



2013 Mined Land Reclamation Awards

Special Recognition Award

Winner: Bob Short, CalPortland

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The Special Recognition Award is given to an individual from the mining industry who has shown outstanding commitment and dedication in promoting the aggregate industry on the ground, politically, or through public education.

Bob Short is being recognized for his tireless efforts to support the aggregate industry on social, political, economic and environmental levels.

Bob was born in Eugene, and lived in several communities during his formative years. He graduated from Sunset High School in Beaverton and earned his BA in history from Stanford University. After graduation, Bob worked for several years in Washington D.C. with Oregon Representative Edith Green, who chaired the House Special Committee on Education.

Bob then wandered Europe, expanding his horizons. He returned to the United States and lived in Pocatello, Idaho and Seattle working construction and writing an unpublished novel.

In 1980, Bob returned to Oregon. He moved to the Portland area and began a career with Western Pacific Construction Materials, which eventually became Reidel International, then Lone Star which became Glacier NW, and finally morphed into CalPortland.

Bob started with dispatch. He moved into the chief dispatch position in Vancouver, and also dabbled in special projects including coordinating the night delivery of asphalt for the initial paving of I-205. Bob also wrote a company newsletter and organized seminars for Lone Star University.

In 1998, Bob became the company's Public Affairs Manager, focusing on permitting issues in Columbia County, the Oregon legislature, and the Portland metro area. He served on the Columbia County Surface Mining Advisory Committee, the Portland Freight Committee and was a founding member of the Working Waterfront Coalition (WCC). The WCC was established in 2005, and is an organization of businesses concerned about the environmental health and economic vitality of the Portland Harbor.

One of Bob's more contentious projects was the successful effort to defeat a ballot measure that would have increased the Columbia County gravel extraction tax. Another huge success on Bob's resume was

mediating and ending the Columbia County "Gravel War," related to mining a parcel of property adjacent to the Scappoose Airport.

Bob has also been actively involved with the Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Producers Association (OCAPA) through the years, serving as Chair of the Legislative Committee from 2003 to 2010, on the Board of Directors from 2005 to 2012, and as Board Chair from 2010 to 2011.

Bob retired in June 2012, but continues to serve as a consultant to CalPortland on political and land use matters. He also continues to serve on the executive committee of the Columbia County Economic Team, and on the OCAPA board.