

## Dredging in Quillayute River to begin mid-October

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SEATTLE – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces that an Oregon company was awarded a million-dollar contract to dredge a critical water highway in La Push, Wash.

Portable Hydraulic Dredging of Eagle Creek, Ore. received the award in the amount of \$1,196,000 to dredge 58,000 cubic yards between Oct. 15 and Dec. 1, barring any weather delays.

The U.S. Coast Guard maintains a search-and-rescue operation in Quillayute Marina, which borders the Pacific Ocean, making them the only emergency point between Gray's Harbor and Neah Bay. The dredging will ensure that the Coast Guard will operate continuously, allowing unfettered access of their rescue vessels.

The marina is also an important asset to the Quileute Tribe. Their reservation is an 800-year-old Indian fishing village, which relies heavily on the marina and its access to the ocean.

The clean dredge material will be used for beach nourishment on Rialto Beach. Beach nourishment is the placement of the material on or near the beach, usually to renourish an eroding beach.