

**PORT OF HOOD RIVER
Resolution No. 2001-02-3**

Support for Columbia River Channel Deepening Project

Whereas the deep-draft navigation channel in the Columbia River is an asset of national significance that provides competitive access to world markets that moved \$14 billion in waterborne cargo in 2000; and

Whereas the Columbia River deep-draft navigation channel is a major benefit to our regional trade-based economy, providing thousands of jobs and \$208 million dollars annually in state and local taxes; and

Whereas there are 15,632 direct jobs, 13,824 indirect jobs, and 10,642 induced jobs dependent on maritime commerce along the Columbia River corridor and over 59,000 jobs influenced by Columbia River maritime activity throughout the Pacific Northwest; and

Whereas the federal navigation channel must be maintained at depths adequate to accommodate the deep-draft cargo vessels that increasingly dominate the world fleet; and

Whereas it is the top marine transportation priority for the lower Columbia River maritime ports to deepen the federal navigation channel from 40 feet to 43 feet; and

Whereas the Ports of Portland and St. Helens in Oregon, and the Ports of Kalama, Longview, Vancouver and Woodland in Washington, have recognized the challenge to the region's position as a trade center and joined efforts to promote the deepening of the channel; and

Whereas channel deepening will fully comply with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and all other applicable federal and state environmental laws and regulations; and

Whereas the Columbia River Channel Coalition was organized to build an alliance of organizations and individuals who support an economically viable and environmentally sound plan to deepen and maintain the Columbia deep-draft federal navigation channel to accommodate larger ships and enhance trade and job opportunities; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Port of Hood River hereby endorses and adds its support to the Columbia River Channel Coalition's efforts and is willing to advise state and federal elected officials of its support.

This resolution is hereby adopted this 6th **day of** November, **2001.**










