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**PORT MEETING SCHEDULE**

Regular Meeting, July 22, 6:00 p.m.  
The meeting will be held in the  
Port Conference Room.

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**International Terminal Project Update**

At the June 24 meeting of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners, KPFF Consulting Engineer Mike Schmid reported that a preferred alternative design for the terminal renovation project had been selected. The design is within budget and will be earthquake resistant, and both KPFF and Construction Manager/General Contractor Natt McDougall Co. agree that the design is the long-term solution they were looking for. Concrete test data from the SS Hennebique showed an estimated 10-year life span for most of the hull and less than that in some areas, so those results led to the final design alternative which will stabilize the ship. Composite sampling of sediment taken from in front of both ships came back positive, in the sense that the anticipated dredge material is clean, so there should be no expensive disposal problem with the dredged materials. There are still concerns about mitigation requirements by the Department of Fish & Wildlife and National Marine Fisheries. A joint meeting with the agencies will be scheduled soon. The Joint Permit Application will be submitted to the permitting agencies on July 25 in anticipation of in-water construction to begin November 1.

Due to the Port Commission declaring a state of emergency on the SS Pasley in June, DEQ requested that an oil containment boom be deployed around the ship hull, and that was done.

The old debarker site is being explored as a possible new location for refrigerated unit containers. Three refrigerator container units had to be moved because of the renovation project, and the old debarker site is viewed as an ideal location for the units because there is already a concrete slab and industrial power there. There is interest in placing additional refrigerator units there. The initial plan would be to service six containers with the capability of eventually servicing fifteen.

There have been reports of missing gear from the terminal storage area. The Port is looking into security systems and cameras to deter theft in the future.



Upland Excavation Work Begins at the Terminal  
(Photo by Pete Dale)

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 07/04—Independence Day  
(Port office closed)
- 07/08—Trident Seafoods Meal Plant  
Open House, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 07/09—Fishermen’s Forum, 8:30-9:30  
a.m., Port Office
- 07/18—Full Moon
- 07/22—Regular Port Commission Meeting,  
6:00 p.m. Port Conference Room
- 07/31—North Side Harbormaster Kevin  
Bryant’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Port



F/V Sea Hunt offloaded some exotic catch at the Port Dock 7 hoist dock on July 7, including a 280-pound sword fish, and some ahi and oopah. The fish were caught off Hawaii and will be sold to West Coast markets. F/V Sea Hunt is 78-feet long and is owned by Leland Oldenburg of Newport. (Photo by Patty Benjamin)

**Report From The Shipping Terminal**

June was a busy month at the terminal dock, with 120 vessels in and out. The local shore-based whiting season, which was scheduled to open on June 15, has been delayed due to bi-catch and small fish. It may re-open in mid-July. Northern Refrigeration has been doing work for the local fleet, Foulweather Trawl is making repairs to shrimp nets, and J. Lamb Marine Electric is working on wiring for a new wheel house that will be installed on one of the local fishing vessels this fall.

Road & Driveway moved two bulldozers and a road grader onto the terminal grounds on July 7, to start the excavation and paving work at the new building and gear storage location at the terminal.



West entrance road to terminal after repairs.  
(Photo by Pete Dale)

The proposed closure of the west entrance road to the terminal has been being reconsidered. Due to safety, security, and liability concerns, vegetation on both sides of the road was removed. As a result, about 2-feet of roadway width was reclaimed and visibility was greatly improved, thus reducing liability and safety concerns. The road will remain open.

### Cruise Ship Project Update

The Port of Newport's Cruise "Conversation with the Community" was a success. It was well attended and a dialogue was established with questions and answers coming from the public, city officials, and the Port. The next step will be to develop an action plan for more outreach to the community. The core committee that worked with the Port and consultant Bill Cook during the feasibility study phase of the project will be expanded to include more committee members from the community. The Port will also stay in touch with the cruise companies, so that the companies know there is still interest in cruise ship calls.

### The North Side

After a lot of work and anticipation by the North Side Operations crew, their 22-foot Boston Whaler, acquired from the City of Toledo, is operational and in the water. It is a welcome addition to the Port's fleet and will save the crew from using the Port tug for all of their on-water work.

The delayed whiting season resulted in "crunch time" at the commercial docks, with whiting boats in port instead of at sea and moorage space at a premium.

The Port of Newport's budget for FY 2008-2009 was passed by the Budget Committee and approved by the Board of Commissioners. The Port also received funds from the second \$5-million issuance of Terminal Reconstruction GO bonds. Those funds went directly into the Construction Fund for the Terminal Renovation Project, which is supported solely by grant money, bond proceeds, and interest.

### The South Side

Business at the launch ramp has been steady and the RV Park picked up at the end of June, after a slower start to the South Beach summer season than last year. While travel costs have had a negative impact on RV Park revenue, the marina is holding its own with new moorage holders to fill slip cancellations.

The South Beach maintenance crew welcomed Shawn Dykes as a full-time summer helper, and Keith Strasburg was welcomed back again. Keith is a long-term marina resident and has worked with the operations/maintenance crew before. He will help out on weekends through the summer season.

Nearly all the squares are filled for an Oregon State Marine Board Clean Marina Certification for the South Beach Marina. The final inspection will occur later in July.

Oregon Brewing Company (Rogue Ales) has entered into an agreement to lease the southern portion of the former Serven Building. The former tenant, South Side Marine, moved out on June 30. Rogue will use the space for dry storage and offices.

### Boat for Sale

The Port of Newport has a 32-foot commercial fishing vessel for sale. F/V Lillian C is a steel boat and comes with a Bedford 6-cycle engine, two 3-spool Simplex gurdies, a depth finder, and radar. Asking price is \$4,500 or best offer. Call Harbormaster Kevin Bryant at 541-265-7758 for an appointment to see the vessel



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A Chinook helicopter prepares to lift the wooden waterwheel that was a bayfront landmark for decades. The waterwheel was relocated to Seal Rock. (Port of Newport photo)



**Open House at Trident**

The Port of Newport and Trident Seafoods invited the public to an open house at the Trident Seafoods Meal Plant on Tuesday, July 8, 2008. The open house, attended by State Rep. Jean Cowan, was held to provide an opportunity for local residents to learn more about the plant's operations.

Over \$800,000 in improvements and upgrades were made to the plant over the past winter and several problems were identified that had led to complaints from neighboring home owners about odors during the last season that the plant was in operation. Of that \$800,000, 98% went to odor control. The public is welcome to visit the plant before, during, or after the whiting season and take a tour of its operations. Call Bill Olivera at 541-265-7279 with questions or to make arrangements for a tour.