

WELL PRESERVED

SEBASTIAN-STEWART FISH COMPANY

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COLLECTION

Sebastian
Stewart Fish Co.
Producers of
Pacific Coast Fish

Northward-facing rooms will have balconies facing the Columbia River.

ASTORIA — Along its ever-evolving edges, the lower Columbia River has changed from Chinook fishing villages to industrialized fishing. Today, there are remnants of those latter times: scattered wood pilings, net lofts and canneries. Fragile by their nature, these pieces, too, are quickly disappearing. The preservation of these structures can't happen soon enough.

Astoria has seen the salvation of fishing related vestiges such as the J. O. Hanthorn Cannery and the Union

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Fisherman's Cooperative Packing Co.'s Uniontown boat repair shop and its Alderbrook net loft. It has also seen the renovation of the New England Fish Co. of Oregon Cannery... now

the home to Buoy Beer.

Luke Colvin was one of the local businesspeople who invested in Buoy Beer. Now, he and others from that group have turned their sights on the Sebastian-Stewart Fish Company. The former cannery stands over the water, just east of the brewery.

Colvin and his partners intend to convert the cannery to destination lodging called the Bowline Hotel. "The buildings will die if we can't save them," he said. "Converting this building to a hotel brings in enough

money to [justify] investing in the building."

Historic significance

The building was first constructed for the Sebastian-Stewart Fish Company in 1946. H. C. Timmerman, manager of the Astoria operations division, served as the building architect and plant design engineer.

It was constructed by pile bucks and people within the canning industry.

Sebastian-Stewart occupied the