



# 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.*

## Port Leadership

### **Gary Nelson elected AAPA Chairman for 2019-20**

Earlier this month, Port of Grays Harbor Executive Director Gary Nelson was unanimously elected to serve as the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Chairman of the Board for 2019-20.

AAPA is the unified and recognized voice of seaports throughout the Americas, representing more than 130 public port authorities in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America.

“The Port of Grays Harbor Commission is extremely proud of Gary’s appointment as AAPA’s next Chairman of the Board,” stated Port Commission President Stan Pinnick. “Over the last 19 years, we have experienced first-hand the results and benefits of his strong leadership. We are confident he will lead AAPA just as well as he has served our Port and the community.”

Mr. Nelson will begin his term at AAPA’s Annual Convention in October.



## Public Access & Recreation

### **New Friends Landing playground ready for the 2019 camping season**



*Kids of all ages joined Port Commissioners, Port staff, and playground donors to celebrate the completion of the new Friends Landing playground and the beginning of the 2019 camping season on March 15<sup>th</sup>.*

Just in time for the 2019 camping season, community members, playground donors and excited kids joined Port of Grays Harbor Commissioners on March 15<sup>th</sup> for the ribbon cutting at the new Friends Landing playground.

The project, which included the relocation and replacement of the original playground, was made possible by donations from the Ben B. Cheney Foundation, the Forest Foundation, the Kelsey Foundation, Grays Harbor Community Foundation, The Pasha Group, the Port of Grays Harbor, Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad, the Seabrook Community Foundation, Sierra Pacific Foundation, and the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund.

“The project would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors,” shared Satsop Business Park Manager of Business Development Alissa Shay. “We can’t thank them enough for helping us continue the original vision for Friends Landing to provide public access to the outdoors for all.”

March 15<sup>th</sup> also marked the beginning of the 2019 camping season. Friends Landing offers 18 RV sites with electrical and water hookups as well as 10 tent sites with water available. Friends Landing offers 152 acres of recreation opportunities on the Chehalis River and Lake Quigg. For more information or to make your camping reservations visit, [friendslanding.org](http://friendslanding.org).

# Celebrating the industry: Ports Day 2019



On April 5<sup>th</sup>, port authorities throughout the Western Hemisphere will be recognizing and celebrating the port industry's role in job creation and economic development in the communities they serve across the Americas.

In a recently released economic impact report for U.S. coastal ports by Martin Associates, the number of family-sustaining jobs that America's ports support rose from 23.1 million in 2014 to 30.8 million in 2018, with average annual salaries now at \$62,800, up from \$53,723 just five years ago. Of the nearly 31 million

jobs, more than 650,000 are directly generated by cargo and vessel activity at U.S. ports.

"We are proud of our local workforce that make it possible to ship U.S. grown and manufactured goods all over the world," shared Port of Grays Harbor Commission President Stan Pinnick. "We appreciate our customers and partners that do business here in Grays Harbor and the economic prosperity and job opportunities for our local community. Our Port will continue to work hard to increase trade opportunities for our nation."

 Recreational Fishing

## Westport sport fishing off to a strong start; Marina dredging, parking lot & restroom projects begin

Bottom fishing is off to a strong start in coastal Washington with charter boats coming in daily with limits of both lingcod and rock fish.

The Westport Marina is also embarking on several major construction projects throughout the Marina District. Marina dredging, road paving, boat launch parking lot improvements, and restroom construction have the potential to impact users.

Reservations are set to begin on April 16 at 9am. Daily and monthly reservations for April – June will be accepted, though July and August will be waitlist only until dredging plans are finalized. For more information call or email: 360-533-9562 or [marina@portgrays.org](mailto:marina@portgrays.org)



### Westport Marina

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#### Sport Fishing Calendar 2019

**LINGCOD**  
March 9 - Oct 19th, 2/day

**ROCKFISH**  
March 9 - Oct 19th, 7/day

**HALIBUT**  
May 2, 5, 9, 12 & 24<sup>th</sup> (More dates may open if quota available)

- 1/day limit

**SALMON**  
TBD early April: likely July 1- Sept. 3

**TUNA**  
Mid July – October, weather permitting

## Calendar

March 30	Zola @ T2
April 2	Anetos @ T2
April 6	Beechgate @ T2
April 9	PGH Commission Meeting, PGH Offices @ 9am
April 10	Siem Socrates @ T4
April 11	Ocean Splendor @ T2
April 11	Navigare Bonitas @ T2
April 16	Grand Quest @ T4



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An 18.5 lb. Lingcod was the weekly derby winner earlier this month. The Westport Charter Boat Association sponsors daily, weekly and annual derby prizes.