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**Decision on Crescent Bar Island Slated for April 26  
Grant PUD Commissioners Unified in Favor Full Public Use in 2012**

EPHRATA, WA – On April 26, Grant PUD commissioners will vote on a motion allowing the lease with the Port of Quincy for Crescent Bar Island to expire on June 1, 2012.

At their meeting today, the board received verbal comments from the public, reviewed written public comments and considered a motion for no new lease. After receiving a staff report summarizing the written comments and clarifying several misperceptions, the board of five commissioners spoke in favor of transitioning to full public use in 2012.

“While we understand this decision is difficult for some, we cannot jeopardize our federal license or ask Grant County customer-owners to fund improvements or mitigation for continued private use of Crescent Bar Island,” stated Vice-President Randy Allred. “Returning the island to full public use is the best option.”

Commissioner Allred chaired the meeting as President Bob Bernd was out of the area, but Commissioner Bernd attended by telephone.

The Grant PUD-owned island is currently leased to the Port of Quincy that, in turn, holds subleases allowing occupancy of approximately 400 recreational vehicle sites and condominium units. Grant PUD’s lease with the Port of Quincy lease expires June 1, 2012.

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