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PORT MEETING SCHEDULE

Budget Committee Meeting, May 12,
5:00 p.m. Port Conference Room
Regular Meeting, May 26, 6:00 p.m.
Yaquina Bay Yacht Club
750 SE Bay Blvd. Newport, OR
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NOAA Marine Operations Center-Pacific (MOC-P)

The Port of Newport is on the short list as a serious contender to be the home port for NOAA's Pacific research fleet. Commissioners Ginny Goblirsch and David Jincks, General Manager Don Mann, and Patricia Patrick-Joling from the Newport City Council met with NOAA representatives in Seattle, WA on April 29 for a second negotiations session. Port consultants from KPFF Consulting Engineering and Pacific Northwest Consultants also attended the meeting. Port officials presented a letter signed by Governor Kulongoski, Senate President Peter Courtney, Speaker of the House Dave Hunt, Senator Joanne Verger, and State Representative Jean Cowan endorsing the Port's efforts and committing support to the project. The Port's initial offer, while within the competitive range, will have to be fine tuned and NOAA officials offered advice on how to strengthen it. The Port will have thirty days to respond with a best and final offer. If successful, the Port will win a 20-year lease for NOAA's Pacific research fleet and home port operations. Funding for preparing the Port's proposal has come from Lincoln County, the City of Newport, an OECDD/Port Planning & Development grant, and the Port of Newport. NOAA's final decision is expected in August.

International Terminal Project Update

With technical assistance from Oregon-DEQ, Port staff are preparing a final oil removal plan for the SS Pasley. Work could start within the next three weeks. DEQ will provide oversight on the oil removal project. The Port applied for a NOAA Restoration Grant to remove both the SS Pasley and SS Hennebique but the grant is highly competitive. More than 1,700 proposals were submitted, totaling \$3 billion, for the \$180 million available nationwide. The Port's project has good support at the state level but the award process is delayed while the many applications are being reviewed. Mike Schmid and Craig Totten, from KPFF Consulting Engineers worked with the Port on the NOAA Restoration Grant application and offered engineering solutions on removing the two vessels.

Port of Newport Budget Committee Meeting

The Port of Newport Budget Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 12, to review the proposed budget for 2009-2010. The meeting will be held in the Port of Newport Conference Room and starts at 5:00 p.m.

Commission Meeting Venue Change

The combined work session and regular monthly meeting of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners, formerly held in the Port of Newport Conference Room, has been moved to the Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, 750 SE Bay Boulevard, Newport. The meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month and start at 6:00 p.m. Commission President Goblirsch or one of the other commissioners will be available at least half an hour ahead of the meeting to discuss Port issues and answer questions for the public.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 05/01—May Day
- 05/07—Oregon DEQ Meeting-Terminal Remediation Plan, Newport City Hall, 5:00 p.m.
- 05/09—Full Moon
- 05/10—Mother’s Day
- 05/12—Budget Committee, Port Conference Room, 5:00 p.m.
- 05/13—Fishermen’s Forum, 8:30 a.m., Port office
- 05/15-17—Brewer’s Memorial Ale Fest, Rogue Ales Brewery, South Beach
- 05/19—Special Election (Be sure to vote!)
- 05/25—Memorial Day (Observed)
Port office closed
- 05/26—Regular Port Commission Meeting, 6:00 p.m. YBYC Club House



Clay Moore, Park Host at the Port of Newport Marina & RV Park, delivers a May Day bouquet.
(Photo by Gina Nielsen)

Report From The Shipping Terminal

The Alaska fleet is back and many of the distant water vessels are preparing for whiting season. The Trident Meal Plant has been testing equipment at the plant for the past few weeks ahead of the upcoming season.

There were 109 fishing vessel calls at the terminal wharves in April.

Foulweather Trawl is working on whiting nets, shrimp nets, cod ends, and bottom nets for the fleet.



J. Lamb Marine Electric is doing work for the distant water fleet and also local boats.

Northern Refrigeration is tuning up refrigeration systems for the whiting season.

The refrigeration unit storage area development project has been put on hold pending final design and engineering alternative plans. The project will be re-budgeted and developed prior to the demolition of the existing terminal warehouse.

F/V Progress (Photo by Pete Dale)

The North Side

Fish buyers are still doing business at the hoist dock and the operations crew has been busy with gear changes. The shrimp boats are fishing on a rotation basis now, after a season delay over price for their product.

The operations crew is also involved in the annual effort to contain weeds along the Fishermen’s Memorial Walk, the terminal, and other areas of Port property.

At the last regular meeting of the Port Commission, the commissioners announced that they will form an advisory group with two or three members of the public to work with the commission on environmental and sustainability issues. There will be an update on this process at the next regular meeting.

The Port of Newport is looking for information, photographs, and stories to be part of its Centennial Celebration, May 10, 2010. Call 541-265-7758 for more information.



Commissioner Dean Fleck (second from left) at the 2008 Blessing of the Fleet Survival Suit Races (Photo by Pete Dale),

The South Side

Thanks to good weather and a motivated crew, the H-dock project is going well. The first two fingers have been rebuilt and the electrical connections are operational on the dock. The landscaping effort is going well at South Beach, as well, and since the announcement about the expectation of a recreational salmon season, the marina office staff has been busy taking reservations for boat slips.

The Davis Shows Carnival moved back to South Beach for Loyalty days, after being set up at the fair grounds for the last several years. A new feature during Loyalty Days this year was the traveling Field of Honor flags display. The Port hosted a field of 1,000 American flags, which are scheduled to return in 2010.

Business at the RV Park has picked up with the arrival of spring.



Port of Newport/Port of Toledo Display Oregon Ports Day—State Capitol (Photo by Maureen Keeler)

Oregon Ports Day

Special Projects Manager Maureen Keeler represented the Port of Newport at the State Capitol’s Oregon Ports Day on April 29. Oregon Ports Day is new to the Capitol Galleria and provided an educational opportunity for the public to learn about the role of ports in the State of Oregon. The Port of Toledo and Port of Newport presented a joint display on port activities. The ports of Tillamook Bay, Garibaldi, and Nehalem Bay were also represented, as were the Ports of Astoria, Portland, and Morrow.

Speaker of the House Dave Hunt addressed the Ports group during the lunch hour.

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(New web site coming soon!)



Field of Honor Thousand Flags, Port of Newport
Loyalty Days April 30-May 3
(Photo by Howard Shippey)



The Third Annual Brewer's Memorial Ale Fest and fund raiser will be held May 15-17, 2008, at the Rogue Brewery in South Beach. The event is held annually in memory of Rogue's resident and revered Black Labrador Retriever, Brewer, whose distinguished career as an ambassador from the Rogue Nation to the world spanned a decade. Brewer grew up at the Rogue Brewery and passed away at the age of 13 in May 2006.

Brewer's Memorial Ale Fest is the largest dog-friendly beer festival in the world. This year's event will include more than 50 microbreweries, live music, local seafood, and dog-inspired entertainment. Dogs can participate in Doggie Musical Chairs, Dog Dancing, a Dog Wash, and Celebrity Dog look-a-like contests, which will include choosing a daily Brewer look-a-like. The entry fee for this 21+ event is \$10. Dogs get in free when accompanied by a human. Festival hours are Friday, 4-10 p.m.; Saturday 12-10 p.m.; and Sunday 12-4 p.m. The Rogue Brewery is located at the Port of Newport Marina at South Beach. Proceeds from Brewer's Memorial Ale Fest will benefit local animal charities, Oregon Coast Therapy Animals, and the Central Coast Humane Society. Learn more at www.rogue.com or call (541) 867-3660 for more information.

(Photo of Brewer courtesy of Rogue Ales)