

Coastal counties seek overturn of offshore energy plan

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Six counties on the Oregon coast have joined an effort to overturn the state's 2013 offshore renewable energy plan.

In late September, Clatsop, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lincoln and Tillamook counties filed friend of the court brief on behalf of two coastal residents who are challenging the 2013 decision by the Land Conservation and Development Commission to create offshore renewable energy study areas under the state's ocean management plan, known as the territorial sea plan. Lane County commissioners missed the deadline to join in the brief, but sent a letter of support.

The two residents, Charles Ciecko of Neskowin and David Yamamoto of Pacific City, filed petition in January 2014 asking the Oregon Court of Appeals to reject the renewable energy amendment to Oregon's existing sea plan. The plan attempts to balance coastal renewable energy projects with protec-

tions for marine plants and animals, scenic coastal areas and the fishing industry. Currently, the only offshore energy projects proposed in Oregon are research and pilot projects and the technology remains expensive.

The petition to overturn the latest sea plan rests on a procedural issue: whether the Land Conservation and Development Commission could legally adopt a new sea plan that was not endorsed by a group of representatives of coastal cities and counties, Indian tribes, the commercial and sports fishing industries and conservation organizations. That group, the Ocean Policy and Advisory Council, has had a role in state ocean planning since the late 1980s, and attorneys for Ciecko, Yamamoto and the counties wrote in legal briefs that state law only allows the state commission to adopt ocean policy recommended by the council.

However, the petition is the result of a fundamental disagreement over how the state should allocate space in the



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Princess Amalia Wind Farm in the North Sea of the Netherlands.

territorial sea — which extends three miles from the shore — among fishermen, tribes and other longtime mariners, and offshore renewable energy companies that want to build projects in the area.

The Land Conservation and Development Commission's 2013 amendment to the sea

plan added three renewable energy study areas which the Ocean Policy and Advisory Council opposed, according to the coastal counties' brief. For example, the commission approved a renewable energy study area off the coast of Camp Rilea — a popular fishing area — that is three times as large as

the proposal which the Ocean Policy and Advisory Council voted to recommend for that area.

"It is important to Counties that their legally delegated role in ocean planning be preserved and protected," lawyers for the six counties wrote in their brief. "The challenged rule abrogated that role." The Ocean Policy and Advisory Council includes county commissioners and city councilors from some of the counties who joined the case.

"The presence of complex logistical considerations and competition for the same spaces between marine renewable energy interests and other historical users of the ocean underscored the need to support community-level engagement processes to leverage the expertise of fishermen, other mariners and coastal interests to inform the state (and federal) regulatory frameworks such as the (territorial sea plan renewable energy facility) amendment process," the lawyers wrote.

David Allen, a lawyer who represents Ciecko and Yama-

moto, is also a member of the Newport City Council and a member of the Ocean Policy and Advisory Council.

"There was a procedure that needed to be followed," Allen said of the state process to amend the sea plan. "It was one people up and down the coast were expecting was to be utilized."

Allen said he expects the Court of Appeals will not issue a decision on his petition until mid-2017.

Jason Busch, executive director of the Oregon Wave Energy Trust, said the people challenging the renewable energy amendment want to protect fishing interests.

"I'd call it pretty good coastal politics," Busch said. "It's just how the game is played, and I think people understand that."

Bush said the Ocean Policy and Advisory Council does not represent everyone on the coast.

"Do they represent an important part of the coast? Absolutely," Busch said.

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Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight

A moonlit sky

46°

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

Tuesday

Partly sunny

65° 52°

Wednesday

Occasional rain

60° 51°

Thursday

Mainly cloudy with a passing shower

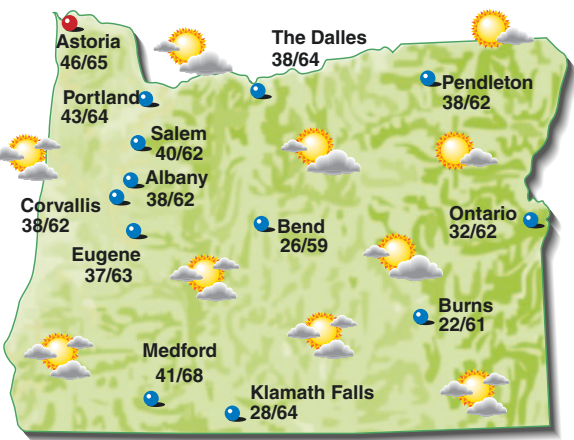
62° 48°

Friday

Cloudy with a touch of rain

61° 52°

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures

High	60°
Low	55°
Normal high	59°
Normal low	43°

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.39"
Month to date	2.15"
Normal month to date	4.39"
Year to date	33.39"
Normal year to date	44.63"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	6:11 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday	7:48 a.m.
Moonrise today	6:03 p.m.
Moonset today	6:34 a.m.



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Regional Cities

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	55	25	sh	57	28	s
Bend	55	26	pc	59	38	pc
Brookings	61	49	pc	62	53	pc
Eugene	65	37	pc	63	45	pc
Ilwaco	60	50	sh	63	55	pc
Klamath Falls	63	28	s	64	38	pc
Medford	68	41	pc	68	48	pc
Newport	59	46	pc	61	51	pc
North Bend	63	47	pc	64	53	pc

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	57	44	c	61	46	pc
Pendleton	59	38	pc	62	39	s
Portland	60	43	pc	64	51	pc
Roseburg	67	43	pc	66	50	pc
Salem	63	40	pc	62	47	pc
Seaside	61	48	sh	65	54	pc
Spokane	54	39	c	55	36	s
Vancouver	58	43	pc	64	51	pc
Yakima	62	37	pc	64	40	pc

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Tuesday night, at a distance of 221,307 miles, the full "hunters" moon will be at its closest approach (perigee) to the Earth.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

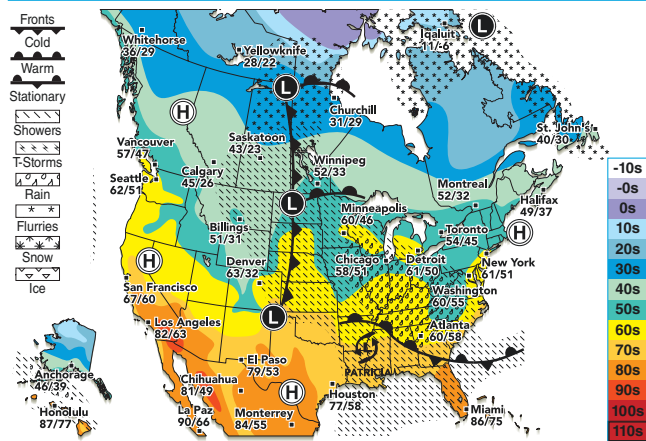
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks			
Time	High	Time	Low
1:40 a.m.	8.5 ft.	7:35 a.m.	0.7 ft.
1:37 p.m.	9.8 ft.	8:21 p.m.	-1.4 ft.

National Cities

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	66	53	sh	60	58	r
Boston	53	38	s	55	43	s
Chicago	62	48	s	58	51	r
Denver	59	39	c	63	32	pc
Des Moines	64	47	s	56	47	r
Detroit	61	44	s	61	50	c
El Paso	75	53	pc	79	53	s
Fairbanks	36	27	c	34	24	c
Honolulu	89	76	sh	87	77	s
Indianapolis	66	48	pc	60	52	sh
Kansas City	65	50	s	59	46	sh
Las Vegas	82	58	s	82	62	pc
Los Angeles	68	62	s	82	63	pc
Memphis	64	61	r	69	61	r
Miami	84	75	sh	86	75	pc
Nashville	67	56	r	65	59	r
New Orleans	77	67	sh	78	64	sh
New York	59	45	s	61	51	pc
Oklahoma City	67	50	s	73	48	pc
Philadelphia	60	45	s	63	53	c
St. Louis	69	56	pc	62	56	r
Salt Lake City	68	44	pc	61	39	s
San Francisco	72	56	pc	67	60	pc
Seattle	57	49	sh	62	51	pc
Washington, DC	62	45	pc	60	55	c

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Astoria holds parent-teacher meetings

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Astoria School District will have a two-day school week to start November, with parent-teacher conferences Nov. 4 and 5, and no school Nov. 4, 5 and 6.

Conferences are from 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 4. At Astoria High

and Middle schools. Parents of elementary students will be notified of their conference times.

On Nov. 5, conferences are from 8 a.m. to noon, 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Astoria Middle School; and 8 to 11 a.m., noon to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. at Astoria High School.

"Parent teacher conferences help to communicate to parents the areas their child is excelling in and to give parents specific ideas of how to improve upon their child's performance in school," a district release said. "Parents are encouraged to attend conferences with their children."

Two culverts to be replaced this week

This week, Clatsop County crews are performing two culvert replacements, one on Hillcrest Loop and one on Elsie Cemetery Road, and chopping brush in the Svensen area, and

continuing shoulder work on Columbia Beach Lane.

For information, contact Clatsop County Public Works at 503-325-8631.

Memorials

Wednesday, Oct. 28
McCOY, Juanita Belle — Funeral at 11 a.m., Ocean View Cemetery Chapel, Warrenton. Following the service, family and friends are invited to the residence of Kenneth

and Allison McCoy for hors d'oeuvres.
Wednesday, Oct. 28
NORRIS, Matthew Alexander — Celebration of life service at 2 p.m., Mission Christian Fellowship Church,

525 N.W. Warrenton Drive, Warrenton. Norris, 24, of Warrenton, died Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Death

Oct. 24, 2015
BURKS, Kathy L., 71,

of Seaside, died in Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cre-

mation Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Public meetings

MONDAY
Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., Seaside City Hall, 989 Broadway, Seaside.

TUESDAY
Clatsop Care Health Dis-

trict Board, noon, Clatsop Care Retirement Village, 947 Olney Ave.

Astoria Library Board, 5:30 p.m., Astoria Public Library Flag Room, 450 10th St.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., 225 S. Main Ave.

Astoria Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Lotteries

OREGON
Sunday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 8-0-1-4
4 p.m.: 3-2-0-1
7 p.m.: 3-1-4-4
10 p.m.: 2-2-6-4
Saturday's Megabucks:
28-29-31-33-41-44
Estimated jackpot: \$5.7 million.
Saturday's Powerball:
20-31-56-60-64, Powerball: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$100 million.
Saturday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 5-1-3-7
4 p.m.: 5-3-0-5
7 p.m.: 1-9-6-4
10 p.m.: 8-1-3-0
Friday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 8-7-7-5
4 p.m.: 7-6-6-1
7 p.m.: 4-7-1-7
10 p.m.: 4-4-2-8

WASHINGTON
Sunday's Daily Game:
4-9-6
Sunday's Keno: 01-08-10-13-23-24-26-40-43-48-50-52-60-62-66-69-70-73-75-77
Sunday's Match 4: 01-04-09-19
Saturday's Daily Game:
0-7-8
Saturday's Hit 5: 09-15-17-18-33
Estimated jackpot: \$170,000.

Saturday's Keno: 09-11-20-27-28-29-32-37-39-41-45-47-50-52-56-58-63-67-77-78
Saturday's Lotto: 04-16-27-34-36-46
Estimated jackpot: \$5.8 million.
Saturday's Match 4: 03-16-20-21
Friday's Daily Game:
7-7-6
Friday's Keno: 03-06-13-15-19-20-22-28-34-45-46-47-48-49-67-69-70-73-74-80
Friday's Match 4: 05-10-15-24
Friday's Mega Millions:
25-32-37-45-70, Mega Ball: 1
Estimated jackpot: \$105 million.

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