Today, Congressman Blumenauer led a boat tour on the Willamette River of several critical areas in the Portland Harbor Superfund clean up plan and restoration process. Joining him were colleagues Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Jeff Merkley, Congressman Kurt Schrader, EPA Region X Administrator Dennis McLerran, and representatives from the Lower Willamette Group, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the Portland Harbor Natural Resource Trustee Council. These experts described the fascinating history and connection to ship building activities in WWII, as well as the challenges and opportunities for each site. The Portland Harbor Superfund Site was placed on the National Priority List in 2000. The group renewed their commitment to working with local stakeholders, EPA, and colleagues in Congress to ensure that the resources and commitment are available to clean up and restore this section of the Willamette River and preserve the economic vitality and jobs in our working harbor.

Below is background on the Harbor (PDFs).

Portland Harbor Background 2.zip