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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Reduce, Reuse, Recycle– Port of Kennewick Finds New Use for Old Trees**

*Kennewick, Wash.*--Port of Kennewick staff recognized an opportunity to salvage trees that were recently removed to make room for the US 395/SR 240 Columbia Drive interchange rebuild project. The trees will be used for shoreline stabilization and ecosystem restoration as part of the port's Clover Island Shoreline Improvement Plan. The Port's Director of Planning & Development, Larry Peterson, contacted the Washington Department of Transportation and their project contractor, KLB Construction, and arranged to purchase the trees.

Peterson stated, "This is a win-win for everyone involved. We'd have had to purchase trees eventually. This way, the trees being removed to improve the Blue Bridge interchange won't end up in a landfill or chipper. They'll be used to improve the Clover Island shoreline to benefit wildlife and the community." The Port's Clover Island shoreline Improvement Plan was developed by HDJ Design Group and is available on the port's website:

[www.portofkennewick.org](http://www.portofkennewick.org).

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