

# News and Information from Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

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## BUSINESS BRIEF

### **Aaron Simons Promoted to Charleston Marine Facilities Manager**

Aaron Simons, who previously served as interim facilities manager for the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay's Charleston operations – Charleston Marina & Launch Ramp, Charleston Marina RV Park and the Charleston Shipyard – has been promoted to Marine Facilities Manager by Jeff Bishop, Executive Director of the Port District.

On July 30, 2007, Simons was appointed interim manager and is in the final month of a six-month review period. "Aaron has done top-notch work for the Port during his career and in the past six months he has proven he has the skills and desire to manage the Charleston facilities and focus on our goals of continuing to develop and maintain outstanding facilities to serve the commercial fishing industry and sports fishing enthusiasts," said Bishop.

Simons joined the Port's Charleston operations during March 1986 as an entry-level maintenance worker and was promoted to a journeyman maintenance position in July 1989. In December 1992, he was promoted to Maintenance Supervisor. During his nearly 22 years with the Port, Simons has been involved in a wide variety of projects, from ongoing facilities maintenance, to the rebuilding of docks throughout the marina, continuing improvements to the RV park, and a major rehabilitation of the shipyard.

Simons' promotion was announced at an annual employee recognition lunch meeting for Port staff on Friday, January 25, 2008, in Charleston.

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