

## Riverwalk: Port experienced more storm damage in 2015 than any other agency

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local match covered by the Oregon Business Development Department's Infrastructure Finance Authority.

One of the most noticeable remnants of the 2015 storms was a patch of locust trees just east of the Maritime Museum leaning over the Columbia after waves reached over rocks and scoured out portions of the waterfront. After finishing the city's work, Big River started the museum's property.

"We attempted to save all the trees that we could," said Dave Pearson, deputy director of the museum.

Several trees were taken out and will not be replaced. Pearson said Big River is expected to finish work today, after which the museum will replant the grass and clean the area up.

As a private nonprofit, the museum was not allowed reimbursement by FEMA like public agencies. Pearson said the museum was offered a U.S. Small Business Administration loan, but decided to finance the project in-house.

"It was expensive, but less than the city's" project, Pearson said. "It was significant for us."

### Bigger projects

The Riverwalk work represented a smaller portion of the \$257,000 in claims the city had with FEMA for storm damage.

A hillside along Pipeline Road eroded near a city waterline along Little Bear Creek during the 2015 storms. The City Council approved repairing the slide with rock armoring, but the National Marine Fisheries Service, which has to sign off on projects affecting a nearby fish-bearing stream, did not provide a permit.

Harrington said FEMA is now consulting with the fisheries service on alternative ideas to fix the slide area. The work, which needs to wait until no fish are present, will take place between July and the middle of September.

Harrington said FEMA has taken on the challenge of interfacing with other government agencies that have a say in local projects, but is now facing delays because of disaster claims from this past winter.

### Biggest project

The Port of Astoria experienced more storm damage in 2015 than any other agency, with claims for several areas of damage rising into the millions of dollars. The agency is still in the process of filing claims with FEMA.

One of the hardest-hit areas was around the face of Pier 2, the only repair project for which Port Executive Director Jim Knight said he has received an engineer's estimate on. "Our estimate for those repairs is \$5.4 million," he said.

The estimate forms the basis of a claim the Port will send to FEMA seeking reimbursement for 75 percent of repair costs. The Port recently secured a \$1.5 million Connect Oregon VI infrastructure grant to act as the local 25 percent match.

## WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

### House sends bill to Trump blocking online privacy rules

WASHINGTON — Congress has sent President Donald Trump legislation that would kill an online privacy regulation, a move that could eventually allow internet providers such as Comcast, AT&T and Verizon to sell the browsing habits of their customers.

The Federal Communications Commission rule issued in October was designed to give consumers greater control over how internet service providers share information. But critics said the rule would have stifled innovation and picked winners and losers among Internet companies.

The House voted 215-205 to reject the rule. The Senate had already voted to the block it.

The vote is part of an extensive effort that Republicans have undertaken to void an array of regulations issued during the final months of Democratic President Barack Obama's tenure. But the vote was closer this time with 15 Republicans siding with Democrats in the effort to keep the rule in place.

Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Republicans put profits over the privacy concerns of Americans.

"Overwhelmingly, the American people do not agree with Republicans that this information should be sold, and it certainly should not be sold without your permission," Pelosi said. "Our broadband providers know deeply personal information about us and our families."

Internet companies like Google don't have to ask users' permission before tracking what sites they visit. Republicans and industry groups have blasted that discrepancy, saying it was unfair and confusing for consumers.

Undoing the FCC regulation leaves people's online information in a murky area.

### Immigration agents round up 84 in Alaska, Washington, Oregon

SEATTLE — Immigration agents rounded up 84 people — including 60 with criminal records — during a three-day operation in Washington, Oregon and Alaska, authorities said Thursday.

The operation ended Monday and targeted criminals residing in the U.S. illegally. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Seattle field office said in a statement.

It was the region's biggest immigration roundup in recent memory. Last summer, agents arrested 19 people in a similar sweep in northwestern Washington state.

Those arrested included 77 men and seven women from 12 countries, the vast majority of them from Mexico. Nineteen had drunken driving convictions, and 14 had been convicted of assault, sex offenses or domestic violence. Some will be prosecuted for illegally re-entering the country while the rest face deportation proceedings.

Thirteen of the arrests were made in Washington County.

### VW to pay over \$157M to settle emissions claims by 10 states

DETROIT — Volkswagen is paying more than \$157 million to 10 states to settle environmental lawsuits over the company's diesel emissions-cheating scandal.

The company says the money will go to Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. All 10 states follow California's clean air standards.

The settlement covers 3-liter six-cylinder diesel engines and is separate from a \$603 million agreement reached last year with 44 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico that covered 2-liter engines.

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