

Tongue Point Through the Years



1792

The name "Tongue Point" was given by Lieutenant William Broughton of the George Vancouver Expedition.

1805

Lewis and Clark call the peninsula east of Astoria Point William, after William Clark.

1919

\$1.5M federal appropriation to build Navy base at Tongue Point.

1921

Clatsop County transfers ownership of 395 acres at Tongue Point to the federal government.

1921

Navy announces plan to establish submarine and destroyer base and begins dredging.

1924

Construction completed, with a breakwater & four wooden finger piers.

1924-39

Base lies unused - popular picnic area and swimming hole.

1930's

Columbia Defense League formed and demands that base be developed or property be remanded to Clatsop County.

1939

Groundbreaking for Tongue Point Naval Air Station.

1940

Navy moves onto base as WWII is imminent.

1943-44

Facilities were used to assist the Kaiser Company in a critical shipbuilding program.

1946

Eight concrete finger piers built to provide moorage for the Columbia River Group of the Pacific. Reserve Fleet was built to house mothballed Liberty ships. Care-taker status.

1961

Tongue Point Naval base declared excess by federal government and transferred to the General Services Administration.

1963

President Kennedy tours Tongue Point vowing to save the facility from the wrecking ball.

1962

US Coast Guard establishes base.

1964

President Johnson signs the Economic Opportunity Act which creates Job Corps.

1964

Tongue Point chosen to be a Job Corps center. U of O holds contract to administer.

1965

First corpsmen arrive at TPJCC which opens as all male center on Feb. 2, 1965

1966

TPJCC is Festival Central for the week-long visit by officials from Astoria's Sister City, Walldorf.

1967

TPJCC converted to all female center.

1969

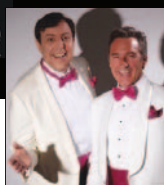
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