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To: Oregon Senate

From: Donald M. Floyd

Subject: Senate Bill 2 Funding to Repair M/V Salvage Chief

I'm a former 35 year Crew member aboard the Salvage Chief and the past 10 years a volunteer preserving the history of this historic vessel. The ship has been used as a training vessel for numerous Military Groups, Law Enforcement Teams, Medical Emergency Teams, Sea Scouts, and Educational Purposes. The Ship is currently homebased in Astoria, Or. and our volunteers are assisted by students from The Tongue Point Job Corp Seamanship Program. The Salvage Chief is a TPJCC Work Base partner. We help train future Mariners while they assist in maintaining our ship. Though funds have been very limited we've been able work about 2 ½ days a week with students.

Now that there is great concern for a major Cascadia event effecting the Northwest the Chief would be a major asset since it's already stationed at Tongue Point near Astoria. Models show that the Basin would probably suffer minimal damage in a major event and would be a starting location for emergency management operations.

The Ship has tremendous pulling power, dredging capabilities and can serve Helicopter/Communication operations. With her shallow draft the Chief can also deliver supplies to areas in need.

It would cost mega dollars to duplicate this ship so it's imperative they we restore the Salvage Chief for active duty serving the Northwest.

Thank you

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