

BEST SEAFOOD MARKET

Warrenton Deep Sea Crab & Fish Market

Warrenton, Oregon

Runner-up: Northwest Wild Products, Astoria

Honorable Mention: Bell Buoy Seafood Market, Seaside

By **LYNETTE RAE MCADAMS**

Voted Best Seafood Market once again, this tiny icon on the docks of the Warrenton harbor continues to deliver big on its promise of the finest, freshest fish available. The long-time retail outlet for Bornstein Seafoods — a global fish provider and family-owned Northwest business with a major processing facility in Astoria — this no-frills shop stocks fresh-from-the-boat products as well as a variety of house-smoked fish and chowder, plus salads made from scratch.

Step through their doors spring through fall, and you'll find their cases practically overflowing with mountains of fresh salmon, tuna, cod, halibut, oysters and prawns. Come winter, local crab rightfully dominates the scene, and you can get it almost any way you want it — live from the tank, cooked whole in the shell, or already picked and ready to eat.

While you're deciding what to have for dinner, snack on a fresh shrimp or crab cocktail, or sample one of the many smoked options, which include three different variations on salmon, mounds of Alaskan Weathervane scallops, steelhead, black cod, and a house favorite — smoked sockeye candy — which is marvelously sweet and savory all at once.

Locals and visitors have caught on to this spot as a favorite for chowder, which runs out fast on busy days



PHOTO BY LYNETTE RAE MCADAMS

The case is always full at Warrenton Deep Sea market, the retail store for Bornstein Seafoods and longtime winner of Coast Weekend's Readers' Choice Award for Best Seafood Market.



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Part of the local crab fleet awaits the season opener, tied up at the docks by Warrenton Deep Sea.

and is always served to go. Other prepared foods include a range of fresh specialty Japanese salads, like Goma Wakame (a slightly sweet and crunchy seaweed salad), Gari Tako Sansai (made from octopus), and the less adventurous but still delicious edamame.

Whatever you walk away with, expert advice on handling and preparation comes with every selection, and you can count on the same friendly Bornstein customer service that's been pleasing patrons for decades.

BEST REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

RE/MAX River & Sea

Astoria/Gearhart, Oregon

Runner-up:

Windermere Real Estate

Honorable Mention:

Lighthouse Realty,

Long Beach, Washington

By **NANCY MCCARTHY**

The Readers' Choice Award won by RE/MAX River & Sea this year reflects the service provided by the company's 14 real estate agents in the Astoria and Gearhart offices, said David Hoggard, broker and owner.

"They are seasoned agents who have a long track record of customer service," Hoggard said.

Because RE/MAX is a worldwide company, national and international advertising enables sellers to market their properties far and wide, Hoggard said. The 43-year-old company's name



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RE/MAX River & Sea real estate agents make sure that customers feel comfortable when they visit the Astoria office.

recognition also attracts buyers, he added.

There are other things going for RE/MAX River & Sea, Hoggard noted: The agents work full time; the job isn't a part-time pursuit for them.

"They are a very tight-knit group; they work together as a team as well as individuals. They are willing to help each other," he said.

The agents also make sure their clients feel comfortable when they visit the office, Hoggard said.

In addition to the continuing education required by the state, online training also is offered continuously by RE/MAX University, enabling them to obtain a wide range of certifications.

"Most agents have at least one or more designations," Hoggard said.

Experience also counts when Hoggard hires agents who can match buyers and

sellers quickly and successfully.

"I look for producers or those who have the potential of being high producers," Hoggard said.

In addition, he encourages all of the agents to be involved in the community.

Locally, the future of real estate is looking brighter than it has in several years.

Fewer foreclosures are occurring, more properties are available for sale, and buyers are becoming more eager to purchase them, Hoggard said. Multiple offers are being made on some properties.

"We're feeling pretty positive about the market," he said.

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