

## Port poised to leave North Tongue Point



Jim Knight

### Hyak Maritime aims to build a full shipyard

By EDWARD STRATTON  
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The Port of Astoria is looking to leave North Tongue Point.

The Port Commission voted Tuesday to send a letter asking landowner Washington Development Co. to terminate the agency's remaining lease

and allow tug- and barge-builder Hyak Maritime to negotiate the purchase of the former U.S. Navy base.

The agency has struggled to turn a profit on the World War II-era property, which includes two large seaplane hangars, about 30 acres of paved land and five finger piers

fronting a channel of the Columbia River and backed by a derelict rail spur owned by Portland & Western Railroad.

"Within the last few days, discussions really finalized to the extent that we're bringing it to the commission tonight," Port Executive Director Jim Knight said.

The Port signed a 10-year lease in November 2009 with an option to

buy or extend at the end of the initial term in 2019. Knight said the Port originally had a vision of creating jobs at North Tongue Point but has seen a parade of unsuccessful development proposals and a small amount of business at the site. Port staff have said the agency loses about \$250,000 annually on the property.

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## Buoy 10 is back and the fishing is fine

NEARLY A MILLION COHO, CHINOOK LIKELY UP RIVER



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Fishermen were off to an early start Tuesday morning from the Hammond Marina as the Buoy 10 recreational fishery on the Columbia River got underway. Early results from several fishermen returning with their catch indicated a good start to the season.

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
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The Buoy 10 recreational retention fishery on the Columbia River got off to a strong start Tuesday morning.

By 10:30 a.m., fishermen had only brought back eight fish to the Hammond Marina, according to Oregon Fish and Wildlife employees at the docks, but two of those salmon measured 36 inches long and weighed in at well over 20 pounds. Fishermen reported seeing dozens of salmon in the water, especially on the Washington state side near the Astoria

Bridge. Humpback whales also foraged nearby, following runs of anchovies.

Fishing guide Tom Burgess of Bigulp Guide Service said his first clients of the day caught their limit early. He even got a chance to fish, as well.

"It's a robust start," he said. "I hope it's a sign of things to come."

The opening days of the Buoy 10 fishery, which runs from the mouth of the Columbia River to Tongue Point, can start off with a bang, but sometimes slow down before building up toward the middle of the month. Records maintained by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife showed 58 boats on the water on

Aug. 1 last year. There were 137 anglers trying for fish but only four Chinook kept. By Aug. 13, there were 137 boats on the Columbia River, 399 anglers and 70 Chinook kept.

Chinook are usually the first salmon to make an appearance in the fishery, followed later in the month by coho.

"We're not going to have those huge numbers of fall Chinook we had in the past up until last year," said Ron Roler, Columbia River fishery manager with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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## Deviney admits to rape, sex crimes

Allegedly nabbed California girl in 2015

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The man accused of kidnapping a California girl and leaving her in a car in Astoria in 2015 pleaded guilty Tuesday to first-degree rape and other sex charges.

Russell Wayne Deviney, 50, of Everett, Washington, also pleaded guilty to first-degree unlawful sexual penetration, first-degree sodomy and using a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct after reaching an agreement with the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office.

The plea agreement includes a presumed sentence ranging from more than eight years to more than 33 years in prison. Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Dawn McIntosh is scheduled to sentence Deviney next week.



Russell Wayne Deviney

Deviney allegedly nabbed the 15-year-old girl in Sanger, California, in May 2015. The girl allegedly left her house in the middle of the night and entered a 2004 Nissan pickup driven by Deviney, who had posed as an 18-year-old man named James Russell and communicated with her on Instagram.

He then allegedly drove the girl north without letting her leave the car. Along the way, he raped her at a rest stop somewhere in Oregon and took pictures of her performing sex acts. After being contacted by police, Deviney parked the truck at McDonald's in Astoria and fled. Police located him south of Cannon Beach a couple of days later.

When Deviney subtly, but repeatedly, shook his head and rolled his eyes Tuesday afternoon before pleading guilty to the four charges, it marked the end of a more than two-year legal battle. Deviney originally was also charged with first-degree kidnapping, three counts of first-degree sexual abuse and second counts of the four charges for which he pleaded guilty.

Requests for text messages on Deviney's phone and video surveillance from a Walmart in Salem were among the factors that led to numerous motions — and delays — in the case.

Federal prosecutors, who were considering charges because of the FBI's involvement in the investigation, have agreed not to pursue further charges.

## Weed rule leads to 'unintended consequences'

### Cannon Beach votes to keep pot out of mixed facilities

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CANNON BEACH — In a 3-2 vote, the City Council on Tuesday affirmed an ordinance that forbids marijuana retailers from moving into buildings that house both residences and businesses.

The issue came up after Matt Ennis, a resident at 140

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S. Hemlock, told city councilors at a July meeting that his landlord planned to evict him to rent the commercial space under him to marijuana retailer Five Zero Trees.

Changing the ordinance would have allowed marijuana stores to apply for permits in buildings that also have residences, a setup that is common



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In a 3-2 vote Tuesday night, the Cannon Beach City Council decided retailers that sell marijuana cannot occupy buildings that house both businesses and residences.

in downtown Cannon Beach. The vote ensures that future

applications from marijuana retailers will not be consid-

ered at mixed-use locations, which follows the community's desire to keep marijuana out of residential areas. The vote also means the landlord will likely evict the three tenants living at 140 S. Hemlock St. to comply with the ordinance and allow Five Zero Trees to rent the commercial space below.

Ennis and the other two tenants were not immediately available for comment.

"This was a case of unintended consequences," City Councilor Mike Benefield said after the meeting.

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