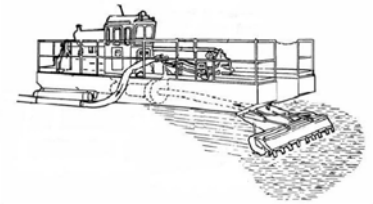


**Link to Economic
Development
Strategy**

Port of Willapa Harbor—In May 2009, the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved a \$345,000 loan to the Port of Willapa Harbor to purchase a hydraulic suction dredge. The Port was also awarded \$220,000 from the Governor’s Economic Development Strategic Reserve Account for this project.



**Local Perspective of
CERB Impact**

“The hydraulic suction dredge will be a vital piece of equipment that will allow the Ports of Pacific and Wahkiakum to address their dredging needs of today and tomorrow. These six ports are the hub of commercial activity for [these counties].”

*-Cathy Russ, Executive Director
Pacific County EDC*

**Catalyst for Private
and Local
Investment**

Pacific County’s economic base is highly dependent on timber and fishing operations; industries which have experienced a significantly steady decline over the past decades. The purchase of the dredge will allow the Port of Willapa Harbor, and other ports to which they make the dredge available under use agreements, to retain and attract marine-dependent businesses into the future.

**Unique State
Program**

CERB is Washington’s strategic economic development resource, focused on creating and retaining private sector jobs in partnership with local governments. CERB supports private business development and increased employment opportunities by providing financing for public infrastructure. These investments include industrial water and sewer, telecommunications, electricity and natural gas infrastructure improvements. CERB funds also build industrial wastewater treatment facilities, roads, bridges, general-purpose industrial buildings and port facilities. Administrative support is provided by the state department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED).