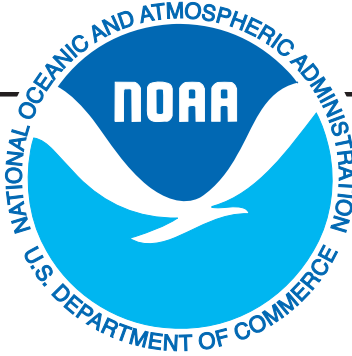


Port of Newport



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

**Thursday,
June 3, 2010**

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

**Sunday,
June 6, 2010**

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Please join us in celebration!

The Port of Newport cordially invites you to the long anticipated Groundbreaking and Community Celebration for the new Marine Operations Center - Pacific of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, better known as "NOAA MOC-P homeport".

The festivities will be held at the new NOAA MOC-P site just west of the Hatfield Marine Science Center in South Beach. We are erecting a large tent for the events - and your comfort.

Scheduled to speak at the June 3rd groundbreaking are Governor Ted Kulongoski, Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Jeff Merkley, and Congressman Kurt Schrader. Representatives from Oregon's Coastal Caucus will also be in attendance, along with local community leaders.

The June 6th community celebration will include live music and picnic-style refreshments for the entire family. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to meet the project team, welcome NOAA MOC-P into our community and just have some fun.

AND, as a special bonus - two NOAA research ships from our new fleet plan to visit Newport that weekend. The *R/V Miller Freeman* is scheduled to cross the bar at 1 pm (weather permitting) on Saturday June 5th for an overnight port call. The *R/V Bell M. Shimada* is due to cross the bar at about 9:30 am on Sunday (weather permitting). The Coast Guard will provide an honorary escort and local fishing vessels (depending on fishing schedules) will provide a special welcome. The public is encouraged to turn out to watch and welcome each ship as she enters her new homeport. Local media will provide more details about the ship arrivals. No ship tours are scheduled.

Don't miss being a part of this historic event...

Co-hosts for the groundbreaking and community celebration are:

The Port of Newport, the Hatfield Marine Science Center of Oregon State University,

The Oregon Coast Aquarium, The Rotary Club of Newport,

the City of Newport, Lincoln County, JC Market

and, in the tradition of Newport, many local volunteers and donors.