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IN SIGHT OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN, UNITED STATES MINT TO LAUNCH OCEAN IN VIEW NICKEL

August 5 Launch at Cape Disappointment--August 6 Nickel Exchange at Blue Lake

The United States Mint will present the new 2005 Ocean in View nickel to the American people for the first time on a dramatically beautiful overlook of the Pacific Ocean at Cape Disappointment State Park in Washington State on August 5 at 10 a.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to exchange their bills for Ocean in View immediately after the ceremony.

“Ocean in view! O! the Joy!”, explorer William Clark’s jubilant exclamation recorded in his field notes in 1805, appears on the coin. Clark made the entry as the Lewis and Clark expedition crossed the Columbia River estuary within twenty miles of the Pacific Ocean. The Ocean in View Nickel is the fourth design in the United States Mint’s Westward Journey nickel Series™, which commemorates the bicentennials of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Children under 18 will receive a free Ocean in View nickel. Lewis and Clark-era entertainment will be provided by re-enactors and musicians. Chinook Nation exhibits and Lewis and Clark programs will be held at the park and the Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center throughout the day.

Who: United States Mint Deputy Director David Lebryk
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration General Counsel James R. Walpole
Chinook Nation Vice Chairman Ray Gardner
Lewis and Clark National and State Park Superintendent Chip Jenkins
Washington State Historical Society Executive Director David Nicandri
Lewis and Clark Author and Historian Rex Ziak
Designer of Ocean in View Nickel Joe Fitzgerald

When: Friday, August 5, 2005 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. PT. Launch ceremony at 10 a.m.

Where: Cape Disappointment State Park, Ilwaco, Washington
Jetty west of Waikiki Beach


The public is also invited to Blue Lake Regional Park on August 6 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Encounter at Nicahqwli, a celebration of Upper Chinookan people at the site of their former village. Events will include an Ocean in View nickel exchange from 1– 8 p.m. Nicahqwli (nee-chalk-lee) village was the home of the native son who led Captain William Clark to the mouth of the Willamette River. Elders and members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde plan a number of performances and demonstrations, including drumming, singing, basket making and stick games. Food prepared by the tribe and authentic art and crafts will be sold. Joe Fitzgerald, designer of the Ocean in View nickel, will attend the event.

Who: Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde; National Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

When: Saturday, August 6, 1:00 – 8:00 p.m. PT. A monument to Nicahqwli will be dedicated at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Blue Lake Regional Park, Portland, Oregon.