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Hillary Trusty and Jaxon Allen, 7, take a test drive.

## Popular go-kart track reopens in Long Beach

### Former owner target of raid

By LUKE WHITTAKER  
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LONG BEACH, Wash. — The past two weeks have been a feverish race of repairing, repainting and replacing. On Friday, however, Fun Beach Speedway reached the checkered flag as owners Glenn and Hillary Trusty opened for their first official day of business.

By 1 p.m., more than 250 riders had fulfilled their need for speed, Glenn Trusty said. The price is \$10 per session, which lasts about five minutes and equates to about 10 laps. Double occupancy go-karts are available for \$15. The height requirement is 54 inches. A smaller, "junior track" is available for younger drivers.

Twenty-four glistening gold go-karts neatly line the track that has undergone an overall makeover the past few weeks.

"The track was always known for being a fun track, it just wasn't always known for being the safest," Trusty said.

Initially, a lot of attention was focused on cleaning up glaring issues at the facility, but repairs and improvements to the track and equipment have been extensive, albeit less apparent. The facility was

closed after an April drug raid targeting the former owner.

The most obvious change is the go-karts themselves.

"All the carts are brand new," Trusty said. "They're state-of-the-art for safety."

They purchased 20 single carts and four double carts from J & J Amusements based in Salem.

"They're local, American-made carts," Trusty said. "That meant something to us."

Each go-kart has been calibrated to the same maximum speed and outfitted with four-point harness belts.

"I won't say the speed they're set at, but I will say they are as fast or faster than the carts that were here before," Trusty said. "You can drift the corners."

A lap typically takes about 30 seconds. Along the track are safety improvements — including new, spring steel railing. A system that can control the carts' speed remotely has also been installed.

"If there's an accident on the track, we can stop everybody by pushing a button," Trusty said.

A pit gate was also added to give the pit crew more protection. At night, racers will be able to see better under brighter lights since a new LED light system has been installed.

"We've made a lot of changes for safety for the public and staff," Trusty said.

# Legal battle ends in dispute over insurance in Pacific Seafood fire

## Processor sought additional payment

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

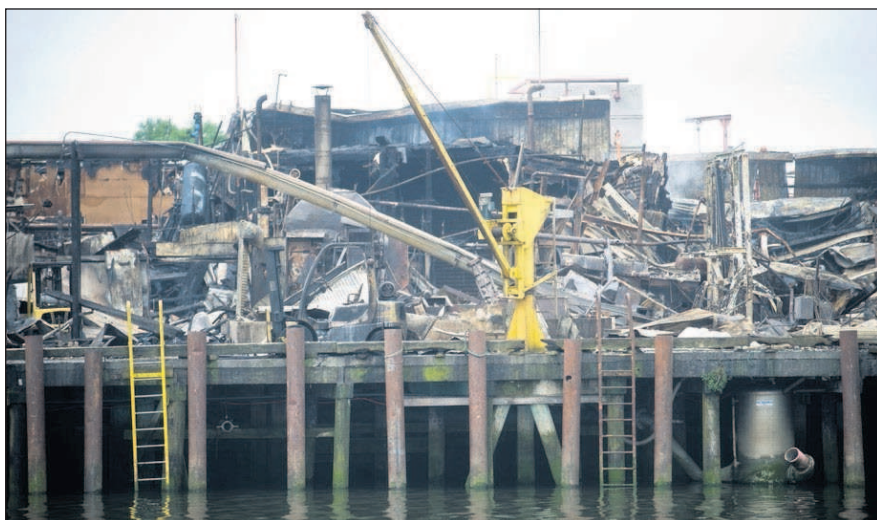
Pacific Seafood is preparing to end an 18-month legal battle with an insurance carrier over a fire that destroyed the company's Warrenton seafood plant in 2013.

Lawyers for Dulcich Inc., doing business as Pacific Seafood, and Alterra Excess & Surplus Insurance Co. signed a stipulation for dismissal with prejudice, which would bar Pacific Seafood from bringing the same claim again. The case had been scheduled to go to trial in U.S. District Court in October.

"Plaintiff and defendant, by and through their counsel of record, hereby stipulate that this action and all claims herein be dismissed with prejudice and without attorney fees or costs to any party," the stipulation stated.

Details were not available because of a protective order keeping many documents in the case confidential. Attorneys for Dulcich Inc. declined to comment, while attorneys for Alterra were not immediately available for comment.

A fire destroyed Pacific Seafood's Warrenton plant in 2013. Federal investigators found that a roofing contractor



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Pacific Seafood claimed \$32.4 million in damages from a fire that destroyed its plant in Warrenton in 2013.

using a propane torch to adhere materials caused the space between two roof layers to catch fire.

The seafood processor claimed \$32.4 million in damage and received the full \$10 million from its primary insurer, Westport Insurance Corp. But the company claimed Alterra did not honor a contract to provide up to \$15 million in excess of Westport's policy. Pacific Seafood sued Alterra for breach of contract.

Alterra had merged with Evanston Insurance Co., which denied Dulcich's

allegations. The insurer claims, among other things, that Dulcich failed to mitigate or avoid the alleged damages and that the company's losses did not exceed the limit of the Westport policy.

Pacific Seafood has been subleasing a hangar at the Port of Astoria's North Tongue Point property while it rebuilds its plant in Warrenton at an estimated cost of between \$23 million and \$25 million. The company hopes to open the plant in December for the Dungeness crab season.

# Army Corps seeks comment on Fort George project in Warrenton

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking public comment on a proposed distribution campus by Fort George Brewery at the North Coast Business Park in Warrenton.

The site design includes a 46,100-square foot distribution center, a 20,000-square-foot warehouse, parking, a disc golf course, pedestrian pathways and an outdoor event space.

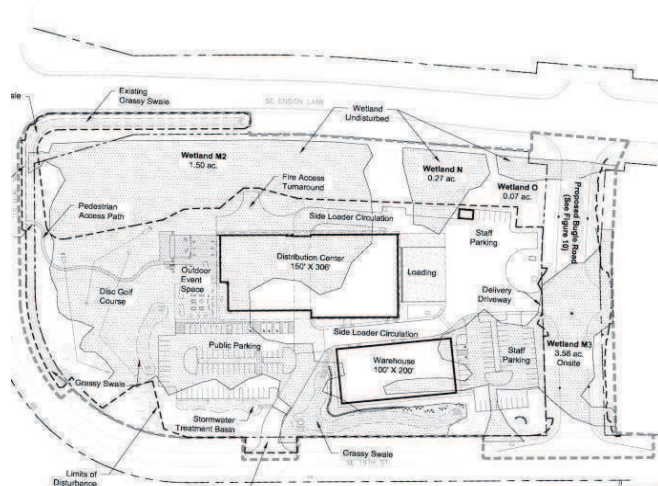
The overall area is about 10 acres, six of which are classified as wetlands. The campus would impact 4.1 acres of wetlands, requiring 17,010 cubic yards of fill, mainly for grading of the project site.

The project also includes construction of Bugle Road, a proposed three-lane collector roadway with bike lanes and sidewalks, which would result in permanent fill to 0.6 acres of wetlands.

Fort George proposes to install erosion and sediment

control measures to minimize impact during construction. Stormwater facilities would be constructed to treat runoff from the campus. The permanent wetland impacts would be mitigated through wetland preservation and mitigation bank credits. The Corps will determine the type and amount of compensatory mitigation needed to offset environmental losses.

Comments may be submitted until Sept. 11 through danielle.h.erb@usace.army.mil or: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Danielle Erb, P.O. 2946, Portland, Oregon 97208-2946.



Fort George Brewery

Fort George Brewery is planning a distribution center, warehouse and event space on 19th Street in Warrenton.

## Comments sought on Port dredging project

The Daily Astorian

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is taking public comment on a project proposal by the Port of Astoria to dredge the West Mooring Basin.

The project involves dredging up to 109,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment from more than 11 acres within the marina over the next decade. Up to 54,500 cubic yards of accumulated sediment would be dredged during the first year, and up to 54,500 additional cubic yards would be dredged over the remaining nine years.

The dredge depth would range from 6.0 to 17.0 feet of mean lower low water. The Port plans to use a suction dredge operating from a floating barge, disposing of the dredged material in the flow lane of the Columbia River through a submerged pipe.

Comments are due by

## Brown calls on National Guard for wildfires

Associated Press

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown has authorized about 125 Oregon National Guard members to be activated today to help with wildfires in the state.

Brown in a statement Saturday said a combination of wildfires and preparation for the Aug. 21 solar eclipse requires "more boots on the ground."

The Oregon National Guard is scheduled to assist with fires burning near Crater Lake National Park.

Brown has also requested that an Oregon Army National Guard medical evacuation helicopter unit support the state Department of Forestry for wildfires in southwestern Oregon beginning Wednesday.

Sept. 2 and can be emailed to danielle.h.erb@usace.army.mil or mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Danielle Erb, P.O. 2946, Portland, Oregon 97208-2946.

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