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PORT CORPUS CHRISTI RECOGNIZES KINGH HIGH SCHOOL FOR ITS SUPPORT TO FIRST PORT GREEN DAY

“Pelican Award to be presented to the Honors Aquatic Science Class”

Corpus Christi, TX – May 11, 2009 - As Part of the Port of Corpus Christi’s commitment to take care of the environment and to support the world wide annual Earth Day, the port inaugurated its first annual Port Green Day project on Friday April 17. The event was very successful thanks to the willingness and support of the 2008-2009 King High School Honors Aquatic Science Class and Biology Classes. On Tuesday, May 12, at 9:00 a.m. at Port Commission meeting, port commissioners will recognize King High School’s Aquatic Science and Biology Classes efforts with the Port’s Pelican Awards.

The Port of Corpus Christi is proud to be one of the top five cleanest ports in the United States. Employees and tenants work hard to maintain this position. Port Green Day was a grand opportunity to raise awareness about our natural resources, and the importance of maintaining a sustainable balance between the economic growth and the environment of our region. The Joe Fulton Corridor Public Fishing area located on the North side of the Ship Channel (designated area for this year’s Port Green Day project) was open to the public last year when the Joe Fulton Corridor opened and it soon became a highly visited location for fishermen. With increased traffic the area soon became littered with trash

and debris. PCCA would like to continue offering this area to the public for fishing but does not wish to do so at the risk of the environment.

Port employees were honored to be joined by the 140 King High School students, for the clean-up day. The Honors Aquatic and Biology programs from King High School teaches the students about their surrounding environment so they will have a better understanding of how to solve and or prevent our areas environmental problems. *“Participating in a project like Port Green Day, will help the students gain more knowledge of the important of the Gulf of Mexico and the significance of finding a sustainable balance between progress and the environment.”* Said, J.R. Jones, King High School, Honors Aquatic Science Teacher.

The Port of Corpus Christi has an Environmental Management System (EMS) and through the EMS we make several commitments with regard to the environment. We want to keep working hard to reduce the impact of our operations. PCCA is doing its part for the environment and it is reaching out to the community to join in our commitment to continually improve and to reduce our environmental footprint.

During this event, 9.02 tons of trash were picked up and disposed of and 3 cubic yards of recyclable materials such as cardboard, plastic and metal cans were collected for recycling. The Port’s Environmental Compliance Manager, Sarah Garza is thankful for community partnerships saying *“The help from the community, especially the 160 King High School students, really demonstrates the community’s support of our port, our environment, and our commitment to continually improve.”*