



# Around the Docks

Satsop Business Park Westport Marina Coastal Innovation Zone Bowerman Airport PGH Pilotage Services Friends Landing & Sterling Landing

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

## Tenant Success

### Hesco Armor plates to protect US Customs and Border Protection

Coastal Innovation Zone tenant, Hesco Armor, Inc., will be providing Hard Armor plates to Armor Express, a leading U.S. manufacturer and distributor of high-performance body armor solutions, as part of a \$20 million five-year, indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

Hesco will manufacture ultralight weight torso and side plates that will protect CBP officers, which is the largest civilian law enforcement agency of the Department of Homeland Security charged with border management and security.

“Long-term contracts like this CBP award are an essential component of job stability and creating future workforce opportunities here at our Grays Harbor manufacturing facility,” explained Hesco Chief Business Development Officer Joe Kawaky (pictured below with Hard Armor).

Hesco began operations in the Coastal Innovation Zone in 2012 and currently employs 30 full-time workers.



## Economic Development

### BHP seeks permits to construct potash export facility at Terminal 3



Only an hour and a half from open-ocean with over 150 acres of available uplands for development and access to both Class 1 railroads via the Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad, the Port of Grays Harbor's Terminal 3 in West Hoquiam is a prime location for a world-class potash export facility. And earlier this month, leading global resource company BHP, submitted its local, state and federal permit applications, along with comprehensive supporting environmental studies, to construct such a facility.

BHP would potentially construct a potash export facility in a phased approach to eventually handle up to 8 million tonnes per year. The potash would be mined and processed in Saskatchewan, Canada and transported to Terminal 3 via rail where it would be unloaded and stored in a fully

enclosed warehouse before being shipped overseas via bulk ocean-going vessels. BHP would also construct a new berth and shiploader adjacent to Terminal 3 as part of the proposed project.

“We are extremely excited for the potential investment, job creation and economic impacts this project will bring to our community,” shared Port Commission President Jack Thompson. “BHP has demonstrated an impressive level of due diligence, community outreach and environmental stewardship. And while there are several permits and approvals needed from various local, state and federal agencies, we are optimistic they will be able to navigate the permitting process without delay.”

For more information about the project visit [www.bhp.com/pghpotashexport](http://www.bhp.com/pghpotashexport).

# A pilot's view: Grays Harbor Pilots provide safety in navigation



With 100 vessels carrying various cargoes expected to call the Port of Grays Harbor this year, safe transit of the Grays Harbor Navigation Channel is paramount.

Pilotage service on the Grays Harbor Pilotage District is provided by Captain Bobby D'Angelo and Captain Ryan White who bring decades of experience and expertise to the table. Both pilots are trained, certified and licensed to the strictest of standards.

A model that is unique amongst Northwest Ports, the Grays Harbor Pilots are licensed by the State of Washington Board of Pilotage but employees of the Port of Grays Harbor team.

## Industry Recognition

# Westport Marina honored for commitment to industry

At its Annual Meeting earlier this month, the Pacific Coast Congress (PCC) of Harbormasters & Port Managers honored the Westport Marina for its demonstrated commitment and ongoing success through the development of projects, initiatives and services that benefit facility users as well as the community at large.

"We are particularly proud to be recognized by our peers up and down the Coast in this incredibly diverse industry," shared Westport Marina Business Manager Molly Bold. "The Westport Marina will continue to strive to provide our diverse user groups with the facilities and support they need to thrive and enjoy all the Washington Coast has to offer."

The Westport Marina has been a member of the PCC for more than 30 years.



Westport Marina Business Manager Molly Bold and Westport Marina Office Manager Robin Leraas attended the PCC Fall Conference in Anacortes to accept the Harbor Achievement award for the Westport Marina's commitment to the industry.

## Calendar

- October 13 *Iris Ace* @ T4
- October 16 *STH Kure* @ T2
- October 16 *New Days* @ T4
- October 21 *D Centaurus* @ T2
- October 24 *Magpie SW* @ T2
- October 25 *CSAV Rio Nevado* @ T4
- October 31 *Prometheus Leader* @ T4
- November 6 *Osaka Car* @ T4
- November 8 *Antares Leader* @ T4
- November 11 PGH Offices Closed, Veteran's Day
- November 14 PGH Commission Meeting, PGH Offices @ 9am

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## Friends Landing now accepting online reservations

Campers rejoice! Friends Landing is now accepting online reservations for RV and tent camping and there is still time to enjoy all that Friends Landing has to offer this fall.

The new system allows you to choose your tent or RV camping site and is now accepting reservations for next year's camping season. Friends Landing is open for camping from March 15<sup>th</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>.

To make your reservation, visit [www.friendslanding.org](http://www.friendslanding.org) or call 360-861-8864.

