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**UNITED STATES MINT LAUNCHES “OCEAN IN VIEW” NICKEL  
AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> AT CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT**

**PUBLIC INVITED TO JOIN FESTIVITIES FEATURING NICKEL COFFEE  
AND THE NICKEL EXCHANGE**

**Ilwaco, WA – The United States Mint will release the 4th nickel in its Westward Journey Nickel Series™ at Cape Disappointment State Park on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The Ocean in View nickel design commemorates Lewis & Clark’s completion of their mission, depicting the dramatic coastal landscape where they reached the Pacific in November 1805. William Clark famously wrote in his field notes, “Ocian In View,” O! The Joy!” as the expedition crossed the estuary near the Pacific Ocean at the end of their westward journey.**

**The public is invited to the ceremony, which starts at 10 am. It is set against the backdrop of Cape Disappointment headland and lighthouse and the confluence of the Columbia and Pacific, reflecting the nickel’s design. Before the ceremony enjoy a rare experience of a nickel cup of coffee, courtesy of Long Beach Coffee Roasters while visiting with the Chinook Nation, Lewis & Clark re-enactors and browse the vendor area. Information about programs and tickets will be available for Destination: The Pacific National Signature Event, November 11-15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Following the ceremony and for the remainder of the day, the public will be able to purchase the new Ocean in View nickels and a limited supply of the American Bison nickels and Sacagawea Golden Dollar coins. Joe Fitzgerald, designer of the Ocean in View reverse and the 2005 Jefferson obverse design will be on hand to sign nickel rolls. Tom Rogers, designer of the Sacagawea eagle side (reverse) of the Golden Dollar will also be available for signing. He will also give a program at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center at 2p.m.**

**Children under 18 will receive a free Ocean in View nickel. The Bank of Pacific will host the Ocean in View nickel exchange, an opportunity for the public to exchange \$2 in bills for \$2 in nickel rolls. The Bank will also be giving out a commemorative bookmark with a nickel holder. Cape Disappointment State Park will host Lewis & Clark programs throughout the day. The Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center will host a Chinook Nation exhibit as well as a NOAA exhibit about the Lewis & Clark survey markers and other NOAA projects. Lewis & Clark re-enactors will also be present to interact with the public.**

**President Bush authorized the redesign of the nation's 5-cent coin for the first time since 1938 to commemorate the bicentennials of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis & Clark Expedition. The United States Mint has released three nickels prior to Ocean in View: the Peace Medal and Keelboat designs in 2004 and the Bison design in spring 2005. A limited number of each of these nickels is produced in this commemorative series.**

**The Ocean in View ceremony begins at 10 a.m. near Waikiki Beach and features United States Mint Deputy Director David Lebryk; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) General Counsel James R. Walpole; Superintendent of Lewis & Clark National and State Historical Park Chip Jenkins; Chinook Nation Vice Chairman Ray Gardner; Director Washington State Historical Society David Nicandri; Lewis & Clark historian and author Rex Ziak; Oregon State Senator Betsy Johnson (invited); Washington Congressman Brian Baird (invited) and Oregon Congressman David Wu (invited).**

**The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is presenting a stainless steel survey marker to Washington State Parks as part of the ceremony program. Due to ongoing construction of the Maya Lin Confluence project, the final placement of the survey marker will be done closer to the Maya Lin Dedication on November 18<sup>th</sup> of the Confluence project. The NOAA survey marker is the only one of NOAA's markers that will feature the Ocean in View design. The other markers along the Lewis & Clark Trail have the Peace Medal design.**

**The geodetic control mark is part of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS), which is defined and managed by NOAA's National Geodetic Survey. It is a system that defines position, height, distance, gravity, orientation and shoreline throughout the United States and how these values change with time. NSRS provides the foundation for mapping and charting, boundary and property surveys, and numerous scientific and engineering endeavors.**

**The Ocean in View nickel ceremony is presented by Cape Disappointment State Park, a unit of the Lewis & Clark National and State Historical Park; Destination: The Pacific; Bank of the Pacific; Pacific County Friends of Lewis & Clark and Friends of the Columbia Gateway.**

**Cape Disappointment State Park, where the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center overlooks the Pacific Ocean, is located in Ilwaco, Washington. Parking is \$5 for the day. For more information to reach the Park, call 360-642-3029.**

**The public is also invited to Blue Lake Park on Saturday, August 6, to commemorate the Upper Chinookan people and the Lewis & Clark's exploration of the Willamette River. Events include dedication of Nitchaqwli monument, Ocean in View nickel roll exchanges, drumming, singing and fiddling. There will also be living history presentations and demonstrations including survival techniques, basket making, storytelling and exhibits and a display of authentic cedar canoes,**

among other historic items. Joe Fitzgerald, designer of the Ocean In View nickel reverse design will sign nickel rolls. Blue Lake Regional Park is located at Fairview, north of Interstate 84 at Exit 14. Parking is \$5 per vehicle.

For images of the Lewis & Clark Ocean in View and Bison nickels visit [www.usmint.gov/pressroom/index.cfm?action=photo#2004nickelseries](http://www.usmint.gov/pressroom/index.cfm?action=photo#2004nickelseries)

For information about the United States Mint, visit [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov)  
For information about NOAA visit [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)

**Destination: The Pacific (DTP)**, one of the presenters for the nickel launch, is Oregon and Washington's only nationally sanctioned Signature Event. Destination: The Pacific takes place November 11-15, 2005, with a special commemoration of The Vote at the Pacific on November 24. DTP will feature nine programs including an opening ceremony at Fort Stevens State Park; Festival of the Pacific: Lewis & Clark Remembered at Clatsop County Fairgrounds; "Ocean in View" speaker series, the National Park Service Corps of Discovery II traveling exhibit in Long Beach, Consider the Columbia featuring a ceremony on the Astoria- Megler bridge, dedication of the Fort To Sea Trail in Oregon, and the nationally acclaimed Discovery Expedition of St. Charles setting up camp in Chinook County Park in Washington. For more information about tickets and events visit [www.destinationthepacific.com](http://www.destinationthepacific.com) or call 503-861-4403.

The Pacific County Friends of Lewis & Clark is a proud partner of Destination: The Pacific. In addition to the programs listed above, be sure to see the free Lewis & Clark Film Festival in Long Beach; Hiking Through History on the Discovery Trail from Ilwaco to Long Beach and trails in Cape Disappointment State Park and Ft. Columbia State Park; The Lewis & Clark Quilt Show, free, at the Cranberry Museum; The free Water Safety Exhibit with the Coast Guard at Ilwaco; "Don't Bother Me With The Facts" The Uses and Abuses of Lewis & Clark in Popular Culture Exhibit and the American Rivers Exhibit at the Ilwaco Heritage Museum and the Port of Ilwaco Lewis & Clark Charter Boat Tours of the lower Columbia River.

For more information visit [www.destinationthepacific.com](http://www.destinationthepacific.com) or [www.funbeach.org](http://www.funbeach.org) or call 360-642-2805

On November 18<sup>th</sup> Maya Lin will dedicate the first of the Confluence Projects along the Snake and Columbia Rivers at Cape Disappointment State Park. For more information visit [www.confluenceproject.org](http://www.confluenceproject.org)