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### **PORT MEETING SCHEDULE**

Next Regular Meeting  
November 25, 6:00 p.m.  
Port Conference Room

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### **International Terminal Project Update**

Commissioners Halverson, Goblirsch, and Barton, along with Port staff and terminal dock design and construction team members met in Salem on October 20<sup>th</sup> with state and federal regulatory agencies to discuss the permit and mitigation process for the terminal project. The Department of State Lands (DSL) had specific questions additional recommendations. Discussion is ongoing about the option of environmental cleanup and remediation of the Pasley or removing the vessel entirely, and the Port is working on providing mitigation to meet the agencies requirements for critical habitat. The Pasley was surveyed again relating to movement, and an air quality resource specialist from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) conducted a site inspection and tour of the project. She found the Port in full compliance with asbestos abatement procedures. The project team has submitted a schedule to the agencies that calls for a joint permit in May of 2009 with project completion in either December of 2010 or spring of 2011. A public forum with the agencies is tentatively scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **NOAA Home Port Project**

The Port of Newport has been included in the geographic response area to be part of the solicitation for the NOAA home port project. At the commission's regular meeting on October 28, Mann said he appreciated the support of Oregon's congressional delegation and coastal caucus as the Port pursued the project, and said the meeting that he and Commissioner Halverson had with NOAA officials in Maryland last March had been key to Newport's making the "geographical short list". Mann has requested a complete package of the solicitation notice and the Port will participate in the next phase of the process.

### **New Customs Office**

The Port is providing temporary mobile office space for the US Customs and Border Protection officer. The customs officer's former office at the terminal no longer met the General Services Administration's safety and security standards. The new office is in service adjacent to the Port administration office at Port Dock 7.



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 11/02—Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/04—Election Day
- 11/11—Veteran’s Day (Port office closed)
- 11/12—Fishermen’s Forum  
8:30-9:30 a.m., Port Office
- 11/13—Full Moon
- 11/21—Fishermen’s Appreciation Day
- 11/25—Regular Port Commission Meeting,  
6:00 p.m. Port Conference Room
- 11/27—Thanksgiving (Port office closed)
- 11/28—Port Office Closed



Port Manager Don Mann, President of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, attended the association’s annual meeting October 15-17 in Portland, OR. Mann is shown here (l to r) with Congressman Peter DeFazio and PNWA Executive Director Glenn Vanselow.

**Report From The Shipping Terminal**

Crab pots are coming in to the terminal as crews begin working on their gear for the season that is expected to open at the end of November.

The offshore whiting season was extended and might go on until around November 5<sup>th</sup>. The Trident Meal Plant is in the process of shutting down for the winter after the extended season.

The vessel count at the terminal dock for the month of October was 82. That number is down from 128 boats in October of 2007.

Foulweather Trawl is building new nets for the Alaska fleet and repairing local nets. Joe Lamb (J. Lamb Marine Electric) is working on wiring for F/V Marathon’s new wheel house. Northern Refrigeration has been working on refrigeration units out of town.



Commissioner Ginny Goblirsch stands on the hull of the Pasley at the terminal.

Part of the terminal office roof blew off during the first storm of the season, and some roofing tin and siding blew off the warehouse, as well. Ray Carel from north side operations made temporary repairs.

ILWU Local 53 loaded a container at Rogue Ales on October 14<sup>th</sup> for Rogue’s overseas market.

The Port purchased a new Hyster forklift for the terminal. The purchase had been included in the Port’s budget and a resolution was approved by the commission to authorize a loan for the capital purchase. The forklift will be used at the terminal to provide services for the fishing fleet.

### The South Side

The South Beach maintenance crew has been working on cleaning up the marina and RV park, now that summer traffic has died down, but the month of October proved to be the busiest “group month” that the RV park had ever seen. The park hosted several RV groups through the month of October, as word is spreading about the accommodations. South Beach office staff is able to track how the RV guests learn about the facility. Good Sam and Family Motor Coach ads accounted for 38.49% of the park’s occupancy during September 2008, but return guests was still the highest percentage at 44.30%.

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual U-DA-MAN fishing tournament was held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Only six fish were weighed in but the event made \$15,000. The tournament committee’s goal is to get the old OreAqua facility up and running, and Commissioner Fleck and Port Manager Don Mann have met with ODFW about that project.

The newly assembled work barge is moored at H-Dock in South Beach, and treated lumber and connecting hardware has been received for the first stage of the Port’s dock rehabilitation project. Work will start on H-dock this month.

Northwest Maritime mobilized a large work barge and equipment to repair the gutters on the warehouse that Rogue Ales leases from the Port.



Rogue Ales Gutter Repair Project

### The North Side

Port Manager Don Mann and Commercial Marina Harbormaster Kevin Bryant attended the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters & Port Managers in Seattle, WA October 21-24.

Keith Thompson has been hired to work part-time with the maintenance/operations crew.

The crab pot storage area at Port Dock 7 sees more activity every day, as boat crews get ready for crab season. ODFW started a voluntary free program to encourage crabbers to recycle their old crab buoy tags. One of the recycling locations is near the operations shop at Port Dock 7.

### Emergency Planning

The Port of Newport is moving forward with an emergency action plan. Morgan Rider, from Ecology and Environment, Inc. attended the regular commission meeting in October along with Jim Hawley, Lincoln County Emergency Services. Rider worked with the City of Newport and Lincoln County on their emergency planning process, and the Port intends to develop its emergency plan in conjunction with the city and county, coordinating emergency response with community partners. Rider will schedule an initial workshop to identify what the Port would have to do to meet federal requirements and recommendations for plans, training, and exercises. Having an emergency plan in place will open federal funding and grants to the Port that would otherwise not be available, and the Port will look into Economic Development funds to cover some of the cost of putting the plan together.

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**Columbus Day Regatta**  
**Yaquina Bay**  
 (Photo courtesy of MaryLou Moore)

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishermen’s Appreciation Day**  
**Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Rain or Shine!**

The Port of Newport will show its appreciation to Newport’s dedicated and hard working fishermen with the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishermen’s Appreciation day. The event will start at 9:00 a.m. at the operations shop, with coffee from Starbucks and cookies, donuts, and biscuits and gravy provided by the Newport Fishermen’s Wives. At noon Port Manager Don Mann will barbecue hamburgers and hot dogs for the fishermen in the Port Dock 7 gear lot, and Local Ocean will serve up piping hot chowder. The US Coast Guard will test EPIRBs and conduct safety inspections for vessels prior to the opening of crab season. Fishermen’s Appreciation Day is sponsored by the Port of Newport, US Coast Guard Yaquina Bay Station, and the Newport Fishermen’s Wives. The Newport Fishermen’s Wives is a non-profit organization dedicated to fishing family support, vessel safety, and seafood education. Fishermen’s Appreciation Day is only one of the events they participate in, and they invite everyone in the community who is involved in the fishing industry to join their organization. For more information, call 541-574-5555, send an e-mail to [fishermenswives@yahoo.com](mailto:fishermenswives@yahoo.com), or visit their web site at [www.newportfishermenswives.com](http://www.newportfishermenswives.com).



Port Manager Don Mann presides over the barbecue at last year’s Fishermen’s Appreciation Day. The operations crew anchored a tarp to the Port’s dump truck to keep the rain off the cook and the hot dogs.