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### **Cher-ae Tribe Calls for Pier Improvement**

*West Coast Contractors reconstructs 75-year-old Trinidad Pier*

**TRINIDAD, CA - December 2011** - West Coast Contractors, in partnership with the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, is currently rehabilitating the northern most oceanfront pier in California – a job that includes replacing the 540-foot-long pier’s wooden deck structure with an impervious precast concrete deck that is properly sloped and drained.

Situated in Humboldt County, Calif., just south of Redwood National Park, Trinidad Pier was built in 1946 and serves as the economic epicenter of the Trinidad area. Currently owned by the Cher-Ae Heights tribe, the pier and its’ surrounding bay have been an ideal location for commercial fishery dating back to the 19th century.

“The Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project will correct the structural deficiencies of the pier, improve pier utilities for the benefit of the public, and eliminate the runoff of storm water and petroleum products from the deck to the ocean,” said David Kronsteiner, owner of West Coast Contractors.

Replacing the pier’s 24-foot to 26-foot wide wood deck with concrete, involves the installation of concrete piles including batter and moorage piles, along with plastic fender piles with fiberglass rebar - which are placed in hoist and ladder locations. A pile bent is also being installed at the existing elevation of the lower deck to provide access to the floating dock.

“The noise of the pile driver has been an issue. To avoid disrupting the local fish habitat we’ve used our largest vibratory hammer - the “King Kong” – when driving pile, which expedites the process,” says Tim Smith, West Coast Contractors’ construction manager.

Following pile driving work, the pier’s top decking will be concrete poured to create a slope for drainage and to incorporate a pattern and a color into the concrete surface. A new storm water collection system that will direct runoff to a land-based, filter-protected infiltration gallery will also be incorporated into the reconstructed pier. Monitoring runoff is essential as the pier and surrounding water is considered an Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS). The infiltration gallery will aid in virtually eliminating the contamination of the ASBS caused by pier-generated petroleum products and other pollutant inputs that result from pier activities.

When completed in May 2012, the reconstructed pier will also feature new hoists, standard lights, guardrails, dock utilities, and pipes. The more than six-acre, harbor project site includes the pier,



mooring field, boat launch, two parking lots, the Seascape Restaurant, public restrooms, a wastewater treatment facility, bait and gift shop, a vacation rental house, recreation areas, and areas for boat parking.

#### About West Coast Contractors

Founded in 1962, WCC is a general contractor that specializes in heavy construction projects including bridges, harbors, marine facilities, commercial developments, governmental projects and industrial complexes. Based in Coos Bay, Oregon WCC is headed by President and CEO, David Kronsteiner and Vice President of Operations, Lonnie Kronsteiner. WCC is renowned for construction projects on land and at sea that is 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](http://www.westcoastcontractors.com) or contact Jessica Kopach at Christie Communications at [jkopach@christiecomm.com](mailto:jkopach@christiecomm.com) or via phone at 805.969.3697.

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