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WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) announced that yesterday the House approved **$450,000** for dock renovation at the Port of Gold Beach. DeFazio requested funding for the project. The funding was included H.R. 3074, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act for fiscal year. The bill was approved by a vote of 270-147.

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 conference agreement must now be approved by the Senate. The President has threatened to veto the bill.