

# Wheat growers tell feds they oppose dam breaching

## Similar meeting set for Astoria

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BOISE — Breaching four dams on the lower Snake River would cause significant harm to the Pacific Northwest agricultural industry, Idaho wheat industry leaders told federal officials during a public meeting.

The meeting Tuesday was one of 15 being held around the region by federal agencies to get input on the operation of the hydropower dams on the Columbia-Snake River system, a process initiated by a federal judge handling a lawsuit brought by dam removal supporters.

The final meeting is scheduled at 4 p.m. Thursday at The Loft at the Red Building in Astoria.

It's critical that agriculture, especially the wheat industry, makes its concerns known during the public comment period, said Idaho Wheat Commission Executive Director

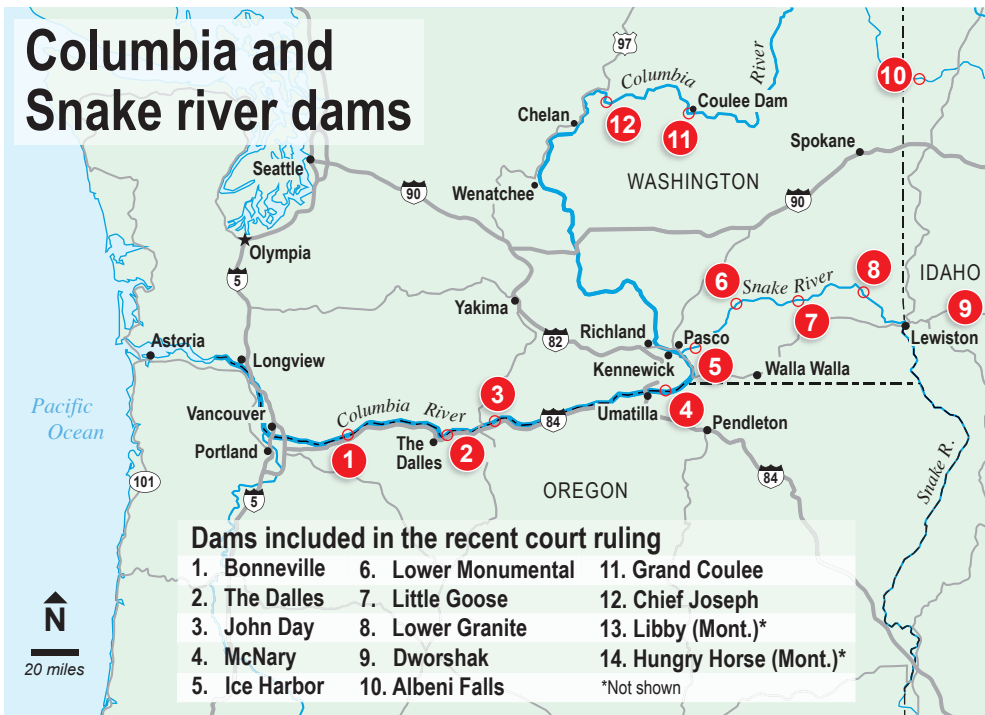
Blaine Jacobson.

"The dams are absolutely crucial to the health of the Idaho wheat industry," he said. "Wheat is a global market and it's a very competitive market and if we have to rail it to Portland, it would make a number of the growers uncompetitive on the world market."

The U.S. District Court judge earlier this year ordered the federal agencies that operate the Columbia-Snake River hydropower system to review all reasonable options for operating it in order to minimize the impact on endangered salmon.

That decision came in response to a lawsuit by conservation groups in favor of breaching the dams to improve salmon runs. They challenged the biological opinion for operating the system and the judge required the agencies to update the environmental impact statement on how the system is operated.

The agencies are holding scoping meetings around the Pacific Northwest to gather public comment and a draft environmental impact state-



Sources: U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers

Alan Kenaga/Capital Press

ment on the system's operation is expected to be published for public comment in 2020.

Breaching those dams would make the rivers unnavigable for barges that move wheat and other products to port for export.

According to the Port of Lewiston and Northwest River Partners, about 10 percent of all U.S. wheat exports move through the lower Snake River dams and more than 50 percent of Idaho's wheat is exported through the Columbia-Snake

River system.

In addition, more than 42 million tons of commercial cargo valued at more than \$20 billion moves through the system each year and 60 percent of the energy produced in Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Wash-

ington is generated by the rivers' dams.

Jacobson said it's almost inconceivable that the dams would be removed but a vocal minority that supports that is making their voices heard and it's important the agricultural industry also weigh in on the issue.

"I think the facts are on the side of keeping the (system) the way it is," he said. "But if the silent majority doesn't turn out and lets the vocal minority rule the day, then it will be bad for the entire PNW."

North Idaho farmer Eric Hasselstrom said that without the ability to use the river system to transport wheat to port, his transportation costs would likely double.

"If we lost the dams, I don't think we'd be competitive and in business any more," he said.

"We have to have our voices heard because there are going to be a lot of comments against (the dams)."

Comments must be received by Jan. 17 and can be submitted by email to: [comment@crso.info](mailto:comment@crso.info)

## Brown appoints Goldthorpe Malheur prosecutor

The Daily Astorian

Gov. Kate Brown today appointed Clatsop County Deputy District Attorney David Goldthorpe as the new district attorney in Malheur County.

Goldthorpe, who will start

in January, will replace Dan Norris, who resigned for a post in the state Department of Justice.

Goldthorpe has served as a prosecutor in Clatsop County for six years. He ran unsuccessfully for Circuit Court judge earlier this year.

"David Goldthorpe is a talented prosecutor who has demonstrated a strong commitment to justice during his career," Brown said in a statement. "I am confident that he will serve the residents of Malheur County well and with the utmost integrity."

## Christmas food parade winds through local neighborhoods

### Firefighters help the needy

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Fire engines are parading through neighborhoods in Astoria from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the 28th annual Astoria Fire Department Christmas Food Parade.

Firefighters, family, and friends are picking up nonperishable food items and donations for needy families this holiday season.

The fire engines will be decorated with lights and playing Christmas music, and Santa Claus is making an appearance to help hand out candy canes and spread Christmas joy.

In 2015, the drive collected 3,230 pounds of food. The goal this year is to collect over 4,000 pounds. The food parade routes are as follows:

- **Monday (Emerald Heights, Alderbrook, Uppertown)**  
The route starts in Emerald Heights on Towers Road, then Towers to Mitscher Road, Mitscher to Halsey Road, Halsey to Nimitz Drive, and Nimitz to the Community Center.

- **Tuesday (upper hills)**  
The parade route starts at Eighth Street and Franklin, then Franklin to 17th Street, 17th to Irving Avenue, Irving to Eighth, Eighth to Jerome Avenue, Jerome to 15th Street, 15th to Madison Avenue, Madison to Miller Lane, Miller to Niagara Avenue, Niagara to Ridge Drive, Ridge to Madison to Lexington Avenue, Lexington to Sixth Street, Sixth to Kensington Avenue, Kensington to Valley Street, Valley to Skyline Avenue, Skyline to Franklin, Franklin to Fifth Street, Fifth to Harrison, Harrison to Seventh Street, Seventh to Grand, Grand to Sixth, Sixth to Franklin, and Franklin to Eighth.

- **Wednesday (south hills)**  
The route starts at Columbia Avenue, then Columbia to

Street, 47th to Birch Street, Birch to 51st Street, 51st to Cedar, Cedar to 45th Street, 45th to Lief Erikson Drive, and Lief Erikson to 44th Street.

The final leg of the parade is in Uppertown from 37th Street to Duane Street, Duane to 36th Street, 36th to Franklin Avenue, Franklin to 33rd Street, 33rd to Harrison Avenue, Harrison to 35th Street, 35th to Harrison Circle, then back to 35th, 35th to Grand Avenue, Grand to 31st Street, and 31st to Marine Drive.

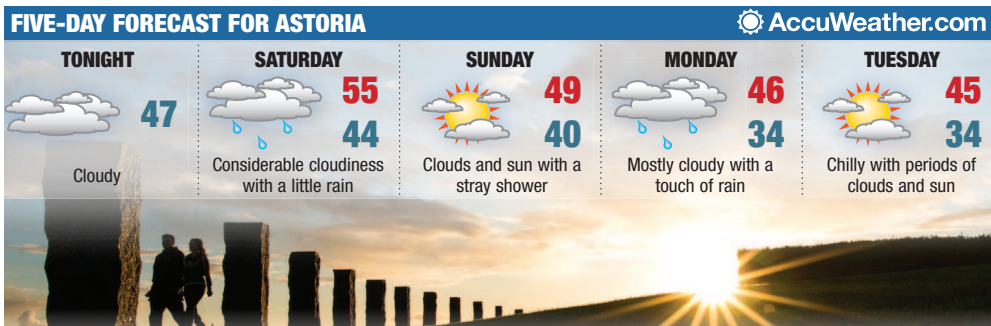
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Alameda Avenue, Alameda to W. Lexington Avenue, W. Lexington to W. Irving Avenue, W. Irving to Pacific Street, Pacific to W. Lexington, W. Lexington to Altadena Avenue, Altadena to Pleasant Avenue, Pleasant to W. Niagara Avenue, W. Niagara to Glasgow Avenue, Glasgow to Denver Street, Denver to Alameda, Alameda to W. Klaskanine Avenue, W. Klaskanine to Third Street, Third to Lexington, Lexington to Fifth, Fifth to Klaskanine Avenue, Klaskanine to Seventh, Seventh to Niagara, Niagara to Eighth, Eighth to Klaskanine, Klaskanine to Ninth Street, and Ninth to Niagara.

Those who will not be home during the food parade can drop off a bag of nonperishable food items to the Astoria Fire Department, 555 30th St. The lobby is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but arrangements can be made to drop off donations outside of those hours by calling 503-325-2345.

Checks or cash donations are also being accepted to help purchase turkeys and additional food for the Christmas Food Baskets, and can be given during the food parade, or dropped off at Astoria Fire Department. Checks can be made out to the Christmas Basket Program.



**ALMANAC**

Astoria through Thursday.

**Temperatures**

High/low	51°/41°
Normal high/low	50°/38°
Record high	62° in 1958
Record low	22° in 1985

**Precipitation**

Thursday	0.21"
Month to date	0.21"
Normal month to date	0.36"
Year to date	76.71"
Normal year to date	57.98"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight	4:31 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday	7:40 a.m.
Moonrise today	10:00 a.m.
Moonset today	7:37 p.m.

First Full Last New  
Dec 7 Dec 13 Dec 20 Dec 28

**UNDER THE SKY**

Tonight's Sky: Cassiopeia nearly directly overhead before midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**

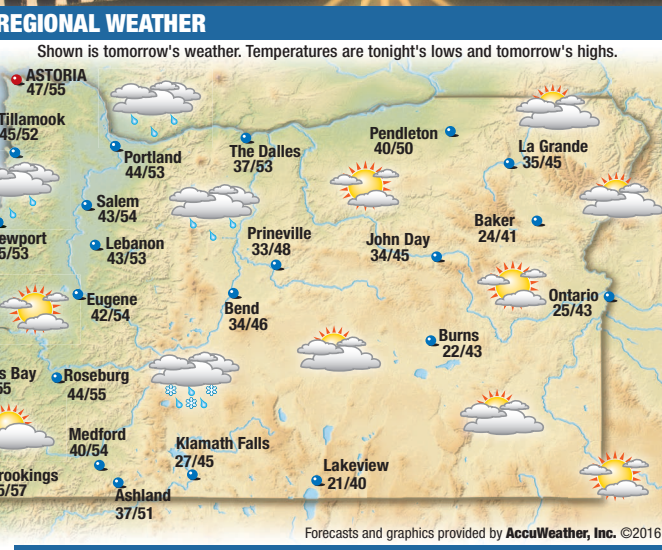
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
4:00 a.m.	7.7 ft.	9:23 a.m.	3.4 ft.
2:52 p.m.	8.8 ft.	9:53 p.m.	0.0 ft.

**NATIONAL CITIES**

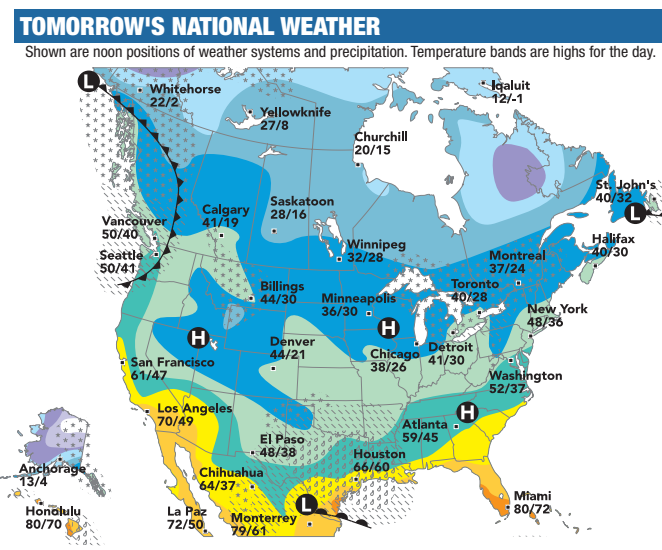
City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	59	40	s	59	45	c	
Boston	51	37	s	47	32	pc	
Chicago	40	27	c	38	26	c	
Denver	35	16	c	44	21	c	
Des Moines	42	27	pc	44	34	pc	
Detroit	43	31	c	41	30	c	
El Paso	64	41	pc	48	38	r	
Fairbanks	-2	-7	sn	-2	-11	sn	
Honolulu	82	70	sh	80	70	sh	
Indianapolis	43	28	c	44	30	pc	
Kansas City	48	27	s	44	36	c	
Las Vegas	56	38	s	60	41	s	
Los Angeles	65	47	s	70	49	s	
Memphis	62	42	s	51	43	r	
Miami	82	72	pc	80	72	pc	
Nashville	57	33	s	52	40	c	
New Orleans	66	55	pc	68	63	r	
New York	50	38	s	48	36	pc	
Oklahoma City	59	41	pc	48	40	r	
Philadelphia	51	38	s	49	35	pc	
St. Louis	49	31	pc	47	36	pc	
Salt Lake City	34	19	pc	36	23	pc	
San Francisco	60	46	s	61	47	s	
Seattle	49	45	r	50	41	r	
Washington, DC	54	38	s	52	37	s	

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



**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	38	24	c	41	27	c	
Bend	42	34	c	46	34	c	
Brookings	52	44	c	55	45	pc	
Eugene	48	42	r	54	44	c	
Ilwaco	54	49	r	53	44	r	
Klamath Falls	39	27	pc	45	26	pc	
Medford	47	40	c	54	39	pc	
Newberg	46	42	r	51	44	c	
Newport	50	45	r	53	45	pc	
North Bend	53	47	r	56	47	pc	
Olympia	47	41	r	49	39	r	
Pendleton	46	40	c	50	41	pc	
Portland	49	44	r	53	44	c	
Roseburg	49	44	c	55	43	c	
Salem	48	43	r	54	45	c	
Seaside	54	48	r	54	45	r	
Spokane	38	32	sn	41	34	pc	
Springfield	48	43	r	54	45	c	
Vancouver	47	44	r	51	44	c	
Yakima	47	29	c	51	34	pc	



## DEATH

**Nov. 30, 2016**  
CARLSON, Will Dustin, 30, of Knappa, died in Knappa. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## MEMORIAL

**Saturday, Dec. 3**  
MATTESON, Jerald "Jerry" Lee — Celebration of life at 11 a.m., New Hope Community Church, 11731 S.E. Stevens Road in Happy Valley. Matteson, 76, of Portland, formerly of Astoria, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016, in Portland. Sunnyside Little Chapel of the Chimes in Portland is in charge of the arrangements. To share a memory and to view the full obituary, go to [www.sunnysidechimes.com](http://www.sunnysidechimes.com)

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**MONDAY**  
**Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board**, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.  
**Astoria City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

## LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
**Thursday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 4-6-2-9  
4 p.m.: 4-4-8-5  
7 p.m.: 5-4-2-9  
10 p.m.: 9-7-5-6

**WASHINGTON**  
**Thursday's Daily Game:**  
4-4-9  
**Thursday's Keno:** 01-07-09-10-11-17-24-29-34-38-43-48-53-54-56-60-61-62-71-79  
**Thursday's Match 4:** 08-10-13-15

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