# Notice of Critical Status for the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific National Pension Plan

This is to inform you that on September 28, 2011 the Plan actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and to the Board of Trustees that the Plan is in critical status for the plan year beginning July 1, 2011.

Federal law requires that you receive this notice.

#### **Critical Status**

The Plan is considered to be in critical status because it has impending funding deficiencies. More specifically, the Plan's actuary determined that over the next three plan years, the Plan is expected to have an accumulated funding deficiency for plan years beginning on and after July 1, 2013. Also, the sum of the Plan's normal cost and interest on the unfunded benefits for the current plan year exceeds the present value of all expected contributions for the year; the present value of vested benefits of inactive participants is greater than the present value of vested benefits of active participants; and over the next four plan years, the Plan is projected to have an accumulated funding deficiency for plan years beginning on and after July 1, 2013.

#### Rehabilitation Plan

Federal law requires pension plans in critical status to adopt a rehabilitation plan aimed at restoring the financial health of the plan. This is the second year the Plan has been in critical status. The law permits pension plans to reduce, or eliminate, benefits called "adjustable benefits" as part of a rehabilitation plan. On May 4, 2011, you were notified that the Plan reduced or eliminated certain adjustable benefits. In October 2010, you were notified that as of October 28, 2010 the Plan is not permitted to pay lump sum benefits (or any other payment in excess of the monthly amount paid under a single life annuity) while it is in critical status. If the Board of Trustees of the Plan determines that further benefit reductions are necessary, you will receive a separate notice in the future identifying and explaining the effect of those reductions. Any reduction of adjustable benefits (other than a repeal of a recent benefit increase, as described below) will not reduce the level of a participant's basic benefit payable at normal retirement. In addition, the reductions may only apply to participants and beneficiaries whose benefit commencement date is on or after October 28, 2010.

The Board of Trustees adopted a Rehabilitation Plan on January 31, 2011 in an effort to improve the Plan's funding situation. A summary of the Rehabilitation Plan can be found on the Annual Funding Notice.

### **Adjustable Benefits**

The Plan offers the following adjustable benefits which may be reduced or eliminated as part of the Rehabilitation Plan: sixty-month payment guarantees, disability benefits (if not yet in pay status), early retirement benefits or early retirement type subsidies, pre-retirement death benefits other than a qualified pre-retirement death benefit (QPSA), benefit payment options other than a qualified joint-and-survivor annuity (QJSA) and recent benefit increases (i.e. occurring in the past 5 years), including contribution increases that increased your benefit.

## **Employer Surcharge**

The law requires that all contributing employers pay to the Plan a surcharge to help correct the Plan's financial situation. The amount of the surcharge is equal to a percentage of the amount an employer is otherwise required to contribute to the Plan under the applicable collective bargaining agreement. For employers that have not adopted the Rehabilitation Plan, the surcharge on contributions is 10% beginning for hours worked in July 2011. Employers that have adopted the

Rehabilitation Plan do not pay a surcharge. Instead, they pay the supplemental contributions as required by the Rehabilitation Plan schedule that was adopted.

## Special Rules While in the Rehabilitation Plan Adoption Period

During the rehabilitation plan adoption period, the Board of Trustees may not accept a collective bargaining agreement or participation agreement with the Plan that provides for:

- a reduction in the level of contributions for any participants,
- a suspension in the contributions with respect to any period of service, or
- any new direct or indirect exclusion of younger or newly hired employees from Plan participation.

Further, no amendment which increases the liabilities of the Plan by reason of any increase in benefits, any change in the accrual of benefits, or any change in the rate which benefits become nonforfeitable under the Plan may be adopted unless the amendment is required to keep the Plan qualified under the Internal Revenue Code or to comply with applicable laws. This includes contribution rate increases adopted during the rehabilitation plan adoption period that increase benefits earned under the Plan.

### Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may contact:

Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific Pension Trust c/o A&I Benefit Plan Administrators, Inc. 1220 SW Morrison Street, Suite 300 Portland, OR 97205 (503) 224-0048

You have a right to receive a copy of the Rehabilitation Plan from the Plan.