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Gillnetters retain access to main Columbia River

Decision puts Oregon at odds with Washington

By **ERIC MORTENSON**
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SALEM — By a tight 4-3 vote, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission veered away from an

outright ban on gillnetting in the main channel of the Lower Columbia River and set the state at odds with neighboring Washington on how to manage protected salmon and steelhead.

The commission heard more than

six hours of staff reports and strikingly discordant testimony from commercial gillnetters and recreational anglers, who have argued for years over who gets to catch how much of seasonal salmon runs, and what methods they may use.

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission Friday backed off a plan to ban gillnetting in the main channel of the Lower Columbia River.

MARCHING ♀

HUNDREDS GATHER TOGETHER IN ASTORIA TO COUNTER TRUMP



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Hundreds of marchers gather before the start of the Women's March. More photos online at DailyAstorian.com

Messages of resolve, unity

By **JACK HEFFERNAN**
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Hundreds of people gathered in Astoria Saturday for a Women's March to counter President Donald Trump, sending messages of resolve and unity against potential threats to equality and civil rights.

The large, peaceful crowd — mixed with women, men, children and pets from across the Columbia-Pacific region — filled one side of Heritage Square downtown. Many carried hand-made signs like “Make America Sane Again,” “Power to the Peaceful,” and “Girls Just Wanna Have Fundamental Rights.”

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Protests in Portland, Seattle turn violent. **Page 2A**



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Activists cheer during the Women's March held on Saturday in Astoria. Hundreds of marchers walked the streets of downtown.

Warrenton cafe will make room for library

Owner claims she was forced out

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Serendipity Caffe and Bakery, a staple in Warrenton for the past 14 years, will close in February, eventually making way for the Warrenton Community Library.

The Warrenton-Hammond School District, which has owned the building since the early 2000s, sent owner Cheryl Koon notice earlier this month that her lease would not be renewed after it expires at the end of June.

Koon, who took over Serendipity in 2015 from founder Krista Bingham, announced the impending closure last week on Facebook, claiming she was forced out after a failed idea to locate the library inside the cafe.



Cheryl Koon

Exiting the building

The school district acquired the building for an off-campus Warrenton High School program that never materialized. It has mostly rented the building to Serendipity, established in 2002.

“The lease was coming due in July, and I wanted to weigh out what our long-term goals were for the building,” Warrenton Superintendent Mark Jeffery said. “Ultimately, we wanted to sell the building.”

Jeffery said he made the decision that a library in the building would better serve the school district and community's interests. The district hopes to use the proceeds of the sale to help with planning for an expansion of schools.

Koon had until June 30 to move out but took advantage of a 60-day early termination clause, and will close on Feb. 26.

“The intention was not to ever close, and quite frankly, if we weren't being forced out of the building, we would stay there as long as the community supported it,” she said.

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The North Coast inspires Cannon Beach author

Wheeler and Nehalem a backdrop for romance series



CANNON BEACH — From impassioned citizens at Cannon Beach city meetings to the antique stores and charm of small towns, author Mindy Hardwick has found no shortage of writing material on the North Coast.

“I feel like I have lots of stories I can write for a long time,” she said with a laugh.

Hardwick, a part-time Can-

non Beach resident since 2013, writes contemporary romance, young adult and children's books. She also facilitates poetry workshops at the Denney Youth Juvenile Justice Center in Washington state and will soon publish a memoir on the experience.

Hardwick decided to pursue writing while teaching seventh grade.

“I took my kids to a young authors conference and I really

resonated with the children's writers,” she said.

In 2002, Hardwick was selected to work with youth at the National Book Award Foundation summer writing camp. At the camp, Hardwick met an author she admired, Norma Fox Mazer. Hardwick went on to receive a master's in fine arts at Vermont College of Fine Arts, where she wrote two children's books.

Since then, her young adult book “Stained Glass Summer” was a 2013 EPIC eBook Award finalist and she has published sweet contemporary romance novellas.

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