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WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) today announced that the House Appropriations Committee approved $150,000 for dock renovation at the Port of Gold Beach. DeFazio requested funding for the project. The funding was included in the fiscal year 2008 Transportation, Treasury and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.

The Gold Beach High Dock is over 30 years old and has a steel base that is showing visible signs of deterioration. This has created an urgent need to renovate the structure and ensure its safety and utility in the future. Restoration and repair of the high dock is essential for the port to maintain the current fishing fleet and attract additional economic development. The funding will be used to assist the port in making much-needed improvements.

The Transportation Appropriations bill is expected to be considered by the full House next week.