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PORT MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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Port Submits Offer to NOAA

A project tour for local citizens was conducted at the terminal in November, and a public forum was held in December to provide information and answer questions about the terminal renovation project. A cost estimate is being prepared so that the Port can apply for grant money for utilities on the terminal's upland development. Northwest Natural is working on a cost proposal for the natural gas line and Natt McDougall Company is developing unit pricing for all infrastructure for the terminal design. Mitigation remains a major focus. Denison Surveying completed new measurements that show the Pasley hull rolled approximately an inch during a 65-day observation period. Full vessel inspections are being conducted by the Port to look for any unusual changes in the structural condition of the hull, and the oil boom is being maintained and redeployed as necessary. Some project dates have changed based on state and federal agency feedback on the permit process and construction. Project completion has been pushed back to March of 2011.

Port of Newport Will Submit Offer to NOAA

The Port of Newport is one of five geographic sites under consideration for NOAA's Marine Operations Center-Pacific (MOC-P) home port. Following an initial meeting with NOAA representatives and their consultants in Newport and a second meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland, the Port was notified in December that it had about a month to put together a complex bid package to submit for NOAA's review. Port Manager Don Mann, along with port staff and two commissioners, attended a pre-bid conference in Seattle and have worked since then to put together a team of advisors, including architects, financial counselors, engineers, and local community consultants to help in completing the offer. The Lincoln County Commission and City of Newport have committed financial assistance to help with the costs of putting together the bid package, and the Port is also pursuing state assistance with funding. Financial capability for the project is a critical part of the bid package. The Port Commission convened a special meeting to discuss the project on December 17, and another meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the education wing of the Hatfield Marine Science Center, classroom 30/32. The meeting is open to the public. Call the Port office at 541-265-7758 for details. The deadline for submitting the offer is February 4, 2009, and NOAA expects to award the contract by September of 2009.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

02/02—Groundhog Day
02/06-08—Special Districts Conference, Portland, OR
02/09—Full Moon
02/11—Fishermen’s Forum, 8:30 a.m., Port office
02/14—Valentine’s Day
02/16—President’s Day (Port office closed)
02/20-22—32nd Annual Seafood & Wine Festival, South Beach Marina Parking Lot
02/24—Regular Port Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Port Conference Room
03/01-05—75th Annual PNWA Mission to Washington DC



Unique contrail over the South Beach Marina Office (Photo by Gina Nielsen)

Report From The Shipping Terminal

An estimated 4,500 crab pots were moved across the dock at the terminal prior to the start of crab season in December.

There were 113 fishing vessels at the terminal dock during November, and 65 in December, bringing the total number of vessels at the terminal in 2008 to 947. The distant water fleet has been loading gear and will leave for Alaska during the first or second week of January.

Foulweather Trawl has been working on nets for the Alaska boats and starting work on shrimp nets for local vessels for the April season. Northern Refrigeration has been working on a boat upriver, while J. Lamb Marine Electric is finishing work on F/V Marathon so that she can go north with the distant water fleet.

The winter storms have caused the terminal building to leak.



Trident Seafoods has hired Northwest Maritime to install a new floating dock west of the terminal. The new dock will be 80 feet long and approximately 7-feet wide, and will be secured to four new double-pile dolphins. KPFF Consulting Engineers is providing engineering services for the project.

A big thank you to the north side operations crew for their help at the terminal moving pots during the crab push and loading the Alaska fleet.

Fishermen’s Appreciation Day

The rain tarp wasn’t needed when the Port of Newport hosted the 8th Annual Fishermen’s Appreciation Day on Friday, November 21. It was a team effort and a great success. Breakfast was set up at 9:00 a.m. in the operations shop. Starbucks provided coffee to go with pastries from the Newport Fishermen’s Wives, and Newport Steak & Seafood donated biscuits and gravy. Chowder from Local Ocean was served for lunch and the Longview Hills Fishing Club provided sodas to go with Port Manager Don Mann’s skillfully barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. Foulweather Trawl’s Sara Skamser contributed entertainment (and exercise) with her Monkey Fist Toss competition, and the Coast Guard came by to check safety equipment. The Port hosts Fishermen’s Appreciation Day every year in November to show its appreciation to Newport’s dedicated and hard working fishermen.



South Beach Marina & RV Park Office
(Photo by Patty Benjamin)

The South Side

There have been some personnel changes at South Beach Marina & RV Park. Gina Neilsen is the new Marina Office Supervisor, replacing Betty Ballhorn who retired in December after five years with the Port, and Billy Bellmore joined the South Beach Operations/Maintenance crew in December. Gina barely had time to sit down at her new desk before the reservation lines were opened on January 5 for the Seafood & Wine Festival. RV spots sold out for the festival weekend in a record hour and a half. The Seafood & Wine Festival will be held February 20-22 at the South Beach Marina. November, which is typically a slow month at the Marina & RV Park, saw many return guests who came to stay and enjoy the unusually good weather. Northwest Marine completed the installation of a new stainless steel roof gutter for Rogue Ales at South Beach. Wiggins Towboat assisted in maneuvering the work barge. The project was on budget and on time.

The North Side

During the months of November and early December, the north side operations crew serviced more than 200 boats at the hoist dock, loading crab pots and stripping off gear for the fleet. Harbormaster Kevin Bryant reported that there were more crab pots this year than ever before. That activity was followed by servicing crab buyers and helping Terminal Manager Ron Smith load the Alaska fleet at the terminal. A “logging operation” is currently underway at the Port Dock 7 hoist dock, as the crew cuts up limbs, logs, and trees that they pulled out of the bay during recent storms and high tides. The north side fared pretty well during the freeze, with only one water leak found and no broken pipes.

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Yaquina Bay Bridge
(Photo by Patty Benjamin)

David Jincks Returns to the Port Commission

David Jincks has been appointed to the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners to fill a vacancy left when Rob Halverson resigned in December 20008. Halverson served fifteen years on the board, ten of those years with David Jincks. Jincks was a port commissioner from 1995-2005 and served as commission president.

Jincks has a background in West Coast and North Pacific fisheries. He is president of Midwater Trawlers Cooperative and has been a fisheries advisor to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and NOAA Fisheries. Jincks is owner and manager of commercial fishing vessels that participate in West Coast and Alaska fisheries.

He was appointed to the Port Commission at the Regular meeting on January 27, 2009 and sworn in at the Port Administration Office on February 2, 2009. He fills Position No. 2 on the board.



Commissioner David Jincks and
Commission President Ginny Goblirsch
(Photo by Pete Dale)