

Washington state farmers turn out to protest pesticide bill

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Capital Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Washington state farmers pushed back Thursday against a proposal to require growers to give the state Health Department up to a seven-day notice every time they spray pesticides.

A delay in reacting to bug and disease outbreaks would devastate crops, farmers told the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee.

“Mummy berry, botrytis fruit rot, powdery mildew, aphids, mites, spotted wing drosophila and other diseases and pests can get out of hand in much less time than this,” Whatcom County berry farmer Rob Dhaliwal said.

Senate Bill 6529, introduced by Seattle Democrat Rebecca Saldana, provoked a rare level of opposition from farm groups. Major commodity commissions and small organic farmers alike testified against the bill.

Asked by a senator to rate the bill’s threat to agriculture on a scale from 1 to 10, eastern Washington wheat farmer Nicole Berg answered “10.”

The bill must pass the committee by Feb. 2 to stay alive for this session. Some senators said they doubted the legislation was ready to

advance. Saldana conceded that there was strong opposition, but said she wanted to talk with farmers to refine her proposal between now and next year. “This is something I’d like to continue to work on,” she said.

Some farmers said they’d be happy to talk, but were also leery about where it would lead.

The bill’s premise, according to its preamble, is that pesticide applications are a “consistent source of pesticide exposure and pose significant risks to community members.”

Other provisions of the bill would require making public each month the type and amount of pesticide applied for each spraying. Farmers and pesticide applicators not filing the right information could be fined \$7,500.

Farmers objected to having to reveal their management practices to competitors. They also said they were worried the information would be used against them in lawsuits.

“Pesticide drift events are already illegal and they are rare,” Dhaliwal said. “We’re not going to expose our employees to something we don’t want our kids around.”

Under the bill, farmers would have to notify the Health Department four business days before spraying, so weekends and holidays would extend the lag time. Health officials would then be obligated to give rural residents and schools within a quarter-mile a two-hour notice.

Saldana said she wanted to “empower those folks that are nearby farms to have the information from a public health perspective.”

“I’ll just say that’s my interest, making sure people have information, so they can make decisions,” she said.

Representatives from the Washington State Labor Council, Columbia Legal Services, Washington Environmental Council, Washington Education Association and Washington State PTA endorsed the bill at the hearing.

Farmers and pesticide applicators stressed they don’t know four or more days in advance whether the wind and rain will let them spray.

“Most often aerial applicators are Minutemen for growers,” said Gavin Morse, a Warden applicator and president of the Association of Washington Aerial Applicators. “Wind and environmental conditions do not operate on a schedule.”

Pacific Coast Seafoods fined for waste-dumping into Columbia

The Daily Astorian

The state Department of Environmental Quality has fined Pacific Coast Seafoods \$2,150 for discharging too much seafood-processing waste from North Tongue Point into the Columbia River.

In December 2016 and January 2017, the company

discharged wastewater that exceeded its allowed daily limits of oil, grease and other potentially harmful waste. If not properly managed, the contaminants can threaten fish and other aquatic life.

The Port of Astoria was recently fined for wastewater monitoring and treatment violations at North Tongue Point when it leased

the property. The agency has canceled its lease, allowing boatbuilder Hyak Maritime to purchase the property from Washington Development Co.

Pacific Coast Seafoods is operating out of a former seaplane hangar at North Tongue Point while rebuilding a plant in Warrenton that burned down in 2013.

Jetty work to cause closures on Cape D

The Daily Astorian

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin rehabilitating the North Jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River in February, closing access to some parts of Cape Disappointment State Park in Washington state.

The jetty, North Jetty Road and nearby parking lots will be closed Feb. 12 to Oct. 30 and March 17 to Nov. 1, 2019. Benson and Waikiki beaches will remain open during construction.

The Army Corps constructed the jetty system between 1885 and 1939. The

system consists of three rubble-mound jetties including North Jetty, South Jetty and Jetty A that together total 9.7 miles. The jetties minimize navigation channel maintenance and make passage safer for vessels transiting between the Pacific Ocean and the Columbia River.

Baked Alaska fined for liquor license violation

The Daily Astorian

Baked Alaska was fined by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for liquor license violations.

A server at the restaurant in October failed to verify the

age of a minor who reasonably appeared to be under 26 years old before serving them alcohol. The restaurant will pay a fine of \$1,485 or serve a nine-day liquor license suspension.

The violation was aggra-

vated because Baked Alaska had been given a chance to purchase age-verification equipment as an offset to a previous violation more than two years ago that could have prevented the most recent violation.

Port of Astoria seeks budget committee applicants

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The Port of Astoria is seeking four candidates to serve on its budget committee.

The budget committee is

comprised of five Clatsop County residents and five Port commissioners.

Applicants should have experience working with budgets. Send letters of inter-

est and a brief resume to Judy Dodge Fattori, the Port commission secretary, at the Port of Astoria’s main office at 10 Pier 1, Suite 308 in Astoria. Applications are due by noon Feb. 2.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
41	52 / 46	56 / 48	56 / 43	48 / 41
Rain; breezy with rising temperatures late	Periods of rain; breezy in the morning	Breezy with rain	Breezy with rain at times	Periods of rain

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Astoria through Thursday.

Temperatures

High/low	48°/39°
Normal high/low	51°/38°
Record high	63° in 2015
Record low	17° in 1950

Precipitation

Thursday	0.63"
Month to date	8.69"
Normal month to date	8.42"
Year to date	8.69"
Normal year to date	8.42"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 5:12 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday 7:44 a.m.
Moonrise today 12:48 p.m.
Moonset today 2:32 a.m.

Full

Last

New

First

Jan 31

Feb 7

Feb 15

Feb 22

REGIONAL WEATHER

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Sat.	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	41	27	c	40	32	sn		
Bend	39	33	c	46	37	sn		
Brookings	48	45	r	53	46	sh		
Eugene	46	42	sh	51	45	r		
Ilwaco	47	44	r	52	47	r		
Klamath Falls	39	30	c	44	26	sn		
Medford	46	39	sh	51	37	sn		
Newberg	46	43	sh	52	48	r		
Newport	46	44	r	52	49	r		
North Bend	50	45	r	55	50	r		

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Sat.	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	43	39	sh	49	42	r		
Pendleton	45	37	c	47	44	r		
Portland	45	42	sh	51	45	r		
Roseburg	49	44	sh	54	43	r		
Salem	47	43	sh	53	48	r		
Seaside	48	44	r	52	47	r		
Spokane	37	30	sf	40	33	sn		
Springfield	47	41	sh	51	43	r		
Vancouver	45	42	sh	51	46	r		
Yakima	49	34	pc	47	34	c		

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

OBITUARIES

Mary Evelyn Jenkins Warrenton

Jan. 28, 1935 — Jan. 23, 2018

Mary Evelyn Jenkins passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family.

She was born and raised in Wilton, Maine. She was the last of six children born to Charles R. and Doris P. (Wilton) Brooks.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert and Raymond; two sisters, Grace and Pearl; one son, Patrick Collins; and two grandchildren, Josh Lampien and Phillip Collins.

She is survived by her husband, J.P. (Jim) Jenkins Jr.; her twin sister, Martha Hill (Jack); two daughters, Addie Heiner (Gary) and Gayla Medus (Dana); six sons, Ted Collins (Lynadda), Carl Collins (Bev), Tim Collins (Debbie), Harold Collins (Stephanie), Pat Jenkins (Nathalie), and Jim Jenkins III (Darla); 43 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; and numerous nephews, nieces and

cousins.

Jenkins spent her life as a career waitress, starting with Carl’s Jr. in Southern California, and finishing in Oregon at Rob’s Restaurant, and retiring from Arnie’s Cafe.

Her life was her family. Mary will surely be missed. Her loving smile and glowing personality have brought joy to everyone who has ever met her. She was truly an example of God’s graces and love. Not too many people know a real-life angel. Mary was just that.

Visitation will be held Friday, Feb. 2, 2018, from 1 to 5 p.m., at Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at 11 a.m., at the Caldwell’s Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at Ocean View Cemetery.

Please sign our online guest book at caldwellsmortuary.com



Mary Jenkins

ON THE RECORD

DUI

• At 12:18 a.m. Thursday, Seth Palmeno-Arroyo, 26, of Portland, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department on Indus-

try Street near the West Mooring Basin and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. His blood alcohol content was 0.19 percent.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

FRIDAY

Sunset Empire Transportation District Ridecare Advisory Committee, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Astoria Transit Center Conference Room, 900 Marine Drive.

LOTTERIES

OREGON	WASHINGTON
Thursday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 0-7-3-2 4 p.m.: 6-4-0-9 7 p.m.: 6-5-6-6 10 p.m.: 0-4-1-6	Thursday's Lucky Lines: 01-07-10-15-17-23-27-32 Estimated jackpot: \$33,000 Thursday's Keno: 02-12-13-14-17-19-25-37-40-42-43-44-47-48-51-54-58-68-69-71 Thursday's Match 4: 13-16-21-22

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