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**PORT MEETING SCHEDULE**

Regular Meeting, March 24, 2009  
6:00 p.m., Port Conference Room

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**International Terminal Project Update**

Responding to increased concern about movement and deterioration in the hull condition of the USS Pasley, the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners has authorized Port Manager Don Mann to enlist the services of NWFF Environmental, Inc. for 24-hour emergency spill response. NWFF's response time would be 1-3 hours from Philomath. The contractor has staged emergency equipment, including 2,000 feet of oil boom, on Port property to be used in the event of an emergency. There are six haz-mat trained responders on the Port staff and vessels to deploy the equipment ahead of NWFF's arrival, if needed.

The Port of Newport and Lincoln County Board of Commissioners have declared a state of emergency due to the worsening condition of the ship, and Mann has testified before the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Services about the potential threat it poses to the environment. The Port will submit a revised joint permit application to the regulatory agencies in March and hopes to start renovating the ship and rebuilding the terminal dock later this year. The Port is presently investigating options for the removal of additional oil from the Pasley.

**Port Manager Attends PNWA  
Mission to Washington DC**

Port of Newport General Manager and President of Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual PNWA Mission to Washington DC March 1-5, 2009. The group included delegates from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Northern California, and Alaska. Mann met with senior staff from the US Army Corps of Engineers, as well as members of the Oregon house and senate. Primary topics for discussion were appropriations, dredging, and special community projects which include the proposed Newport Fisheries Center, the terminal dock, and the possibility of NOAA research vessels coming to Oregon.

The Port of Newport has submitted three projects for assistance through the federal appropriations process: terminal renovation, the proposed fisheries center, and a commercial dock upgrade for Port Dock 7. The Port continues to seek additional funding for federal navigation improvements, including South Beach Marina channel maintenance, south jetty groins, and a study of the north jetty as a follow up to its repair several years ago.

The Port has also submitted a placeholder request for funding through ODFW to NOAA/NMFS as part of the federal stimulus package. If granted, the additional funding would be used for the unfunded ship removal phase of the terminal renovation project.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 03/01-05—75<sup>th</sup> Annual PNWA Mission to Washington DC
- 03/08—Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 03/10—Full Moon
- 03/11—Fishermen’s Forum, 8:30 a.m., Port office
- 03/17—St. Patrick’s Day
- 03/18—Commissioner Policies & Duties Training
- 03/20—First Day of Spring
- 03/21—2009 Blessing of the Fleet and Great Newport Seafood Cook-Off
- 03/24—Regular Port Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Port Conference Room



South Beach Sunrise  
(Photo by Patty Benjamin)

**Report From The Shipping Terminal**

Thirty-nine fishing vessels used the terminal docks during the month of February. Foulweather Trawl is working on shrimp nets for the local fleet. “Get well soon” to Foulweather Trawl’s John Skamser, who has been in “sick bay” after surgery. Northern Refrigeration is putting a new refrigeration system in F/V Ossian, while J. Lamb Marine Electric is working on F/V Patricia Lee. ILWU Local 53 loaded a container for Rogue Ales on February 18, 2009. The shipment went to Rogue’s overseas market. The approach to the ro-ro dock at the terminal is beginning to get soft and additional steel plates might have to be placed as support. The other docks have soft timbers and can no longer bear the weight of the Port’s equipment for driving.



Emergency Response Trailer Staged at the Terminal  
(Photo by Pete Dale)

**The South Side**

The tent for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seafood & Wine Festival went up early this year, which made a smoother start to the festival weekend. The event went very well and the RV Park was full. The Seafood & Wine Festival mega-tent was left in place to house the Salty Dog anglers convention at the marina the following weekend.

The marina office has started a waiting list for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, which is already fully booked at South Beach.

The H-Dock project continues. The main dock is together and Yaquina Boat is building angle brackets and pile hoops for the project.

Fred Hauert and Mark Rahm from South Beach Maintenance completed an 8-hour HAZWOPER refresher course in Portland on February 26.

There have been no reports yet of herring at South Beach. The small fish usually come in with the Seafood & Wine Festival but they're late this year.

**The North Side**

The daily use of the hoist dock by independent fish buyers has slowed and refrigerator trucks are no longer a daily feature in the parking lot, leaving room for more crab pots as they are brought in.

The Port of Newport will host the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Coast Congress (PCC) of Harbormasters & Port Manager (PCC) conference April 14-17, 2009. The conference will be held at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn. The conference provides a venue for exchanging ideas and making plans for the future of the ports industry. It also provides an opportunity to highlight local businesses. In addition to training and education, agenda topics range from the current economy and its effect on ports to a "nuts and bolts" session on dock repairs. The South Beach Marina's H-Dock project will be featured. Port staff is coordinating the conference and Port Manager Don Mann will deliver a host presentation when the conference opens. PCC has grown from 7 members to over 150 since the group was founded in Newport in 1974.



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### **2009 Blessing of the Fleet and Great Newport Seafood Cook-Off**

Newport's annual Blessing of the Fleet is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2009. The event will start at 9:30 a.m. with Survival Suit Races at the Newport Tradewinds dock. The parade of vessels will proceed from the area near the Port of Newport International Terminal at 12:45 p.m. and the blessing will take place at 1:00 p.m. near the US Coast Guard Station Yaquina Bay. A memorial service to honor Lincoln County fishermen lost at sea will follow at 3:30 p.m. at the Fishermen's Memorial Sanctuary at Yaquina Bay State Park. The Blessing of the Fleet is open to all types of vessels. Registration forms are available at Englund Marine, Schiewe Marine, and on the Newport Fishermen's Wives website.

The field of battle will be a fry pan as ten amateur and ten professional teams compete for \$1,000 in prize money and the title "Best at the Bay" at the Great Newport Seafood Cook-Off. The cook-off will be the grand finale to the 2009 Blessing of the Fleet on Saturday, March 21, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the Newport Middle School. Seven judges, including guest celebrities, will determine the winners and the public will have an opportunity to sample the seafood creations, while enjoying live music by the Perpetua Jazz Ensemble. The evening will also include prize raffles, award presentations, and seafood cooking demonstrations. Entry fees are \$50 for amateur teams and \$75 for professional teams. For an application form, rules, and more information on the cook-off, call the Newport Fishermen's Wives at 541-574-5555 or e-mail [fishermenswives@yahoo.com](mailto:fishermenswives@yahoo.com). Tickets for the Great Newport Seafood Cook-Off are on sale at the Newport Fishermen's Wives web site [www.newportfishermenswives.com](http://www.newportfishermenswives.com). Proceeds benefit the Newport Fishermen's Wives and Samaritan House Family Homeless Shelter.