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I am a 23-year resident of Astoria and have been an observer and reporter of the Columbia River's maritime news since 1988. I personally saw the Salvage Chief in in 2005 action on one of its last salvage jobs working on a barge on the rocks north of Cape Disappointment. The crew successfully pulled the barge out of the cove near the North Head Lighthouse and towed it into Astoria for repairs. This is just s small demonstration of the ship's unique ability to use it crane's, winches and heavy anchors to perform many jobs on the river during an emergency like a tsunami, local earthquake, ship ramming a bridge etc. Having this vessel available would make a huge difference in responding to the disasters and would be great value for the money required to return it to seaworthiness.

Regards,

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