

Recreational crabbing is a go on Oregon Coast

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The state has opened the ocean and bay recreational crab fishery in all areas along the Oregon Coast after being closed due to elevated levels of domoic acid in Dungeness crab. The most recent tests show levels of domoic acid are safe in all areas tested.

The commercial fishery for Dungeness crab in Oregon waters south of Cape Blanco began on Sunday. Changes to the status of the ocean commercial fishery in the region between Cape Blanco and the Oregon-Washington border will be considered later this week.

Crab should always be eviscerated — including removing and discarding the internal organs and gills — prior to cooking. Crab and shellfish products sold in retail markets and restaurants remain safe for consumers, as they were not harvested in areas closed for biotoxins.

Domoic acid, or amnesic shellfish toxin, is produced by algae in the ocean, and can cause minor to severe illness and even death. Toxins cannot be removed by cooking, freezing or any other treatment.

Gearhart sees a late surge in vacation rental applications

Clock runs out for short-term rental owners

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

GEARHART — The one-time chance for vacation rental permit applications ended Friday with an upsurge.

In early December, the city reported 43 applications, short of the city's estimates. In two weeks that number has almost doubled.

"It's a little bit of a moving target, but I think we'll end up with about 84," City Administrator Chad Sweet said Tuesday.

The city's new ordinance regulating vacation rentals limited applications to homeowners who can prove they have rented out their homes by paying the lodging tax to the city prior to submitting the application.

Of the applications coming in, most if not all are "pretty thorough," Sweet said.

"We had one inspection with a window that was too high so people couldn't get

out, that was easily corrected with a ladder system," he said. "We're asking for basic safety: egress windows, so people can escape from a bedroom; smoke detectors; tsunami information."

Appeals, initiative

While city officials consider the application period over, some property owners hope to repeal or alter the rules for short-term rentals.

Two state Land Use Board of Appeals cases are pending, and opponents of the new rules have indicated they will propose an initiative to change aspects of the ordinance.

With a new mayor, Matt Brown, property owner David Townsend said he and others may seek to make the ordinance "more user-friendly."

He said he is particularly concerned about occupancy limits and permit transfer restrictions. "The rules are a bit Draconian," he said.

"Personally, I hope the City Council will take a hard look at the net effect of fewer rentals and its economic impact," added property owner Jim Whit-



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Gearhart City Administrator Chad Sweet reviews applications for short-term rental permits.

temore, one of those participating in the state board appeal.

Whittemore said compromise can be reached on occupancy limits, biannual septic inspections and permit transfer during a property sale.

"All we have to do is sit down and work out a reason-

able and equitable solution," Whittemore said. "Too much time, effort and money has been spent on a nonissue."

Review period

Sweet said the rules represent the recommendations of both the Planning Commission and the City Council over a multiyear review

and public comment period. Property owners may still rent their properties during the permit review.

"We need to get through this process," Sweet said. "But as of the middle of June, everything will need to be complete and the permits will have to be perfected so we can hold people accountable who are renting without them."

The city's review process, conducted by Building Official Mark Brien, takes 30 days. Homeowners have six months to bring their properties up to code.

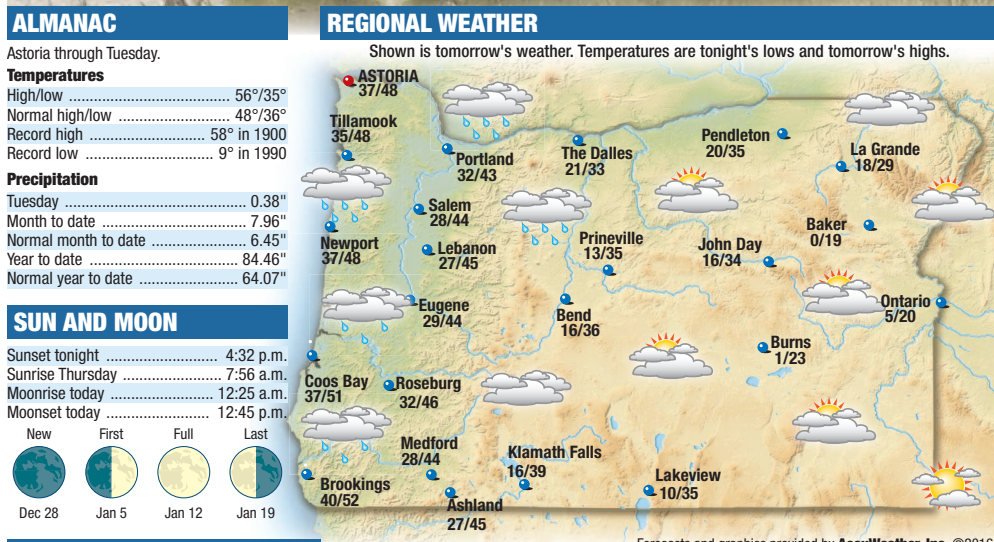
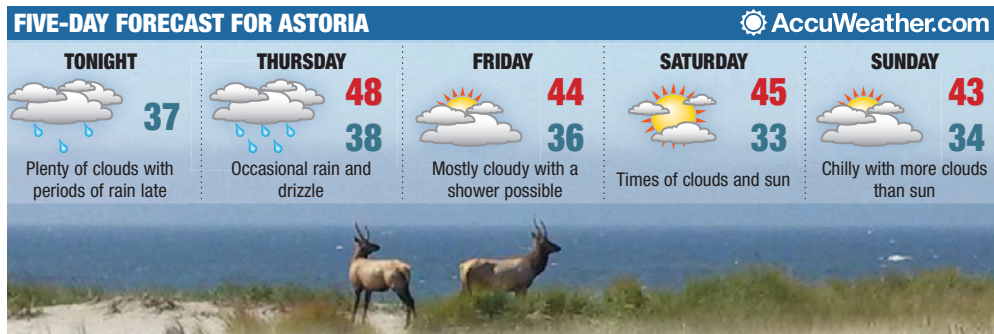
Applicants must pay a \$500 application fee, a \$125 dwelling inspection fee and a fee of \$50 if more than one inspection is necessary.

After a vacation rental dwelling is found to meet the city's requirements, the city will issue a permit to be posted within 4 feet of the front entrance of the home.

Property owners who have not applied for a permit and continue to rent will be in violation of Gearhart's zoning ordinance and subject to a \$500 fine for each day of offense.

If a Gearhart property owner came in today and tried to file a short-term rental permit application, would they be considered?

"No," Sweet said Tuesday. "Dec. 16 was a hard date. Future councils can make any decisions they want to make, but this is how this Planning Commission and City Council said they wanted to start."



UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: The December solstice, which marks the start of winter in the Northern Hemisphere, occurs at 2:44 a.m. PST.

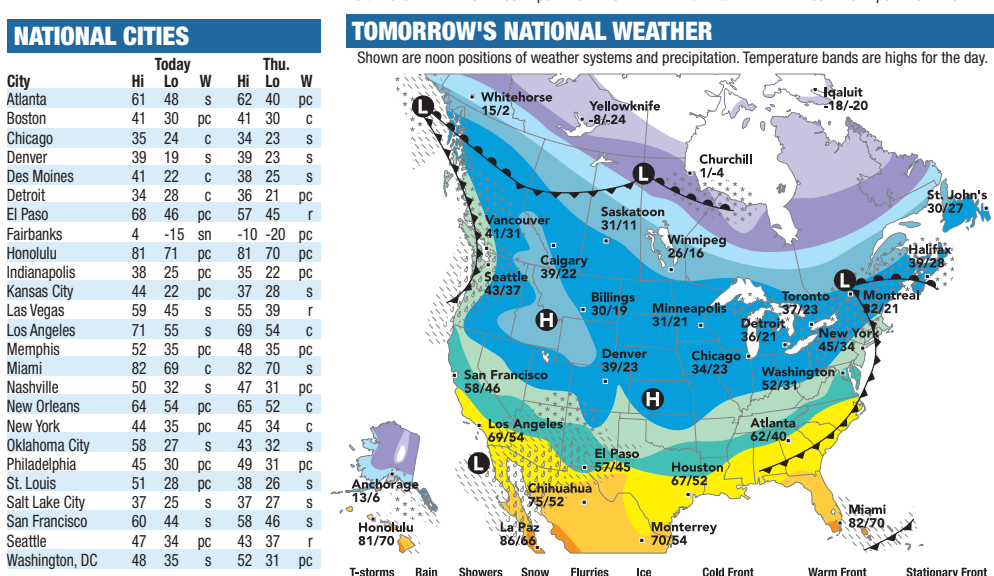
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TOMORROW'S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Low
8:05 a.m.	8.5 ft.	2.2 ft.
1:30 a.m.	1:30 a.m.	2.2 ft.
8:40 p.m.	6.5 ft.	2.45 p.m.
2:45 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	2.2 ft.

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Bend	35 16 s 36 26 c	Pendleton	35 20 pc 35 30 c		
Brookings	54 39 s 51 44 r	Portland	46 32 pc 43 38 r		
Eugene	40 29 pc 44 39 r	Roseburg	42 32 s 46 41 r		
Ilwaco	49 41 pc 48 40 r	Salem	42 28 pc 44 38 r		
Klamath Falls	35 16 s 39 28 c	Seaside	50 40 pc 49 40 r		
Medford	45 28 s 44 36 c	Spokane	32 17 pc 31 26 sn		
Newberg	44 29 pc 42 38 r	Springfield	41 28 pc 45 39 r		
Newport	49 37 pc 48 40 r	Vancouver	47 34 pc 42 39 r		
North Bend	54 38 pc 52 43 r	Yakima	35 19 pc 31 23 i		



OBITUARY

Carol Webb Smalley

Portland

July 26, 1945 — Dec. 14, 2016

Carol Smalley, of Brownsmead, passed away peacefully at the age of 71 with her family and loving caregivers nearby at the Avamere Crestview of Portland nursing facility, where she had resided for the past nine months.

Carol was the oldest of two children born in Fairfield, California, to Mon and Opal Webb. Carol's father was a career U.S. Air Force officer. Her family moved around the country, transferring locations, about every three to four years during her childhood.

Carol attended Osborn High School in Manassas, Virginia, from 1959 to 1962. The family relocated to the Clatsop County area in the 1960s. Carol also attended the FEMA Emergency Management Institute in Maryland, and the Oregon Police Academy.

Carol later served on the Springfield Oregon Police Department and the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff. Her last working position was deputy manager for the Clatsop County Emergency Services Department. Her career ended in 1988, when she was injured and permanently disabled in an auto accident.

Up and until her accident, Carol also regularly drilled with the Oregon Army National Guard Reserves for over 15 years.

Carol was a Brownsmead resident, best known as a lover of small animals. Her pets were the joy of her life. Carol had a strong Christian faith, as well. Until the last 18 months, she regularly attended services and Bible studies at both Coastline Christian Fellowship and Knappa Assembly of God. She was also an avid Seattle Mariners fan, and enjoyed creative writing.

Carol is survived by her nephew, Christopher Stewart; her former sister-in-law, Sheila Evans; and many close friends, who had become like family to Carol, especially after she became disabled.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents and her younger sister, Linda.

A celebration of Carol's life and memorial will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Clatsop County Animal Shelter, 1315 S.E. 19th St., Warrenton, OR 97146.



Carol Smalley

BIRTH

Dec. 8, 2016

KELLY, Sarah and Dustin, of Warrenton, a boy, Erik Russell Kelly, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Daniel and Debra Kelley and Mike Kelly and Kathi Ray, all of Astoria, Kim and Dena Barnett of Seaside, and Terri Malec of Wallowa.

DEATHS

Dec. 5, 2016

PERRY, Tim Cooper, 60, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory of Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

Dec. 17, 2016

MATTESON, Donald A., 100, of Corvallis, formerly of Astoria, died at home. AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

TROTTA, Thomas Nicola, 89, of Ocean Park, Washington, died in Long Beach, Washington. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Dec. 20, 2016

FOSTER, Michael William, 76, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY

Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, 4:30 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

THURSDAY

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

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