

US attorney says Oregon has pot overproduction problem

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Oregon's top federal prosecutor said Friday the state has a "formidable" problem with marijuana overproduction that winds up on the black market and that he wants to work with state and local leaders and the pot industry to do something about it.

U.S. Attorney Billy Williams convened the unprecedented summit of influential federal law enforcement representatives, state officials and marijuana industry scions after

Attorney General Jeff Sessions withdrew an Obama administration memo that had guided states with legalized weed on how to avoid federal scrutiny.

The meeting included representatives from 13 other U.S. attorney's offices, the FBI, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. U.S. attorneys from California, Washington state, Colorado, Idaho, Alaska and Montana attended in person.

Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, told guests that Wil-

liams has assured members of her administration that "lawful Oregon businesses remain stakeholders in this conversation and not targets of law enforcement."

The marijuana industry has been watching federal prosecutors in states with legalized weed like Oregon closely since Sessions rescinded the so-called Cole memo. U.S. attorneys in states where marijuana is legal under state law now face the delicate question of how to do their jobs and

hew to the federal ban. Williams sought to calm

fears among pot growers, but said the market has a problem that must be addressed. Everyone needs a "bottom-line answer" on how much excess marijuana is being produced and how much of it winds up on the black market, he said.

Williams last month wrote a guest column in a newspaper in which he said the surplus attracts criminal networks and generates money laundering, drug violence and draws down water supplies in rural communities.

"Here's what I know in terms of the landscape here in

Oregon, and that is, we have an identifiable and formidable marijuana overproduction and diversion problem," he said Friday.

Williams added: "And make no mistake about it, we're going to do something about it."

There is general agreement that marijuana from Oregon does wind up in other states where it isn't legal. Still, it's hard to say if pot smuggling has gotten worse in Oregon — where illicit pot farmers were thriving long before recreational legalization — or how

much of the marijuana leaving the state filters out from the legal side.

Williams has previously said law enforcement in 16 other states have reported seizing marijuana from Oregon and postal agents have intercepted more than 2,600 pounds of pot in outbound packages and over \$1.2 million in associated cash.

Advocates dismiss the idea that legalization has caused a spike in black markets sales. It's just that now, because it's legal, it's much easier to track it back, they said.

Moon crowned Miss Clatsop County

The Daily Astorian

Contestants in the Miss Clatsop County competition learned their fate over the weekend.

Haylie Moon was

crowned Miss Clatsop County 2018 and Aubrey McMahan won Miss North Coast. Caitlin Hillman won Miss Clatsop County's Outstanding Teen 2018, while Taryn Miller took home the

Miss North Coast's Outstanding Teen prize.

Winners were announced during a ceremony on Saturday in Seaside. The Miss Oregon competition will take place in Seaside this summer.

Soldier who died at Camp Rilea identified

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Officials have identified a soldier who died in an accidental shooting at Camp Rilea.

Authorities say 24-year-

old Spc. Devin Kuhn died Wednesday from his injuries in the emergency room at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria.

Kuhn was assigned to Alpha Co., 2nd Ranger Battalion,

75th Ranger Regiment at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

Camp Rilea, based in Warrenton, is the primary training facility for the Oregon National Guard.

Washington cancels salmon net-pen site lease

By PHUONG LE
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Washington state officials on Sunday canceled a lease with Cooke Aquaculture Pacific at the

site where net pens holding farmed Atlantic salmon collapsed last summer, releasing tens of thousands non-native fish into Puget Sound.

The decision comes days after a multiagency state

investigation found the Canada-based company negligent for failing to adequately clean its nets, saying that directly contributed to the net-pen failure in August at the facility.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA DOWNLOAD THE AccuWeather APP

Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
43	50 43	53 43	53 42	49 39
Occasional rain and drizzle	Cloudy	Clouds followed by a brightening sky	Low clouds	Times of clouds and sun

ALMANAC
Astoria through Sunday.
Temperatures: High/Low 53°/48°
Normal high/low 51°/37°
Record high 65° in 1984
Record low 13° in 1989
Precipitation: Sunday 0.24"
Month to date 1.43"
Normal month to date 1.07"
Year to date 12.79"
Normal year to date 11.27"

SUN AND MOON
Sunset tonight 5:26 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday 7:32 a.m.
Moonrise today 11:49 p.m.
Moonset today 10:30 a.m.
Last New First Full
Feb 7 Feb 15 Feb 22 Mar 1

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

UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: Pegasus, the flying horse, stands low in the west as darkness falls and sets by midnight.

TOMORROW'S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks
Time High Time Low
5:34 a.m. 8.8 ft. 12:05 p.m. 1.7 ft.
6:03 p.m. 7.0 ft. 11:53 p.m. 2.0 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	52 38 s 63 54 pc	
Boston	40 21 s 38 24 pc	
Chicago	18 6 sn 21 15 c	
Denver	48 22 pc 45 22 c	
Des Moines	18 -1 sn 18 9 c	
Detroit	22 11 pc 25 14 c	
El Paso	77 46 s 76 46 s	
Fairbanks	-5 -15 s 0 -22 pc	
Honolulu	80 68 t 78 68 t	
Indianapolis	29 16 pc 30 22 c	
Kansas City	31 13 pc 22 13 sn	
Las Vegas	77 50 s 74 46 s	
Los Angeles	78 54 pc 76 56 pc	
Memphis	47 36 s 47 36 r	
Miami	82 69 c 81 73 pc	
Nashville	43 33 pc 49 44 r	
New Orleans	64 56 pc 71 62 t	
New York	36 25 s 39 31 pc	
Oklahoma City	47 23 pc 34 20 i	
Philadelphia	36 24 s 42 30 pc	
St. Louis	33 16 pc 31 20 sn	
Salt Lake City	56 38 c 48 34 pc	
San Francisco	68 51 s 68 51 s	
Seattle	51 43 c 49 45 c	
Washington, DC	38 26 s 46 32 pc	

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Laura Jean Dowell Astoria Aug. 30, 1958 — Jan. 30, 2018

Laura "Lori" Jean (Kankkonen) Dowell was taken from us way too soon after a two-year courageous battle with cancer on Jan. 30, 2018 at her home in Astoria. She was 59 years young.

Lori was born Aug. 30, 1958 in Astoria, Oregon. She was chosen by her parents, Richard E. Kankkonen and Nancy E. Stimson (Kankkonen) Loftin. She graduated from Stayton High School in 1976, but always considered herself a Fighting Fisherman because she only spent a short time at Stayton High School.

In 1977, she married Gary Kaufman and they had a daughter, Katrina. They later divorced.

In 1982, she married the love of her life, Tim. She chose Tim's son, T.J., as her own, and never needed a piece of paper to prove he was her son, but made it legally so by adopting him, and making it official, with her name listed as his mother on his birth certificate, something that made her proud.

Together Tim and Lori started T.J.'s Auto Repair in 1990. Side by side they built the shop, along with the slave labor of their children, from the ground up. She was a gifted jewelry maker, which she proudly displayed and sold at the shop. She could sew, made beautiful stained-glass windows and clocks, was a great cook, and was always doing crafts.

Then she discovered Pinterest! Bling was her thing! She "blinged" out everything, from her daughter's wedding to her last project she started, a Swarovski jeweled toilet (that she found on Pinterest) for her new house that she and Tim were building.

Knowing that her last days were near, she said her greatest accomplishment was her kids, her marriage, her business and her grandchildren, and took great pride in knowing Tim,

Katrina and T.J. are together, and working hard to take care of the business that she and Tim worked so hard to build and make successful.

Lori fought extra hard to give her family and friends as much time as she could with her, and made her goal of seeing her daughter and son-in-law's house built, and spending one last memorable Christmas in their new home, surrounded by her family and friends, and making sure Katrina upheld all her holiday traditions.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Tim Dowell; a daughter and son-in-law, Katrina and Mike Smith, and their children, Grayson and Taylor; her son, Timothy (T.J.) Dowell, and his children, Natasha and Angel;

her sister and brother-in-law, Cari and Jerry Dudash, and their son, Jason; stepsister Paula Loftin; stepbrothers Ken Loftin, Charles Loftin, Richard Loftin, Terry Ward and his wife, Bonnie, and David Ward; her birth mother, Sandra Priolette; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ken Dowell, Brenda Hansen, John and Rita McCall, Beverly Dowell, Jon and P-Nut Dowell, JR and Cherilyn Hageman, and Mary Jean Dowell; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Millie Kankkonen and Nancy and Ken Loftin; father and mothers-in-law, Kenneth and Mary Dowell and Rita and Alex Kindred; and a brother-in-law, Dennis Dowell.

A celebration of life will be held Feb. 11, 2018 at 2 p.m., at the Astoria Elks Ballroom, 453 11th St., Astoria, Oregon.

A private burial was already held at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton, Oregon.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guest book at caldwellsmortuary.com



Laura Jean Dowell

BIRTH

Jan. 23, 2018
NICKOLS, Chasiddy and Jonathan, of Ocean Park, Washington, a girl, Kaylee Lynne Nickols, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Shawn and Leslie Nickols of Centralia, Washington, and Tammi and Wes Bender of Long Beach, Washington.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- MONDAY**
Port of Astoria Airport Committee, 4 p.m., Astoria Regional Airport terminal, 1110 S.E. Flightline Drive, Warrenton.
Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
- TUESDAY**
Community Center Commission, 10:30 a.m., 1225 Avenue A., Seaside.
Port of Astoria Commission, 4 p.m., strategic planning workshop, Port offices, 10 Pier 1 Suite 209.
Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway, Seaside.
Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

LOTTERIES

- OREGON**
Sunday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 3-5-3-7
4 p.m.: 1-8-1-8
7 p.m.: 2-7-7-9
10 p.m.: 9-5-2-9
Sunday's Lucky Lines: 02-05-12-13-17-21-28-31
Estimated jackpot: \$19,000
Saturday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 4-8-6-0
4 p.m.: 0-5-0-7
7 p.m.: 1-1-3-6
10 p.m.: 0-0-9-4
Saturday's Lucky Lines: 04-06-11-14-20-23-26-29
Estimated jackpot: \$17,000
Saturday's Megabucks: 5-10-11-20-33-43
- Estimated jackpot: \$7.5 million
Saturday's Powerball: 15-23-27-48-53, Powerball: 6
Estimated jackpot: \$165 million
Friday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 6-6-2-9
4 p.m.: 4-6-9-0
7 p.m.: 5-4-8-5
10 p.m.: 7-4-1-6
Friday's Lucky Lines: 04-07-09-13-17-23-25-31
Estimated jackpot: \$16,000
Friday's Mega Millions: 1-4-14-17-40, Mega Ball: 4
Estimated jackpot: \$120 million
- WASHINGTON**
Sunday's Daily Game: 6-2-6
Sunday's Keno: 01-03-04-05-11-16-19-26-37-39-43-45-49-53-58-63-69-70-72-79
Sunday's Match 4: 08-18-19-21
Saturday's Daily Game: 9-4-9
Saturday's Hit 5: 13-19-21-35-39
Estimated jackpot: \$220,000
Saturday's Keno: 02-07-13-14-18-22-25-26-27-32-41-43-53-58-59-60-61-66-74-75
Saturday's Lotto: 18-25-27-28-31-44
Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million
Saturday's Match 4: 01-02-09-13
Friday's Daily Game: 9-0-1
Friday's Keno: 03-07-10-15-20-21-32-33-34-37-44-45-46-54-56-57-60-68-71-76
Friday's Match 4: 08-10-13-21

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