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ANACORTES – The Port of Anacortes has kicked off the third and final phase of an extensive environmental cleanup project on the Anacortes waterfront. In partnership with the Department of Ecology and Kimberly-Clark, work at the former Scott Paper Mill site began back in June of 2009, with the Phase 1 and 2 elements focusing on the removal of debris and sediments that contain contaminants from historical wood and paper mills, which operated at the site until the 1970's. Over 140,000 cubic yards of material was removed from the upland and marine areas of the site, and replaced with clean material. The marine work included removal of creosoted piling and wood debris from the intertidal and shoreline areas of the Seafarers' Memorial Park, removal of the deteriorating wood breakwater, construction of two new rock wave attenuators, and the replacement of the Park's small craft facility. With the environmental cleanup activities now complete, the Phase 3 upland restoration is now underway.

The restoration work includes the replacement of the shoreline esplanade, including sidewalks, lighting, picnic tables, benches, interpretive signs, and landscaping. Pavement and landscape restoration for all disturbed areas will also be accomplished, as well as the rehabilitation of the existing Park building which was earlier removed from the site to allow for the soil remediation work to be completed. The building had been stored on an adjacent site since the fall of 2009, and on February 10 was returned to the site and reinstalled on a new concrete slab foundation.

Contracts for the Phase 3 restoration work were recently awarded to Kreider Construction of Bow, WA who will be focusing on the Park building rehabilitation, and Strider Construction Co., Inc. of Bellingham, WA who will complete the surrounding site restoration work. Restoration work is expected to last through April 30, 2011. A re-dedication ceremony of the Seafarers' Memorial Park is planned for May 20, 2011 to celebrate the re-opening of the Park as well as the completion of the cleanup of the former Scott Paper Mill site.



About the Port of Anacortes

The Port of Anacortes was formed in 1926 to promote economic development for Anacortes and the surrounding area. The Port district is led by a board of five elected commissioners: Keith Rubin, Pat D. Mooney, Ray Niver, Steve Hopley, and Bill Short. Public meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Main Port Warehouse, 1st & Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, WA. For more information, visit www.portofanacortes.com or contact Julie Johnson Lindsey, Executive Assistant, julie@portofanacortes.com