

# News and Information from **Oregon International Port of Coos Bay**

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## **Port takes over ownership of Coos Bay North Spit wastewater lagoon property**

The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay has acquired 320.15 acres known as Weyerhaeuser Company's former wastewater treatment lagoon on the North Spit of lower Coos Bay.

Weyerhaeuser conveyed the lagoon site to the Port of Coos Bay following closure of a property sale between Weyerhaeuser NR Company and Jordan Cove Energy Project L.P. No public port funds were expended in the property acquisition, other than legal and title insurance fees.

The port currently owns the ocean outfall associated with the former industrial treatment lagoon and has worked to ensure the viability of the outfall and future use of the lagoon area for community benefit. Public ownership of the lagoon property clears the way for the port to develop a wastewater treatment plant on the North Spit. The port, in partnership with the Coos County Urban Renewal Agency, has hired the engineering firm HDR Inc. to conduct a feasibility study on options for industrial and/or regional municipal wastewater treatment on the property. In addition, the study will consider opportunities to finance such a facility and conserve wetlands associated with the parcel.

In the upcoming months, the port will develop policies regarding long-term public access to the lagoon property.

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