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At A Glance:

Who.....Port of Kennewick

What..... Clover Island Lighthouse gets its own U.S. Lighthouse Society Stamp!

Quick Facts:

Lighthouse enthusiasts will soon be able to commemorate a visit to Washington State's newest lighthouse with a United States Lighthouse Society (USLHS) passport and stamp.

The Port of Kennewick worked with the U.S. Lighthouse Society to create a stamp which features the Clover Island Lighthouse. The non-profit society is adding the Clover Island Lighthouse to a list of national passport-stamp locations and will encourage their members and lighthouse enthusiasts to visit Clover Island.

The stamp will be available after August 23, 2011 at the Clover Island Inn and at Ice Harbor Brewing Company on Clover Island, Kennewick Washington. Passports are also available for sale. Donations for the ink stamp are requested; with proceeds going to the non-profit USLHS for preservation and upkeep of lighthouses nationwide. www.uslhs.org

Clover Island Lighthouse featured on U.S. Lighthouse Society Stamp *New ink-stamp will be unveiled at Commission Meeting August 23, 2011*

Kennewick, Wash.—Lighthouse enthusiasts will soon be able to commemorate a visit to Washington State's newest lighthouse with a United States Lighthouse Society (USLHS) passport and stamp. The Port of Kennewick worked with the U.S. Lighthouse Society to create an ink-stamp which features the Clover Island Lighthouse. The non-profit society is adding the Clover Island Lighthouse to a list of national passport-stamp locations and will encourage their members and lighthouse enthusiasts to visit Clover Island.

The new stamp will be unveiled at the port's commission meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Local lighthouse enthusiast, Skip Gest, who championed the project with the Port of Kennewick and U.S. Lighthouse Society, will receive the first Clover Island Lighthouse Stamp; adding to an extensive collection of stamps already in his USLHS passport book.

The ink stamp will be available immediately after the August 23, 2011 commission meeting at the Clover Island Inn and Ice Harbor Brewing Company on Clover Island, Kennewick Washington. Donations for the stamp are requested; with

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proceeds going to the non-profit USLHS for preservation and upkeep of lighthouses nationwide. USLHS Passport books are also available for sale (\$10 each) at both Ice Harbor Brewing Company at the Marina and at Clover Island Inn.

According to Larry Peterson, Port of Kennewick director of planning and development, this is a great time to unveil the new program. “In response to numerous public requests, the port just this week replaced the lighthouse light to increase visibility at night. That project will help showcase the island and lighthouse to the many people who travel specifically to visit lighthouses.”

“The USLHS passport stamp program and the port’s investments at Clover Island are important for this community,” stated Tana Bader Inghima, director of governmental relations and marketing. “It’s about more than just a fun new stamp. When people visit, they take photos, they collect the passport stamps, and they email, post, and share these memories with their family and friends all over the world! Just like our Commission anticipated, the Clover Island Lighthouse is becoming an ambassador for our community. It is helping us create a destination waterfront right here in Kennewick.”

Best Photo Opp:

2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Port Commission Chambers, 350 Clover Island Drive, 2nd floor, Kennewick WA

First Clover Island Lighthouse Passport Stamp given to local enthusiast

Interviews:

Before 2:00 p.m. (with port staff)

After 2:30 p.m. (with Skip Gest, local lighthouse stamp collector and USLHS member;
and staff from Ice Harbor Brewing Company and Clover Island Inn)

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The Port of Kennewick is developing assets to create sustainable family wage jobs, user friendly transportation systems, and quality of life enhancements for visitors and residents of the Port district.