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PORT MEETING SCHEDULE

Next Regular Meeting
October 28, 6:00 p.m.
Port Conference Room

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International Terminal Project Update

KPFF Consulting Engineers presented the 60% drawings and specifications to Natt McDougall Company (NMC), and Quade Commercial Construction of Lincoln City was retained for the upland buildings design/build portion of the project, but active construction on the buildings has been suspended until the Port has a better idea of the timing on the permitting process. According to KPFF engineer Mike Schmid, the best case scenario would be a four-month turnaround on the joint permit application but a more realistic prediction would be six months, with in-water work to start in November 2009 and construction completed in December of 2010. General Manager Don Mann and other representatives of the Port attended a meeting in Salem on September 29 with the Division of State Lands, Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, and the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department to discuss the project. The meeting had been set up at the agencies' request.

Commission President Rob Halverson and General Manager Don Mann attended the Oregon Coastal Caucus meeting in Newport on September 11, where they had an opportunity to provide coastal legislators an update on the terminal dock project. Representatives from the governor's office have also shown an increased interest in the project as well.

A meeting was held on September 5 to update concerned Newport citizens on the terminal project, with representatives from KPFF Consulting Engineers, Natt McDougall Company, and the Port of Newport on hand to answer questions. Another public meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Cruise Vessel Update

The cruise committee met on September 25 in the Port Conference Room. The next steps for that committee will be to formalize an action plan and explore legislative regulations for cruise vessels.

Dredge Yaquina

The ACOE hopper dredge Yaquina will return to Newport October 6-11 to dredge the entrance to Yaquina Bay prior to the opening of crab season.

The Port of Newport Staff & Commission extends sincere condolences to Josh Mies, South Beach Operations, and his family and friends on the loss of his fiancée, Danielle Roggenstein, who died September 27, 2008.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10/06—Dredge Yaquina arrives
- 10/08—Fishermen’s Forum
- 8:30-9:30 a.m., Port Office
- 10/12—U-DA-MAN Fishing Tournament
- 10/13—Columbus Day
- 10/14—Full Moon
- 10/15-17—PNWA Annual Meeting, Portland
- 10/21-24—PCC Semi-Annual conference, Seattle
- 10/28—Regular Port Commission Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Port Conference Room
- 10/31—Halloween



The 7th Annual U-DA-MAN Fishing Tournament will be held October 12, 2008. Entry fee is \$30. Check in is 5:45-9:00 a.m. at the old launch ramp at the South Beach Marina.

Report From The Shipping Terminal

The new storage area at the terminal has been paved and is in use. Some of the local fleet is stripping off shrimp gear in anticipation of crab season. Whiting season is expected to re-open for ten days in October. The vessel count at the terminal dock for the month of September was 88. That number is up from 60 boats in September of 2007. Foulweather Trawl is working on new bottom nets for the local fleet. Joe Lamb (J. Lamb Marine Electric) has been upriver putting wiring in F/V Marathon’s new wheel house. Recent soundings indicate no new accumulations of Bunker-C in the Pasley hull.



Ron Smith and Chris Urbach launch a new work barge for South Beach from the terminal dock. See The South Side on page 3 for more information on this project.

The General Services Administration (GSA) had been leasing space at the terminal for its customs officer’s office but, due to the deteriorating condition of the building, the customs office has been temporarily moved to the Coast Guard station. Since construction on the new terminal buildings has been suspended until next year, the Port will provide a temporary trailer office for the customs officer within the next month. The trailer will stand next to the Port Administration Office. In the meantime, Customs Officer Jeff Niederkorn can be reached at 541-961-6674.

The South Side

This has been a different sort of summer than the South Beach staff is used to, but the RV parks have been busy on the weekends and were fully booked for Labor Day. All-depth halibut season is open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday through the end of October, so weather and ocean permitting, the launch ramp and RV parks will be busy.

A new work barge was built using spare concrete floats to store tools and machinery out of the weather while the maintenance crew works on repairs to H-dock and the new sewage pump out facility at the fuel dock this winter. The work barge will also be available for use by the north side operations/maintenance crew.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 54 completed a life jacket loaner board at the South Beach Marina boat launch ramp. The project was designed and located to remind boaters to wear life jackets and to provide loaner life jackets for boaters who don't have life jackets with them. The project was funded by the Oregon State Marine Board and constructed by USCG Flotilla Auxiliary 54 and USCGC Station Yaquina Bay. General Manager Don Mann attended the opening ceremony of the life jacket loaner board program on September 30 at South Beach.

The North Side

Tuna is still being sold off the docks at Port Docks 5 and 7, although not in the quantity it was a month ago. Commercial moorage was up during the first two weeks in September due to the tuna fleet getting blown in.

The north side maintenance crew is working on putting plywood between the cement on Dock-5 to eliminate the slip hazard before winter comes.

Kaety Hildenbrand, OSU Oregon Sea Grant Extension, attended the August 26 regular commission meeting and provided an update and samples of the interpretive signage that will be installed at the sea lion dock at Port Dock 1 and along the boardwalk on the bayfront. The project is a collaborative effort between OSU Sea Grant and the Oregon Coast Aquarium, with funding by the Port of Newport and others, to provide educational opportunities about marine mammals, local fisheries and fishing vessels. The goal is to get all the signs in place by June 2009.

The Port of Newport is hiring a part-time maintenance/operations person to join the commercial marina crew.



The Port of Newport Staff and Commission extends sincere condolences to the family and friends of Chris Martinson, who died on August 21, while fishing for halibut in Adak, Alaska.

Chris Martinson (r) with former Port Commissioner Bob Jacobson (l) at the Port of Newport Fishermen's Appreciation Day, November 2007.

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Yaquina Bay Bridge

**Port of Newport Marina & RV Park
Wins Clean Marina Status**

At the regular commission meeting on September 23, Glenn Dolphin, Oregon State Marine Board, presented Clean Marina certification to the Port of Newport for meeting the Clean Marina Program criteria at its recreational marina in south Beach. The Clean Marina Program is a voluntary enrollment program, and Dolphin said that “certification is awarded to those facilities that show outstanding strides towards environmental stewardship of activities at their marinas.” South Beach Harbormaster Chris Urbach and his crew had to complete several tasks over the past year in order to qualify for certification, including encouraging facility-users to protect water quality, implementing Best Management Practices, upgrading the fuel dock and oil recycling facility, and installing new signage.

Oregon’s Clean Marina Program was started about three years ago. Port of Newport Manager Don Mann served on the committee that helped establish the standards and develop the program. There are thirty-two certified clean marinas in Oregon and an additional twenty marinas are in the process of working through the program.



Port Commissioners JoAnn Barton, Ginny Goblirsch, and Don Mathews (l to r) display the flag that was presented to the Port of Newport Marina & RV Park as part of the facility’s Clean Marina certification. The marina scored 96% on its site evaluation.