

**Port of Cascade Locks
PUBLIC NOTICE OF
SPECIAL PROCUREMENT AND DIRECT APPOINTMENT**

The Port of Cascade Locks (“Port”) is a port district organized under ORS Chapter 777. The Port owns the passenger vessel commonly referred to as the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler (“Sternwheeler”).

The Port’s Commission has previously contracted with a private operator through a concession agreement to operate the Sternwheeler on behalf of the Port. The Port’s commission has also previously determined that such contracts are part of a class of Special Procurement contracts pursuant to ORS 279B.085.

On June 29, 2023, the Port’s Commission authorized a new concession agreement for the operation of the Sternwheeler, which the Port also designated as a contract for personal services for which a direct appointment can be made. The party with which the Port will contract for these services is JettyLight, LLC. The primary services the Port obtains through this agreement is the operation and maintenance of the Sternwheeler for use as a passenger vessel making excursions from dock facilities the Port owns. The contract requires the operator to share revenue with the Port and to provide other community benefits.

Persons affected by this determination may submit a written protest specific to the purchase of these services within seven (7) days of the date of this public notice. In accordance with the Port’s Contracting and Purchasing Rules, a protest must include: (1) identification of the requested special procurement; (2) a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds for the protest; (3) evidence or documentation supporting the grounds on which the protest is based; (4) a description of the resulting harm to the affected person; and (5) the relief requested. The Port does not currently charge a fee for processing protests.

Protests shall be delivered by e-mail to Jeremiah Blue, General Manager, at jblue@portofcascadelocks.org, no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 7, 2023.

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