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Celebrating 50 years of public beaches

Gov. McCall's son toasts Oregon's Beach Bill

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CANNON BEACH — In a lot of ways, the relationship between the Oregon Coast and those who live here is like a marriage vow: you love it for better or for worse.

This love was tested as about 30 people huddled under umbrellas and raincoats in a sporadic rain and hail

storm, only the Pacific Northwest can provide, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Oregon Beach Bill.

The Beach Bill is what established public ownership of the Oregon Coast after a hotel in 1966 wanted to rope off a section of sand in front of the hotel for guests. On May 13, 1967, former Gov. Tom McCall flew his helicopter to Cannon Beach as a statement of his commitment to keeping all 363 miles of Oregon shoreline public for everyone.

Oregon is one of the few states with this broad an interpretation for

public beach access.

'Beach of history'

Now 50 years later, the late governor's son, Tad McCall, addressed the crowd, unphased by the hail bouncing off the lid of his ball cap, to celebrate on the beach his dad helped save.

"This beach is the beach of history. This is where the picture of freedom of the beach was painted," McCall said.

The 73-year-old McCall traveled from Arlington, Virginia, back to the

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Sandcastles built by the organization known as the Form Finders were one of the highlights of the Beach Bill anniversary celebration in Cannon Beach Saturday.

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IN THE MARKET

ASTORIA'S SUNDAY TRADITION RETURNS TO DOWNTOWN



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

The Astoria Sunday Market was open for business on Mother's Day and runs until Oct. 8. More photos online at dailyastorian.com



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Hillary Murphy, right, demonstrates her product for preparing fresh garlic.



ABOVE: Mary Altieri and her two friends were at the Astoria Sunday Market showcasing her line of goat milk products. **BELOW:** Flowers were a popular item at the first Astoria Sunday Market of the year on Mother's Day.



Pacific Seafood, state clash over growth

Company seeks break from antitrust laws

By **JEFF MANNING**
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NEWPORT — Pacific Seafood Group, the industry's billion-dollar behemoth, has thoroughly shaken up this bustling commercial fishing town with an expansion blitz that will increase its already dominant market position.

But before going ahead with a deal to buy the hulking Trident Seafoods processing plant in the heart of Newport's Bayfront, the biggest player in the West Coast seafood business made what one lawmaker called an "unprecedented request."

Pacific is willing to complete the deal, keep the Trident plant open and hire nearly 150 seasonal employees, but only if the Oregon Department of Justice guarantees there would be no objections to the deal later.

In effect, Pacific is seeking immunity to antitrust laws from the very agency that two years ago intervened on the side of fishermen in their antitrust lawsuit filed against the Clackamas-based company.

Pacific may have overplayed its hand. In a blistering response to the company late Thursday afternoon, the Department of Justice threatened to take enforcement action against the company unless it agrees to put the Trident plant on the market for a year and, short of a sale, operate it for at least three years.

It accused the company of concealing an earlier purchase of another Trident facility, of misrepresenting the department's position in its talks with lawmakers, and of asking for a kind of guarantee it can't give.

"Your request is extraordinary as DOJ has never granted prospective immunity of this type and the Oregon antitrust act provides us with no express authority to grant it," wrote Tim Nord, the department's lead antitrust attorney.

At the center of the drama on the Bayfront is Frank Dulcich, the fiercely ambitious chief executive who built Pacific into the largest seafood processor and distributor in the western United States. The company's

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A new citizen celebrates citizenship with her first vote

Bermodes immigrated in 2008 from the Philippines

One of the proudest moments in Felisa Bermodes' life came on March 15, when an immigration officer asked her for a hug.

A lithe 69-year-old with a never-ending work ethic, Bermodes had just passed a naturalization test and earned her U.S. citizenship nine years after crossing the Pacific Ocean from the Philippines with her husband, Igmedio, to



be near their daughter and two grandchildren.

"The immigration officer told me, 'Felisa, thank you. You can (write) and your question is very good,'" she said.

The feat did not come easy for Bermodes, who would regularly wake up at 4 a.m. to study before her 6 a.m. housekeeping shifts at Clatsop Care Center.

"She and I worked for a year every week," said Amber Marcia, one of several tutors Ber-

modes has studied with since joining Clatsop Community College's literacy program in 2013.

Bermodes came to the U.S. from Lapu-Lapu, a city of more than 400,000 people on the eastern coast of Cebu, an island province in the south of the Philippines. Bermodes had owned a small business making meals for workers at Lapu-Lapu's city hall. But there was very little work back home, she said, another reason she came to the U.S.

She and Igmedio, married for 54 years, regularly send money, clothes and other goods to the three sons they left behind on Cebu. They last visited a

year ago, after a fourth son died.

"My heart is broken," Bermodes said, adding the visit did provide an opportunity to see her more than 30 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Things are simple for Bermodes, whose life in the U.S. centers on work, family, her Catholic faith and the indoor garden she keeps in her apartment. She continues studying English at the college, and has been helping Igmedio study for his naturalization test.

Asked how she celebrated her citizenship, Bermodes said, "I just voted for the first time in the May election. It's very good."

— Edward Stratton



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Felisa Bermodes, who immigrated to the U.S. from the Philippines in 2008, earned her citizenship in March.



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