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West Coast Contractors Reaches High and Low to Deliver Success in All Conditions *WCC's Crane Service Assists with Jobs Below Water and Above Ground*

COOS BAY, OR – June, 2012 – At first glance, there seems to be little to connect a sunken fishing boat, an antique caboose, and an airplane with broken landing gear. But they do have one thing in common—all have benefited from the crane services provided by West Coast Contractors (www.westcoastcontractors.com) of Coos Bay, Oregon. WCC's crane services have kept construction projects on schedule, enabled businesses to continue their work, and moved obstacles from important transportation routes.

Take the case of the 65-foot F/V Helen McColl, for example. This 99-year-old wooden salmon troller sank dockside in Oregon's Port of Newport in November 2009. After the U.S. Coast Guard spent \$70,000 on an unsuccessful effort to float the boat to the surface, Port officials turned to WCC for assistance in removing it.¹ The company, already working on a large-scale construction project for the NOAA Marine Operations Center-Pacific, had a 160-ton crane mounted on a barge in the harbor. WCC crews repositioned the crane and soon lifted the Helen McColl from the bottom of the bay, removing a potentially dangerous obstacle from the water. That was just one of several essential crane service projects that WCC has performed for the Port of Newport over the years.

Although it is a full-service heavy construction contractor today, WCC was founded 50 years ago as a crane service company in Coos Bay, Oregon, which underscores their continuing successes in the field. Today it remains the company that numerous ports, government agencies, contractors, and company owners call when they need crane services. WCC owns seven cranes ranging from 60 to 160 tons, with boom lengths that stretch to 300 feet. It is the only company from the northern California coast to the mid-Oregon coast that offers this vital service.

WCC's crane projects have included the placement of an antique caboose for a Railroad Museum enabling it to expand its exhibits. It moved a boat that had been beached in Brookings Harbor, Oregon, removing a hazard from the beach. The company's cranes have hoisted a portable building over a prison wall, providing much-needed space for the institution, set a manufactured home on a foundation so a family could have a new home, placed large signs on buildings to increase companies' visibility and installed large pumps, motors and blowers at industrial sites so that plants

¹ http://www.newportnewstimes.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=0&page=72&story_id=22341



could run more efficient operations. WCC's cranes helped right overturned rail cars and logging equipment, getting them back to working condition.

"Whether we're providing a previously-scheduled service or responding to an emergency situation, we have the equipment, the experience, the employees and the expertise to ensure that a job is successfully completed," says WCC President David Kronsteiner. "We're ready to go whenever and wherever a customer needs us."

About West Coast Contractors

Founded in 1962, WCC is a general contractor that specializes in heavy construction projects including bridges, harbors, marine facilities, and governmental work. WCC is renowned for construction jobs that are able to withstand severe weather conditions, and is a leader in developing environmentally sound procedures for sensitive locations. Clients include the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Coast Guard, states of Oregon and California, Chevron, NOAA, Roseburg Forest Products, and the Ports of Morrow, Newport and Coos Bay. Find more information visit www.westcoastcontractors.com or contact Lindsey Beedle at Christie Communications at lbeedle@christiecomm.com or via phone at 805.969.3697.

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