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PORT MEETING SCHEDULE

Work Session & Regular Meeting
March 22, 6:00 PM
Port Conference Room

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Port & Starboard is available in color on the Port's website.

NOAA MOC-P Homeport Project Update

The NOAA Marine Pacific Homeport project remains on time and within budget. All of the pier piles and fender piles have been driven and the concrete beam spans have been installed. Work continues on the small boat dock and the only in-water work remaining to be done is a small amount of dredging to open a channel into the area where the eel grass will be re-planted. A utility building holds the switch gear for the two transformers that will power the dock and the emergency generator has been successfully load tested. Work on the office and warehouse is in the finishing stage, and care is being taken to protect the finished surfaces within the buildings while construction continues. The exterior landscaping work has begun. Monday, May 2, 2011 is the scheduled move-in date for NOAA.



Work in progress on the NOAA pier

International Terminal Project Update

The cofferdam around the Pasley has been completed. Asphalt is being removed from the upland parking area for the vibroflotation process, that will solidify the subterranean soil, and containment bins to hold material that will be removed from the ships and treated have been built. The water treatment system will be installed in March. Late receipt of the in-water work permit had an impact on the project cost and schedule. Overtime and double shifts were necessary to complete work within the in-water work window, and the remediation work, originally scheduled for completion in April, will probably not be completed until August. The warehouse will be pulled down in the summer, and there is continued interest in salvaging some of the timbers from that building.

More information on the NOAA MOC-P Project and the International Terminal Renovation Project is available at the port's website www.portofnewport.com under Port Projects.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 03/09—Fishermen’s Forum 8:30-9:30, Port Office
- 03/13—Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 03/13-17—PNWA Mission to Washington DC
- 03/15-16—Commercial Fishermen Drill Conductor Training
- 03/17—St. Patrick’s Day
- 03/19—Full Moon
- 03/19-26—Spring Whale Watch Week
- 03/20—Spring Begins
- 03/22—Regular Port Commission Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Port Conference Room



A drill conductor course for Newport area commercial fishermen will be held March 15-16, 2011 at Englund Marine. There is no cost for the training but pre-registration is required. Contact Patty at OSU Extension, 541-574-65334, Ext. 11, for more information.

Report From The Shipping Terminal

There were 17 vessels at the terminal dock during the month of February, half the number in February of 2010. Some of the crab fishermen are bringing in their crab pots and switching gear for bottom fishing or the upcoming shrimp season.

Foulweather Trawl has been working on excluders for the local and distant water fleets, and J. Lamb Marine Electric is working on a new electrical panel for one of the local boats. Brad Putman from Northern Refrigeration spent a week in Alaska working on refrigeration units for Newport’s distant water fleet.

A new water line has been installed on the east end of the lower dock with hose bibb fittings for use by the fishing fleet.

West Coast Contractors has removed some of the cranes from the terminal project job site.



Working inside the containment cell around the Pasley

The South Side

Winter weather did not empty the RV Parks at South Beach during the 34th Annual Seafood & Wine Festival February 25-27, 2011, but high winds took the tent down ahead of schedule. Marina Office Supervisor Gina Nielsen said there were a few cancellations at the RV Park as snow piled up in the mountains, but those vacancies were filled promptly by folks on the waiting list so the parks were full by Friday night, with many campers staying over until Monday. The Chamber reported that attendance was over 17,000, which was down from last year but still the second highest on record. The tent was scheduled for removal by Friday, March 4, but parts of it blew down in heavy winds on the night of March 1. There were no injuries.

In addition to preparing for the Seafood & Wine Festival, the South Beach maintenance crew has been repairing water and electrical lines, dealing with vandalism to two washers in the marina Laundromat, and installing new coin boxes in the showers to replace some that were stolen. They are also conducting dock walks, assisting with the City's South Beach Transportation Improvement Project, and working with Project Manager Pete Dale as preparations are made for a repair and retrofit project at the South Beach Fuel Dock.



Seafood & Wine Tent (Photo courtesy of TCB Security Services)

The North Side

Hoist dock and fork lift services have kept the north side operations crew busy over the past month. They also dealt with waterline breaks on Port Docks 5 and 7 during the cold weather, as well as water leaks at Swede's Dock and the main office. The maintenance office was cleaned and painted last month, and the Port's tug boat was hauled out for fuel tank repairs. She now has a cleaned and painted hull and new zincs. The crew was called to remove logs from under and around the docks, and one of the sea lion docks at Port Dock 1 was damaged and had to be taken out before it became a hazard. Crab pots are being lifted across the hoist dock and going into storage, as some of the boats finish up for the season.

Commercial fisherman Jeff Boardman attended the regular commission meeting on February 22, 2011, to report that a computer had been stolen from his boat while it was moored at Port Dock 5 and equipment, including wheels from a couple of wooden boats, have been stolen as well. The Port is looking into installing surveillance cameras and additional lighting.

The Newport Fishermen's Wives will work with Harbormaster Kevin Bryant in planning the Second Annual Wild Seafood Weekend, which will be held September 10-11, 2011 at Port Dock 7.

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Whale Watching Spoken Here Spring 2011

Spring Whale Watch Week, March 19-26, 2011, is the peak time for the spring migration of Gray Whales. Gray Whales are noted for their 12,000-mile annual migration from the Arctic Ocean to Mexico in the winter and their return north in the spring. Their southbound migration peaks around the winter holiday season and the northbound migration peaks near the end of March during spring break. The Whale Watching Spoken Here program was created by the late Don Giles, a Sea Grant extension specialist at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, in 1978 to help visitors spot Gray Whales and learn a bit about them. The program connects trained volunteers with visitors along the Oregon coast during the two major Gray Whale migrations. The main emphasis of the program is to help visitors see and learn about the whales and other marine life along the coast—and to have fun. Volunteers must attend one training session before they can serve at one of the 26 Whale Watching Spoken Here sites. There are three training sessions at different locations (north, central, and south coast) throughout the year, in November, January, and February. Once trained, they may volunteer any year thereafter. There were 2,555 Gray Whale sightings during the 2010 Spring Whale Watch Week. Gray Whales were hunted almost to extinction two different times in the past. They have made a good recovery but are still threatened. Whalers nicknamed the Grays “Devil Fish” because they fought so hard to defend their babies. Today, they are best known for being friendly to people. Gray Whale babies average 15 feet long and weigh 2,000 pounds at birth. They must surface and catch their first breath within 15 seconds, and within 30 minutes, the babies learn to swim. For more information on Gray Whales, their behavior, whale watch statistics, and the Whale Watching Spoken Here program, go to:

http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PARKS/WhaleWatchingCenter/whale_spoken.shtml