

Support slips in Oregon for international trade pacts

More view trade as economic threat

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Support for international trade slipped in Oregon while the major candidates for president criticized the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement that Congress could consider later this year.

According to two polls conducted by DHM Research, the percentage of Oregonians who believe foreign trade is an opportunity for economic growth dropped from 65 percent in March 2014 to 53 percent in April.

During that time, the percentage of Oregonians who believe trade is more of a threat to the economy increased from 19 percent to 36 percent.

"Our polling data reveal that Oregonians are less certain that international trade is a good deal for our state and our country in

2016 than they were two years prior," says DHM Research founding partner Adam Davis.

The drop in support followed repeated attacks on international trade treaties by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and Democratic presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton. All three candidates came out against the TPP, even though Clinton had previously called it the "gold standard" of such treaties.

"The seemingly 24-7 coverage of Trump and Sanders this past year has taken its toll on public understanding and appreciation of the benefits of trade," Davis says. "It's been a constant drumbeat of Americans losing jobs and big companies being the only beneficiaries of policies like the Trans-Pacific Partnership."

Creating jobs

Doug Badger, executive director of the Pacific Northwest International Trade Association, deplors the criticisms.

Although Trump, Sanders and — to a lesser extent — Clinton have all claimed such treaties have reduced the number of American jobs, Badger says the opposite is true, especially in Oregon.

"Trade is creating jobs in the country and the region, which is especially dependent on trade. And they are good-paying jobs," says Badger, whose organization is aligned with the Portland Business Alliance and is pushing for approval of the TPP.

Badger notes that support for international trade is still above 50 percent in Oregon, which he says is a good thing. But he worries the criticisms by the presidential candidates will make it harder to win approval of the TPP and future trade agreements.

"The politicians are saying one thing but the economy is saying another when it comes to trade," he says.

Davis agrees there's little public understanding of the benefits of trade.



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Cargo containers are shown being loaded on ships at the Port of Portland in this file photo. According to two polls conducted by DHM Research, the percentage of Oregonians who believe foreign trade is more of an opportunity for economic growth dropped from 65 percent in March 2014 to 53 percent in April 2016.

"Like we see in our research about public understanding of the basics of governance and public finance, there's a great deal of ignorance about international trade. And the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement? You got to be kidding; there's next to no facts-based understanding of what it is and how it affects Oregon's economy — positively or negatively," Davis says.

Stagnant wages

TPP opponent Michael Shannon of the Oregon Fair Trade Campaign argues that just the opposite is true.

"The public isn't responding to the politicians, the politicians are responding to the public," Shannon says.

"People are tired of stagnant wages and increasing inequality, and previous trade deals have shipped good paying jobs with benefits overseas," says Shannon, whose organization

includes labor, environmental and social justice organizations.

Shannon and other opponents point to a recent study by the United States International Trade Commission that says some manufacturing jobs would be lost because of the TPP, although other sectors of the economy, like agriculture, would benefit.

Davis confirms his company's polls are finding deep public dissatisfaction with the economy.

"Nearly half of Oregonians believe that America has gotten the short end of the stick, perhaps in a nod of agreement with Trump and Sanders about the exportation of manufacturing and other blue-collar jobs that once served as the backbone of our economy. Many of these same people are not considering, because they're not aware, the benefits of international trade such as lower prices and the availability of a wider

range of goods and services," he says.

\$20 billion

A 2013 study by the Value of Jobs Coalition found that \$20 billion worth of Oregon goods and services were exported in 2012. There were 490,000 jobs tied directly or indirectly to international trade that year, up 20,000 from 2010. And the amount of Oregon's trade-related employment grew 7.5 times faster than total employment between 2004 and 2011, said the study, which was supported by such business groups as the Portland Business Alliance and the Port of Portland.

The TPP is an agreement between the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. According to Badger, seven of Oregon's top 11 export markets were on this list in 2015, and they accounted for nearly half of all of Oregon's export value that year.

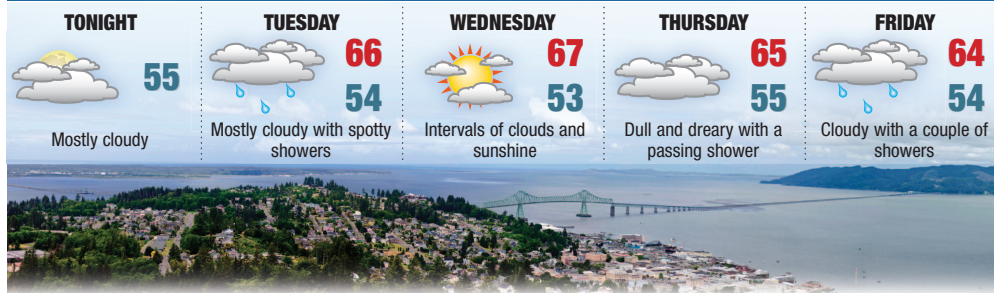
"The export of Oregon goods and services will only increase if we can reform the rules and reduce the tariffs with our major trading partners," Badger says.

Shannon counters that the biggest companies, such as Nike, benefit most from such deals, not average workers.

Because of the political climate, some observers believe President Obama will ask the lame-duck session of Congress to approve the TPP after the November general election.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures
High/Low 66°/57°
Normal high/low 66°/52°
Record high 88° in 1906
Record low 41° in 1949

Precipitation
Sunday 0.06"
Month to date 0.07"
Normal month to date 0.14"
Year to date 39.29"
Normal year to date 36.30"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 9:10 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday 5:31 a.m.
Moonrise today 6:03 a.m.
Moonset today 9:13 p.m.

New First Full Last
July 4 July 11 July 19 July 26

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: NASA's Juno will fly within 2,900 miles of the cloud tops of Jupiter.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

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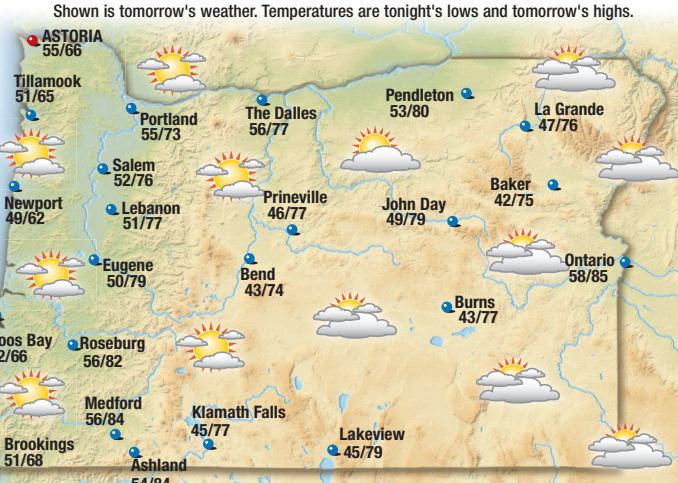
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3:27 p.m.	8.0 ft.	9:02 p.m.	2.0 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

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Chicago	78 67 c 88 70 s	
Denver	89 60 t 90 59 t	
Des Moines	81 67 pc 94 76 pc	
Detroit	82 66 c 88 68 s	
El Paso	103 77 t 104 77 t	
Fairbanks	68 54 sh 71 56 sh	
Honolulu	86 76 sh 86 76 sh	
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Kansas City	81 69 pc 93 72 pc	
Las Vegas	106 80 s 105 79 s	
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Nashville	90 72 pc 87 74 t	
New Orleans	96 81 t 95 80 t	
New York	82 71 pc 85 73 r	
Oklahoma City	95 75 pc 96 77 pc	
Philadelphia	80 70 r 88 73 r	
St. Louis	79 70 r 91 78 pc	
Salt Lake City	98 69 s 95 68 s	
San Francisco	69 55 pc 67 54 pc	
Seattle	67 55 sh 67 55 sh	
Washington, DC	73 72 r 86 76 pc	

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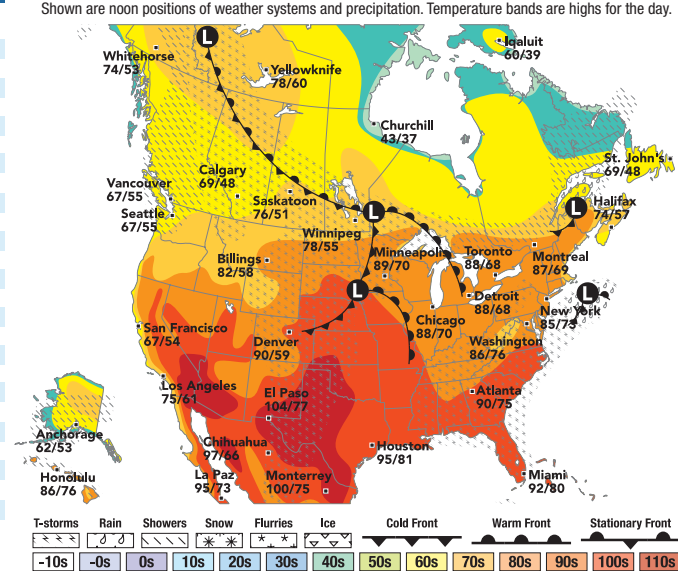
REGIONAL WEATHER



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Brookings	67 51 s 65 52 pc		Portland	72 55 pc 73 55 pc	
Eugene	81 50 pc 79 49 pc		Roseburg	84 56 s 82 55 pc	
Ilwaco	62 55 c 62 54 sh		Salem	78 52 pc 76 52 pc	
Klamath Falls	83 45 s 77 44 pc		Seaside	63 55 c 63 55 sh	
Medford	89 56 s 84 55 pc		Spokane	74 50 s 73 53 pc	
Newberg	73 50 pc 71 51 pc		Springfield	79 50 s 78 50 pc	
Newport	63 49 pc 62 50 pc		Vancouver	71 54 pc 70 54 pc	
North Bend	66 52 s 65 51 pc		Yakima	82 51 s 81 52 pc	

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Head-on collision leaves two dead

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ILWACO, Wash. — Two adults died in a head-on collision Sunday afternoon on U.S. Highway 101 north of its junction with Sandridge Road, near Black Lake, according to Washington State Trooper Russ Winger.

Drivers of both cars, both adult females, died at the scene. Passengers were transported as a precaution but didn't suffer serious injuries, he said.

Ilwaco Fire Department, Mexix Ambulance Company, Pacific County Fire District No. 1, Washington State Police and Long Beach Police responded. The accident is still under investigation. The victims' identities have not been released.

The accident occurred just north of where Sandridge Road merges with Highway 101 and did not involve the intersection, the Washington State Patrol said.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Seaside Community Center Commission, 10 a.m., 1225 Avenue A.

Seaside Library Board, 4 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.

Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., regular meeting and executive session, 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

Gearhart City Council, 6 p.m., public hearing on short-term rentals, Fire Station, 670 Pacific Way.

ASTORIA CITY COUNCIL

7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

WEDNESDAY

Seaside Improvement Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Gearhart City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

CORRECTION

Event date incorrect — A feature on the Astoria Music Festival's tribute to Bill and Deborah Armington on 3A Friday contained the incorrect date for the event. The event occurred on June 26.

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