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## Press Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ANACORTES – The Port of Anacortes Commission will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the Port’s Project Pier 1 at Dakota Creek Industries (DCI) shipyard on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The ceremony will begin at the DCI lunchroom at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and “Q” Avenue in Anacortes, followed by the groundbreaking inside the shipyard.

Project Pier 1 is a facilities improvement project conceived and funded in partnership between the Port of Anacortes and tenant DCI.

In the spring of 2007, northwest congressional leaders were briefed on Project Pier 1 during a visit to Washington, D.C. by Port and DCI representatives, Anacortes Mayor Dean Maxwell and Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC) Executive Director Don Wick. Subsequent to that visit Sen. Patty Murray announced a \$1.15 million appropriation for the project as part of the Transportation, Treasury, Judiciary Housing and Urban Development (TTHUD) Appropriations bill.

Project Pier 1, designed in large part to improve and expand Port facilities leased by DCI, previously garnered a \$5.6 million grant from the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, as well as \$400,000 from Skagit County’s Economic Development Public Facilities Distressed/Rural County Sales and Use Tax.

Port Commission and staff have made significant commitments of time and funding to this project. The Port’s \$3 million of up-front funding for permitting and mitigation, combined with significant funding commitments by DCI, provided a solid basis for government support.