

“Gratitude to U.S. Senators Merkley and Wyden for consistently supporting the causes of saving our fish. Their commitment goes beyond just the funding for our Cole Rivers and our Oregon Hatchery Programs. The cultural, economic, generational and Environmental values of our Salmon and Trout population recoveries is noble and beyond crucial. We’re just getting started.” **Said Court Boice, Coos, Curry and Douglas County State Representative.**

"The Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) is extremely thankful to Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden for supporting this important work. With this new funding BEF will be able to assist partners in rural Oregon save money, save water, and create more resilient and stable infrastructure long into the future," **said Todd Reeve, the Bonneville Environmental Foundation CEO.**

“I am extremely grateful to Senators Wyden and Merkley for their work in obtaining needed funding for salmon restoration and healthier waterways. These federal dollars will be used to remove a culvert that prevents endangered salmon, steelhead, and lamprey in the Willamette River from reaching the cool waters and healthy habitat of Tryon Creek. With these federal dollars, we look forward to continuing our longstanding and fruitful partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers that has restored Crystal Springs and Oaks Bottom, and soon Tryon Creek. These projects help us recover species that are threatened with extinction, and they restore our waterways for the benefit of people and wildlife,” **said Commissioner Mingus Mapps, Portland Bureau of Transportation, Water Bureau, and the Bureau of Environmental Services.**

“The FY2024 Community Initiated Project funding from the Department of Energy (DOE) will fund renewable electricity and storage capabilities at Parrott Creek Child & Family Services that will save money, improve efficiency, reduce carbon emissions and wildfire risk, and help to make the campus achieve Net Zero energy usage. The storage capabilities will provide resilience for our rural facility during loss of grid power events which pose a high risk to the vulnerable youth in our care. We believe that we can both nurture our youth and the environment at the same time. In fact, it is imperative that we do. Thank you to Senators Merkley and Wyden for supporting our youth, our families and our state to be healthy and resilient,” **said Simon Fulford, Executive Director, Parrott Creek Child & Family Services.**

The Port of Garibaldi is highly supportive and reliant on the US Army Corps of Engineers efforts to maintain the Jetty system and dredging of federal channels in Tillamook Bay. Proper maintenance of the waterways is critical to the region’s economy and public safety. With over 100,000 crossing a year, both commercial fishing and recreational, the impacts of not dredging the federal channel, would be devastating to the many business owners and community, causing the loss of the many jobs that are reliant on safe access to the waters accessed from the Port of Garibaldi,” **said Michael Saindon, General Manager, Port of Garibaldi.**

“Senators Wyden and Merkley are truly champions for Oregon Ports, ensuring that adequate funding is appropriated to keep navigation in our waterways safe for the maritime industry. These funds will ensure that River Miles 12 to 15 in the Federally Authorized Coos Bay Navigation Channel can be dredged to their fully authorized depth of -37’. This is not only crucial to promoting safety in navigation but also preserves the viability of the terminals in the harbor, which are key economic drivers for the region,” **said John Burns, Chief Executive Officer, Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.**