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Oregon Invasive Species Council Awards West Coast Contractors Prestigious “Protect the Northwest Award”

Coos Bay, OR - January 2012 - West Coast Contractors has been selected by the Oregon Invasive Species Council to receive the “Protect the Northwest Award” at the council’s annual awards banquet on February 21, 2012. WCC is being recognized for cleaning the hulls of its construction barges – which prevented the spread of aquatic invasive species - during the recent construction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Operations Center-Pacific in Newport, Oregon. The council bestows this award yearly to a company that makes a difference in protecting Oregon from invasive species.

“We’re honored to receive this recognition and remain committed to protecting local species during construction operations,” said David Kronsteiner, WCC’s President and CEO.

The nearly \$30 million joint venture project between WCC and Andersen Construction Co., constructed a state-of-the-art facility for NOAA that included 40,852 square feet of office and warehouse space, a small boat dock, and a new 1,300-foot pier connected to land by two, 260-foot-long trestles.

The facility now serves as a homeport for four NOAA research and survey ships and provides administrative, engineering, maintenance and logistical support for NOAA’s Pacific fleet, which conducts hydrographic surveys, along with fishery and oceanographic research.

WCC’s in-water portion of the project included the driving and installation of pier piles, fender piles, test piles, and pier planks via a hydraulically-operated barge jig. The company also performed dredging, mitigation excavation, and concrete pouring work.

While building the project’s docks, WCC worked closely with NOAA to reduce the effects on marine life and ensure that the highest environmental standards were met. This included the integration of a precise sonic impact monitoring process, which confirmed there was minimal disruption of the local marine environment – primarily the vital eelgrass. Some of the eelgrass was harvested and used for mitigation to allow for dredging at the project site. This grass was transported and nurtured at the Oregon Coast Aquarium and was replanted in the spring.



“The in-water work portion of the project, including the dredging, pile driving, demolition, underwater slope protection, small boat dock, fender system, buoy line, and trestle abutments, was a challenging portion of this venture,” said Tim Smith, WCC’s Construction Manager.

About West Coast Contractors

Founded in 1962, WCC is a general contractor that specializes in heavy construction projects including bridges, harbors, marine facilities, commercial developments, governmental projects and industrial complexes. Based in Coos Bay, Oregon WCC is headed by President and CEO, David Kronsteiner and Vice President of Operations, Lonnie Kronsteiner. WCC is renowned for construction projects on land and at sea that are able to withstand severe weather conditions, and is a leader in developing environmentally sound procedures for sensitive locations. Clients include the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Coast Guard, states of Oregon and California, Chevron, NOAA, Roseburg Forest Products, and the Ports of Morrow, Newport and Coos Bay. Find more information visit www.westcoastcontractors.com or contact Jessica Kopach at Christie Communications at jkopach@christiecomm.com or via phone at 805.969.3697.

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