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## **City of Portland Streamlining Team receives State Land Board Award**

### ***Partners commended for faster, better permitting***

Salem – Citing 10 years of collaborative work, the State Land Board on April 9 honored Portland’s Streamlining Team with the 2012 Land Board Partnership Award. The award recognizes exemplary partnerships with the board and Department of State Lands.

Governor John Kitzhaber, chair of the Land Board, praised the team for their “cooperative, multi-agency approach to waterway permitting. Their work results in a more streamlined process, less time spent on resolving issues, and better outcomes for applicants and the regulatory agencies.”

The team includes representatives from the Oregon Departments of Environmental Quality, Fish and Wildlife, and State Lands; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Marine Fisheries Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the city’s Bureau of Development Services.

Mike Reed, the team’s leader and a City of Portland employee, said this award “is for each of the participating agencies that have helped create and maintain this strong collaborative relationship. Our successes couldn’t have been realized without each and every one of the agencies playing a key role in the process.” Reed also noted that he’s recently been working with the Portland State University’s Center for Public Service (part of the Hatfield School of Government) to identify elements of this streamlining process that has made it successful as well as exploring how this process could be used by other jurisdictions and regulatory processes.

The State Land Board Awards were established in 2004 to recognize worthy projects and efforts that promote responsible, sustainable stewardship of state resources or benefit Department of State Lands-related programs.

The State Land Board consists of Governor John Kitzhaber, Secretary of State Kate Brown and State Treasurer Ted Wheeler. The Department of State Lands administers diverse natural and fiscal resources. Many of the resources generate revenue for the Common School Fund, such as state-owned rangelands and timberlands, waterway leases, estates for which no will or heirs exist, and unclaimed property. Twice a year, the agency distributes fund investment earnings to support K-12 public schools. The agency also administers Oregon's Removal-Fill Law, which requires people removing or filling certain amounts of material in waters of the state to obtain a permit.

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