

News and Information from Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

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Newly renovated Charleston Ice Dock to re-open for fishing fleet

The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay's Charleston Ice Dock has re-opened this week, following a complete overhaul of ice-making equipment and upgrades to the dock.

Port staff closed the dock on December 1 to undertake the \$700,000 project. The Port upgraded the infrastructure to maintain Charleston's only commercial source of flake ice for the home-ported and visiting commercial fishing fleets and recreational boaters. The Ice Dock rehabilitation is funded with \$340,900 in stimulus funds through a federal appropriation of the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) program, in addition to a commitment of \$350,000 in Port matching funds.

Port maintenance employees assisted Portland-based refrigeration company Will H. Knox Co. with installation of the equipment, which was purchased from North Star Ice Equipment Corp. of Seattle. Crow, Clay & Associates of Coos Bay provided architectural design. The project also has employed the construction, installation and fabrication services of Americorps Construction of Bandon; Coast Metals of Coos Bay, Reese Electric and Electrical Specialties both of North Bend; Chambers Plumbing of Coos Bay; and Skallerud Marine, Giddings Boat Works and Tarheel Aluminum Inc. of Charleston. Other businesses that assisted with the project and/or construction crew included Englund Marine of Charleston; Farr's True Value Hardware of Coos Bay; Capt. John's Motel and local restaurants Sea Basket and Monkey Business in Charleston. Washington-based McClure & Sons Inc. and McCormick Air of Portland also assisted in the project.

Built in 1978, the Ice Dock was privately operated until it closed in January 2010. The Port acquired the Ice Dock, re-opening it in April 2010, making ice available 24 hours a day by appointment. The upgrades and new components are expected to add 30 more years of life to the facility.

High-quality commercial flake ice is available 24 hours daily by calling 541.888.2548, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, for service or to schedule after-hours pick up.

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