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Workers prepare to load equipment onto a barge on a new dock at Warrenton Marina on Monday.

## Dock: Project may come in under budget

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The new dock's main walkway — composite decking made with fiberglass and featuring 60 percent light penetration for fish — is already in place.

Last week, contractors attached some of F Dock's finger piers. This week, the platform was secured with steel pilings driven into the basin. Electricity and water hookups for the boats are on the way.

Another important step

was the removal of the sunken Captain Nielsen fishing boat, which had been abandoned in the marina and became property of the city, according to Travis Benson, a marina maintainer. Bergerson dismantled and hauled the boat out of the water in November.

The new F Dock gangway and the other three gangways will be installed within the next few weeks.

The improvements mark the first stage of a long-term marina restoration project,

which will unfold one section at a time, as decades-old fixtures gradually atrophy out of service. The marina has more than 350 slips and is home to scores of commercial boats, some stretching about 90 feet long.

While the new dock is under construction, the biggest challenge, Sweet said, is figuring out where to temporarily relocate the boats that moor there. Some boats moved to the inner basin, some transferred to the Hammond Marina —

which the city leases from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — and others are out on fishing excursions.

"There's a lot to juggle. You can't just park an 80-foot boat anywhere," Sweet said with a laugh.

Fortunately, most of the boat owners are excited about the dock overhaul and have gladly cooperated with the city, she said.

"These guys deserve (a new dock), that's for sure," Sweet said. "They work hard."

## Raise: Director gets a 2.5 percent pay increase

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Hunsinger said the salary bump is not a good idea when the Port is uncertain about how it will pay for some other projects. Fulton said he couldn't support the increase, based on his 50 percent rating of Knight in the evaluation and because of the issues Hunsinger raised.

In other news:  
• Knight, nominated by Mushen for the Special Districts Association of Oregon's Outstanding Manager of the Year Award, lost out but was given a certificate of recognition. Luanne Richey, the association's director of membership services, wrote that "Although Mr. Knight was not selected to receive the outstanding manager award, the (awards) committee was extremely impressed

with his significant contributions to the district."

• The Port renewed a one-year contract with Gary Kobes to continue as manager of the Astoria Regional Airport in Warrenton for \$50 an hour. Kobes is a contractor with the Port through his company, Landside Resources Inc., and a commissioner for the Port of Chinook, Washington.

• Jim Lanzarotta, an accountant with Moss Adams LLP, said the Port had received a clean opinion on its 2015-16 audit, which is due to the state by the end of the year. Moss Adams has audited the Port three times since 2013-14, when the Port was late on submitting an audit after firing its former finance manager and expressing doubts over the accuracy of financial statements.

## Schuster: Sentenced for sexual abuse of a girl

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Matyas said that while she appreciates Schuster taking responsibility for his actions, she also does not believe this is his first victim.

Schuster faced a minimum of 75 months in prison under Measure 11 sentencing requirements, and as much as 225 months. Peterson said he

was pleased with the 65-month plea agreement, along with 47 months of post-prison supervision. It was unlikely Schuster would have received even 75 months in a trial, the prosecutor said, because of both the defendant's age and his lack of a criminal history. He said the plea deal helped avoid the victim having to take the stand and relive her abuse.




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