River News Digest: December 3, 2010

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Picture of the Week: Fremont Bridge Panorama

Submitted by: The Rivers Office (we welcome submissions!)

Dear River Friends

We're beginning a river news digest service where we'll share interesting items and announcements relating to rivers. The focus will be on better understanding, enjoying, and caring for our local rivers, but will sometimes also include items from around the country and the world.

We believe we're part of a river community locally (the Willamette Basin), regionally (the Columbia Basin), and nationally—and that keeping up with current events is not only fun, but enlightening.

We hope you enjoy this, our first, news digest and welcome your suggestions. For more river-related news and information, visit the Rivers Office website, or call 503.823.7681

(Please note that much of the information here was developed by sources other than the City of Portland [like news media, non-profit organizations, and other government agencies]. The Rivers Office lists these items for information purposes only and is not responsible for their content.)

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1. In Our River Neighborhood…

Council approves River Plan fees & date. *Source: Portland Business Journal [also, see River Announcements, below]*

East Side Big Pipe Tunneling Done—"Rosie Wraps It Up". *Source: City of Portland*

A Final Look at the Big Pipe. *Source: Portland Tribune*

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers postponing plans to dredge Post Office Bar. *Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

OHSU and PSU to team up on newest addition to South Waterfront. *Source: The Oregonian*

Oregon Supreme Court issues decision affecting clean-up of Zidell property on Willamette. *Source: The Portland Business Journal*

Tri-Met's salmon-mindful in building its Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail Line and Bridge . *Source: The Bee*

2. Up the Willamette and Columbia…

New Oregon-BPA agreement protects Willamette habitat *Source: The Natural Resource Report*

Nature Conservancy buys 1,200 acres along the Middle and Coast Forks of the Willamette. *Source: Eugene Register Guard*

Op-Ed: "The Willamette wildlife settlement: poor process, poor result" *Source: The Oregonian*

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to repair Willamette dams this winter—flood storage affected *Source: Albany Democrat Herald*

Rock in All the Wrong Places (article exploring Willamette River gravel issues). *Source: Yamhill Valley News Register*

3. City of Portland River Announcements

December 7th Christening of New Rescue Boat to Honor Eldon and Trinity Smith—the Portland Fire and Rescue Bureau honors the kids involved in River tragedy. *Source: Portland Fire and Rescue Bureau*

Portland City Council takes significant steps to implement the North Reach portion of the City's River Plan. *Source: Bureau of Planning and Sustainability*

December 13th River in Focus Brownbag-- ***Reclaiming the Willamette: Designing A River City.*** Free public talk at noon in the Portland Building auditorium, 1120 SW Fifth. *Source: Rivers Office*

SAVE THE DATE! *January 18, 2011—River Forum: Share your river ideas, hopes and needs for the Central City and beyond. Details to follow…*