the Puget Sound Partnership and the Budd Inlet Restoration Initiative developed by the Port, Cities of Olympia and Tumwater, LOTT and Thurston County" Executive Director Ed Galligan stated. "This pilot project will lead to a complete cleanup and maintenance of this area of the Port's tidelands in the near future and we are ready to move forward with this long planned effort".

The contract for \$1,739,800 plus sales tax will be awarded to Pacific Pile and Marine, LP of Seattle, Washington.