

Fishing guide Tom Burgess said his clients caught their limit early and he even had a chance to fish as the Buoy 10 recreational fishery was underway starting Tuesday.

Fishing: Will continue through August

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He has every reason to think the Buoy 10 fishery will be good this year despite a less than stellar spring season on the river. A combined total of nearly a million coho and Chinook salmon are expected to come up the river this summer and fall.

However, a smaller-than-

expected return of steelhead will restrict anglers this year, as fishery managers roll out the fishery in such a way as to protect those fish.

Warrenton Harbormaster Jane Sweet and her crew have spent the days leading up to the Buoy 10 opener getting the Warrenton and Hammond marinas ready for the heavy traffic that will continue throughout the month of August. "You name it, we're doing it," Sweet said. The Hammond Marina, especially, takes a beating this time of

All the slips are full, both for annual and monthly leases at the Hammond Marina.

The Buoy 10 fishery will continue through August.

Port: Commission voted 3-0 to exit lease

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Building a shipyard

Hyak's CEO and co-owner Robert Dorn shared his company's plans and its close relationship with shipbuilder and Port tenant WCT Marine.

'What we envision is a place that can, over time, become a full-service marine construction and repair facility that services the commercial fishing fleets and commercial tug and barge fleets," Dorn said.

Dorn said his company, registered in Delaware, builds and charters tugs and barges for operating companies and has been looking to make a shipyard, and that he has known WCT Marine's Willie Toristoja for about 20 years and has been impressed with the marine contractor's growth, including buying out next-door neighbor J&H Boatworks.

Dorn said Toristoja wanted to grow, but was facing the uncertainty of the Port's future at North Tongue Point. Dorn hired Bill Cook, a port consultant and the Port's former deputy director, to help negotiate a long-term lease or purchase agreement for North Tongue

Two weeks ago, Dorn said, Hyak submitted an agreement on North Tongue Point that was accepted by Washington Development Co., subject to the Port terminating its lease.

'It's important to note that Willie and WCT have 27 fulltime employees out there," Dorn said. "If he can secure a site location, he is likely to continue to add to the local maritime trades workforce by winning additional customers."

Commission support

The Port Commission supported Hyak's proposal as a chance to release the Port from an unprofitable lease and support the maritime industry.

Commissioner James Campbell, who operates Campbell Marine Towing and Construction, a former Port tenant, was once stationed with the Navy at Tongue Point and said he has seen numerous failed attempts over the past 55 years to develop the property.

'What they're proposing here is a perfect fit for the start of an industrial park," he said.

But Commissioner Bill Hunsinger, long an advocate of acquiring North Tongue Point, took issue with the surprise nature of Hyak's proposal. Knight said he and Dorn met last week, so Tuesday was the first Port Commission meeting where he could share the issue with commissioners.

"I don't understand the Port giving up its future," Hunsinger said, calling for alternatives such as negotiating a long-term sublease with Hyak or allowing other people to come forth with

proposals.

Knight said the Port's position as an economic generator does not necessitate the agency owning North Tongue Point.

A former longshoreman, Hunsinger asked Dorn whether he would employ union labor.

"I'm planning on helping Willie grow his own company,' Dorn said. "I'm not planning on doing my own company. I want to support him and his company. So that won't be my call?

The Port Commission voted 3-0 to exit the lease, with Hunsinger abstaining.

Dorn was short on specif-

ics when asked what kind of equipment he would put in to support a shipyard. Many in the local fishing industry have called for a larger crane than the Port's 88-ton travel lift used mostly to pull out recreational boats at the Pier 3 boatyard. J&H Boatworks has used a custom trailer to haul boats up a seaplane ramp at North Tongue Point.

We're kind of practical in nature," Dorn said. "We don't want to overpromise anything. But we want to just get the site, and then start working the site and growing what (Toristoja) has already started.'

National Night Out breaks record in Cannon Beach

Over 150 connect with police, first responders

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BEACH CANNON In a record-breaking year, more than 150 people participated in Cannon Beach's fourth annual National Night Out event Tuesday.

National Night Out is a nationwide event intended to build better relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. In Cannon Beach, connecting with the community took shape in the form of a barbecue, firefighter relays and a raffle. "It's a great way to meet a lot of citizens we don't see on a regular basis, and it's a good way for people to ask us questions they would otherwise feel uncomfortable asking," Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said.

He said in past years, most of those questions usually are about how to report noise complaints, threats one might see to an empty vacation house or pets stuck in vehicles during a hot summer day.

"Answering types of questions adds more eyes and ears for us in the community," he said.

New this year, volunteer groups like the Medical Reserve Corps and Community Emergency Response Team had tables with information in the hopes of recruiting more volunteers. Mick French, a certified registered nurse anesthetist, joined the Medical Reserve Corps a year and a half ago after being asked by the coordi-



Luke Forsberg, right, takes a shot at working a fire hose with assistance from members of the **Cannon Beach Fire** Department as part of the fourth annual **National Night Out** on Tuesday.

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nator, he said.

"Being on MRC means being available in a medical crisis — fire, tsunami, tornado, all that. It's all about helping people who can't themselves," French help

Currently there are 22 members, but member Susan Oxley said they can "never be big enough.'

While events like tsunamis and fires aren't common, having a healthy membership is advantageous in other ways. Oxley said corps members

have been called on to work five, 12-hour days the weekend the total solar eclipse is scheduled to happen.

Because of the expected surge of eclipse tourism, rural counties like Marion and Wheeler look to groups like MRC to help mitigate the spike in medical service demands counties this small usually don't see.

"We are trying to spread the word to recruit medically trained people. The more hands the better," French

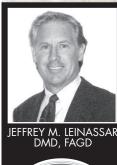
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