

The Port of Port Orford hasn't been dredged since 2010. Since that time, the Port has in-filled with sand and its future as a usable port is in question.

Throughout his tenure, DeFazio has successfully fought to secure federal funds through earmarks to dredge small ports along Oregon's south coast. But in the wake of the earmark ban that began in the 112th Congress, the determination about which ports receive dredging funds has been left to agency bureaucrats.

DeFazio and Oregon's senators have made several requests to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for funds to dredge the Port of Port Orford. These requests have been denied. And now, in part because of limited financial resources, dredging funds for other small coastal ports may also in question.

On October 31, 2012, DeFazio notified the Col. John Eisenhower with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Portland District that he intends to host a public meeting to discuss the future of dredging funds for Oregon's south coast ports.

Future updates about that date and location of meeting, and the status of dredging fund for Oregon's south coast ports, will be included on this page