

# News and Information from Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

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## **CEO Jeffrey Bishop ends 7-year tenure with Port of Coos Bay**

Oregon International Port of Coos Bay Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Bishop has announced his resignation effective Dec. 26, 2011. Bishop is resigning to pursue an opportunity outside of the port industry.

“The Port Commission and staff have been incredibly fortunate to have worked beside Jeff Bishop for the past seven years,” Commission President David Kronsteiner said today. “Jeff took this Port to a higher level of operation and has opened the door for this Port and Oregon to pursue greater opportunities in maritime development.”

Bishop began his employment with the Port on Jan. 5, 2005. The CEO is credited with guiding several projects, including the purchase of the Coos Bay rail line after its sudden closure in September 2007. Under Bishop’s management, the Port partnered with local, state and federal officials to win U.S. Surface Transportation Board approval to buy the line in 2009. In the ensuing two years, the Port and its partners have raised more than \$25 million for the rail line’s rehabilitation. The line re-opened in October 2011. Bishop also oversaw purchase and rehabilitation of the Charleston Ice Dock, completing the project in 2011 and restoring service for the 160-boat locally based and visiting commercial fishing fleet.

“I have enjoyed my tenure at Coos Bay and greatly appreciate the support the Port Commission has given me. I will always have a fond place in my heart for the Bay Area,” Bishop said.

In the coming month, the Port Commission and staff will discuss the path forward to selecting a CEO.

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