



Around the Docks



PGH Mission: To best utilize our resources to facilitate, enhance and stimulate international trade, economic development and tourism for the region.

Business Development

Leading cannabis developer coming to Satsop Business Park

Momentum continues to build for the Satsop Business Park as the Port Commission approved a lease with Fuller Hill Development Co. LLC for the 50,000 square-foot Enterprise Warehouse at its October Commission Meeting.

Fuller Hill Development Co. will begin making an estimated \$6.5 million in improvements to the warehouse immediately including the installation of a fire suppression system, major power upgrades, and installation of a high-capacity heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

“As one of the fastest growing industries in Washington State, we are excited to have Fuller Hill Development Co. grow their business at the Satsop Business Park,” said Commission President Jack Thompson.

Fuller Hill Development Co. expects to begin operations spring 2017 and will initially employ 60-70 full time employees.



The 50,000 square-foot Enterprise Warehouse will be the new home of Fuller Hill Development Co.'s world-class, indoor cannabis cultivation facility. The facility will employ 60-70 people when it begins operations in early 2017.

Infrastructure Improvements

Grays Harbor Channel deepening underway; continues through 2018



American Construction dredge workers pose for a photo with the first bucket of sediment from the Grays Harbor Navigation Improvement Project, an effort that began back in 2007 that will deepen the channel to its congressionally authorized depth of -38 feet MLLW.

While an additional two feet of channel depth may not seem like a big deal, it's something to be celebrated for the Port of Grays Harbor and its partners. The deepening of the Grays Harbor Navigation Channel to its full congressionally authorized depth of -38 feet MLLW officially kicked off October 3, 2016.

The Port began efforts to deepen the channel by the last two feet back in 2007. After several years of studies environmental review, and public meetings, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District issued its favorable Record of Decision in 2014 and the project was approved for construction funding in 2015.

“We are extremely excited to see

the Grays Harbor Navigation Improvement Project underway. This project is critical to both our ability to serve our existing customers, while working to attract new opportunities here in Grays Harbor,” explained Executive Director Gary Nelson. “We are incredibly thankful to the Corps and our federal elected officials for their hard work and support of this important project over the past several years. This project will benefit Grays Harbor and our nation well into the future.”

The deepening project was combined with annual maintenance dredging and will occur during three distinct work windows through September 2018.

4th grade tour program nets top communications award for ports



Port of Grays Harbor staff and Commissioners (first row; Commissioner Stan Pinnick, Public Affairs Manager Kayla Dunlap, Commissioner Jack Thompson; back row Executive Director Gary Nelson and Deputy Executive Director Leonard Barnes) attended the Association of American Port Authorities (AAPA) 105th Annual Convention in October to accept the 2016 Overall Award of Excellence for a Category 1 Port (\$200,000 or less for its public relations budget) 4th Grade Tour Program. Ms. Dunlap also gave a presentation during the Convention on best practices relating to the 4th Grade Tour Program and how it serves the community. The program will begin its 7th year of tours next spring thanks to its ongoing support from the Grays Harbor Community Foundation via the Gladys Phillips Cultural Tours Fund and the help of Port of Grays Harbor Executive Administrative Assistant Marisa Yauch and 4th Grade Tour Coordinator Betsy Seidel.

Fishing gear recycling program kicks off at Westport Marina

The kick-off event to announce and celebrate the Westport Marina's participation in the Fishing for Energy program, a collaborative program to prevent and reduce the impacts of derelict fishing gear in the marine environment, was a great success with Congressman Derek Kilmer in attendance to support the efforts the partnership.

Fishing for Energy provides local commercial fisherman a large dumpster to dispose of unwanted, broken and derelict fishing gear at no cost. The gear is then sorted and taken to recycling facilities where it is ultimately converted to energy.

Fishing for Energy will continue to provide dumpsters for disposal on an as needed basis.



Representatives from NOAA, Covanta, and Northwest Wildlife Federation joined Congressman Derek Kilmer, Commissioner Jack Thompson and Westport Marina Operations Manager Ken Rauch for a photo in front of the dumpster that was provided to local fishermen to dispose of unwanted gear to be recycled and used for energy production.

Calendar

November 1	<i>Pine Galaxy@ T1</i>
November 2	<i>Ocean Harmony@ T4</i>
November 2	<i>Medi Arrow@ T2</i>
November 6	<i>Triumph@ T4</i>
November 8	<i>Medi Manila@ T2</i>
November 8	PGH Commission Meeting, PGH Offices @ 9am
November 10	<i>NAVIG8 Aquamarine@ T1</i>
November 11	PGH Offices Closed, Veteran's Day
November 13	<i>Marinex@ T1</i>
November 18	<i>Glovis Sunrise@ T4</i>
November 21	<i>Agios Nikolas@ T2</i>
November 24	<i>Rio Grande @ T4</i>
November 26	<i>TBD@ T2</i>



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Monte students utilize outdoor classroom

Montesano's Simpson Elementary science students made use of the easy waterfront access at Friends Landing last month when they conducted a series of water quality tests on samples from the Chehalis River.

Mrs. Olsen's 4th graders are learning what optimal quality levels support fish and plant life. The young scientists were able to discuss their findings while having lunch in the picnic shelter. The group will return again in the winter and spring to compare water quality results from the site.

