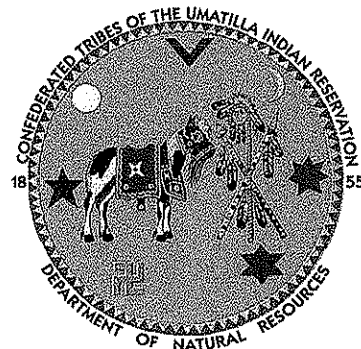




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January 22nd, 2009

Tim Arntzen, executive director
Port of Kennewick
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Dear Mr. Arntzen:

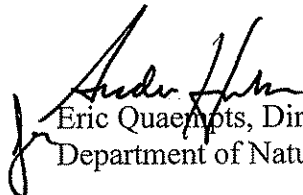
On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Department of Natural Resources (DNR), I'm writing to express support for the Port of Kennewick's Clover Island Recreational Access Project.

This project will create a recreational pathway onto Clover Island; connecting city sidewalks with the Sacagawea Heritage Trail, and defining the entrance to Clover Island. The project will enhance pedestrian access to the Columbia River and create an inviting place to enjoy the Columbia River.

I understand that the project will minimize ground disturbance by constructing an above-ground pathway from the existing Washington Street sidewalk, across the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Levee 5D, to connect to the Sacagawea Heritage Trail and the entrance to Clover Island. We recognize the Port of Kennewick has agreed to fulfilling all appropriate environmental, and cultural resource commitments to enable a respectful and diligent completion of this project including working with the Corps of Engineers for necessary permits..

Therefore, the CTUIR DNR supports the Clover Island Access Project as a means of restoring public and recreational use to this portion of the Columbia River. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Audie Huber, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, Department of Natural Resources at 541-966-2334.

Sincerely,


Eric Quaenots, Director
Department of Natural Resources