

Leaders ask Oregon, Washington state governors to ban oil-by-train

Dangerous and unnecessary, Portland mayor and others claim

By KRISTENA HANSEN
The Daily Astorian

PORTLAND — Portland and Multnomah County leaders on Tuesday urged the governors of Oregon and Washington state to push Congress for a permanent ban on oil-by-rail in the wake of a fiery train derailment along the Columbia River.

The June 3 derailment in the town of Mosier showed transporting oil by train is dangerous and unnecessary and should be prohibited by the federal government, Portland Mayor Charlie Hales and Multnomah

County Chair Deborah Kafoury said at City Hall, alongside other government and health officials.

Nobody was injured in the derailment, but it affected water and sewer systems and forced evacuations.

The officials called on Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and Washington Gov. Jay Inslee to work with the Obama administration and Congress on a permanent ban, and to block permits and oppose the several oil-related projects proposed in their states. They cited plans for the Tesoro-Savage oil terminal in Vancouver, Washington.

“At a time of acute concern about toxins in our water and in our air, we do not need to add to that list,” Hales said. “No transportation system is ever 100 percent safe. ... That’s why it’s a fundamentally wrong idea to be moving explosive fossil fuels by rail.”



An oil train burns near the town of Mosier after derailling in early June.

Alan Berner/The Seattle Times

Portland, Cascade Locks and Mosier are among several localities that recently passed resolutions calling for bans and rallying higher-ranking government officials to get behind them.

One million gallons of Bakken crude oil — the type involved in the Mosier derail-

ment that Kafoury characterized as “much more volatile” than conventional oil — roll along the Multnomah County train tracks every week. A half-million Oregonians live nearby, plus thousands more around the tracks in Washington.

Officials said the U.S. and Canada have seen more than a

dozen oil train derailments in the past two years. They said the Tesoro-Savage terminal in Vancouver would bring an additional 15 million oil gallons to the area and could lead to many more derailments over the years.

“With so many people in Portland living near the tracks, we can’t close our eyes to the risks of these trains and hope that we, again, get lucky — if you can call it that,” Kafoury said.

Following the Union Pacific derailment in Mosier, Brown called for a temporary moratorium on oil trains in the Columbia River Gorge until it’s confirmed the rails are safe. In a statement Tuesday, Brown expressed concern about the Tesoro proposal and said she is closely monitoring its developments.

As for pressing a ban, Brown said federal rules that would enhance rail safety are either in litigation or are yet to be completed.

“I will continue to push the U.S. Department of Transportation and other federal authorities to take action that puts fewer Oregonians at risk of a dangerous crash in their backyards,” she said.

Inslee spokeswoman Tara Lee said it’s unlikely the governors even have authority for a moratorium on railways.

“Last week, Gov. Inslee spoke by phone with CEOs of Union Pacific and Burlington Northern,” Lee said. “He made the push for the same three things we’ve been pushing the federal government on: Trains need to slow down; electronic brakes; quicker phase-out of older cars.”

Montana governor named new head of western governors group

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Montana Gov. Steve Bullock has been named the new chairman of the Western Governors’ Association.

Bullock previously was the group’s vice chair. He was elevated to the chairmanship Tuesday, the final day of the group’s meeting in Jackson, Wyoming.

The Montana Democrat succeeds Wyoming’s Republican governor, Matt Mead, in leading the association of governors from 19 Western states and three U.S. territories.

Bullock says his “chairman’s initiative” will be improving forest and rangeland management. His term with the association is one year, assuming he is re-elected as governor in November.

The association is dominated by Republicans but attempts to address regional issues through bipartisanship.

That bipartisanship was on display Tuesday when some Republican governors showered Bullock with praise. Mead, for example, said Bullock “embodies the bipartisan spirit of the Western Governors’ Association.”

Seaside fills void with newest police lieutenant

Holt takes second-in-command

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Bruce Holt was named Seaside Police lieutenant Monday at a City Council meeting.

Holt fills vacancies created by the shooting death of Jason Gooding in February and the retirement of Lt. Steve Barnett.

Holt, 58, a 33-year department veteran, was promoted to sergeant in 1989. In years since, he earned detective certifications and taught firearms and emergency vehicle operations. “He’s spent numerous hours and a lot of years with law enforcement training,” Police Chief Dave Ham said. “He’s a really good asset for the position of lieutenant.”

Ham said after the loss of Gooding and the departure of Barnett, Holt “did not skip a beat. He’s been playing the second-in-command leadership role even before I asked him. He’s a morale builder and a good fit for our department.



R.J. Marx/The Daily Astorian

Bruce Holt was named Seaside Police lieutenant Monday.

I’m looking forward to his partnership and teamwork.”

Holt said he appreciated the continued opportunity to serve the city and those who visit.

“The bottom line is to keep our troops safe, and to encourage the public to be safe in their endeavors in the community they live and visit,” Holt said.

Holt’s wife of almost 36 years, Danna, was in the audi-

ence along with friends and family members. Also in attendance were Cannon Beach police officers Seth Collins and James Jordan.

“You know it’s great to see other police people supporting you,” Mayor Don Larson said before the council unanimously approved Holt’s promotion. “Thank you, chief, for your choice.”

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA AccuWeather.com

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
47	64	64	64	68
47	47	48	49	52
Cloudy with a brief shower or two	Times of clouds and sun with a shower	Some sun with a passing shower	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny

ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

High/Low 60°/47°
Normal high/low 64°/50°
Record high 86° in 1914
Record low 42° in 1949

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.45"
Month to date 1.48"
Normal month to date 1.40"
Year to date 38.70"
Normal year to date 35.01"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 9:09 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 5:23 a.m.
Moonrise today 4:35 p.m.
Moonset today 2:56 a.m.

Full Last New First
June 20 June 27 July 4 July 11

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: Vega of Lyra is the brightest star of the Summer Triangle, which is in view all night.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
11:59 a.m.	6.5 ft.	5:49 a.m.	0.5 ft.
11:36 p.m.	8.4 ft.	5:27 p.m.	2.4 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	W
Atlanta	85/73	93/77	pc
Boston	79/60	73/51	pc
Chicago	91/66	93/61	pc
Denver	90/56	90/56	s
Des Moines	95/68	91/66	s
Detroit	80/65	81/63	t
El Paso	100/70	101/71	s
Fairbanks	70/50	78/57	pc
Honolulu	81/74	84/73	pc
Indianapolis	87/72	86/65	pc
Kansas City	97/74	96/72	s
Las Vegas	95/72	93/73	s
Los Angeles	73/56	75/57	pc
Memphis	95/79	99/78	pc
Miami	90/77	90/77	t
Nashville	91/72	99/73	pc
New Orleans	93/78	94/79	pc
New York	85/65	77/64	sh
Oklahoma City	96/75	97/74	s
Philadelphia	82/64	76/62	sh
St. Louis	96/76	99/72	pc
Salt Lake City	89/58	81/61	s
San Francisco	67/55	71/56	pc
Seattle	64/48	66/49	pc
Washington, DC	84/70	80/65	t

REGIONAL WEATHER

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

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	W	City	Today	Thu.	W
Baker City	57/37	56/34	c	Olympia	62/43	64/42	pc
Bend	57/34	55/37	sh	Pendleton	67/48	66/42	pc
Brookings	57/46	58/47	sh	Portland	65/51	65/52	pc
Eugene	65/43	65/45	c	Roseburg	66/45	66/48	sh
Ilwaco	59/49	60/49	pc	Salem	65/47	65/49	c
Klamath Falls	54/35	56/34	sh	Seaside	60/48	61/47	pc
Medford	68/43	67/47	sh	Spokane	65/46	63/45	pc
Newberg	63/47	64/48	pc	Springfield	64/43	66/44	c
Newport	57/46	58/46	c	Vancouver	64/49	65/49	pc
North Bend	62/47	62/48	sh	Yakima	69/43	69/43	pc

TOMORROW’S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Price to hold next salonical

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The next salonical (political salon) to exchange ideas and information about city politics with Astoria City Councilor Cindy Price is from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Flag Room of the Astoria Library.

Topics could include the Riverfront Vision Plan, Ocean View Cemetery, parks, tourism, the library, Heritage Square, affordable housing, traffic, housing density, sidewalks, emergency preparedness and water rates.

MEMORIALS

Friday, June 17
KERSHUL, Gregory — Memorial at 11 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 120 Oceanway in

Seaside.
Saturday, June 18
HORSLEY, Charles “Chuck” — Celebration of life at the Astoria Masonic

Lodge, 1572 Franklin Ave. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; program begins at noon. Light refreshments will be provided.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Sunset Empire Parks and Rec

THURSDAY
Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Tuesday’s Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-5-8-0
4 p.m.: 4-8-1-3
7 p.m.: 4-0-1-6
10 p.m.: 1-5-3-6

WASHINGTON
Tuesday’s Daily Game: 8-4-6
Tuesday’s Keno: 02-04-07-13-24-28-32-33-36-41-42-45-46-52-62-66-69-70-73-76
Tuesday’s Match 4: 04-12-19-21
Tuesday’s Mega Millions: 36-37-38-52-62, Mega Ball: 6
Estimated jackpot: \$293 million

ON THE RECORD

DUII arrests
• At 8:53 a.m. Thursday, Oregon State Police arrested Agustin Emilio Cruz, 34, of Portland, for driving under the influence of intoxicants at the parking lot at Indian Beach in Ecola State Park.
• At 10:22 p.m. Saturday, Oregon State Police arrested Dakota A. Scranton, 20, of Auke Bay, Alaska, for DUII on U.S. Highway 30 milepost 76.
Crash
• At 9:21 a.m. Saturday, Oregon State Police arrested Christian Luis Bernal-Saw-

yer, 18, of Yakima, Washington, for DUII, reckless driving and reckless endangering after he crashed his SUV on U.S. Highway 30, causing a collision with a sedan. A passenger in the SUV and both occupants in the sedan were injured and transported to Columbia Memorial Hospital.
Reckless driving
• At 3:47 p.m. Friday, Oregon State Police arrested Randy Jay Woolliscroft, 41, of Vancouver, Washington, for reckless driving on U.S. Highway 26 near milepost 11.

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