

Oregon boasts a system of 23 public ports, including nine on the Columbia River and 14 coastal ports, which serve as an integral part of Oregon's multimodal freight transportation system. However, the term "maritime sector" encompasses more than just the movement of freight through ports. The state's maritime workforce is made up of crews on tugs and tow vessels, naval architects and marine engineers, persons engaged in shipbuilding and repair, offshore exploration and support, marine manufacturing, the wave energy industry, commercial and recreational fishers, crabbers and processors, and Oregonians who work in the maritime sector around the globe.