

Public Notice
FINAL DETERMINATION:
Practicable Alternative Analysis
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Marine Operations Center-Pacific Lease Award
to Port of Newport, Newport, Oregon

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) conducted an analysis of whether there was a practicable alternative to the Port of Newport, Oregon, for NOAA's lease award for its Marine Operations Center-Pacific (MOC-P). Since the award involved a proposal in a base floodplain, NOAA conducted an analysis pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 11988, and in response to a decision by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) concerning a protest against NOAA's lease award to the Port of Newport. That analysis was documented in NOAA's March 22, 2010, *Analysis of a Practicable Alternative to the Port of Newport (Newport, OR) for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Operations Center-Pacific Lease Award*, and concluded that there appeared to be no practicable alternative to the Port of Newport lease award. Following consideration of comments received during the public comment period (March 24 – April 23, 2010), on the March 22, 2010, *Analysis of a Practicable Alternative*, NOAA determined that the issues raised in the comments did not alter the findings and conclusions documented in the March 22, 2010, *Analysis of a Practicable Alternative*. Therefore, NOAA has made a Final Determination (dated June 2, 2010) that there was no practicable alternative to the Port of Newport lease award. This is to give notice of NOAA's Final Determination on this matter. NOAA's Final Determination report can be found at <http://www.moc.noaa.gov/mop.html>.