

Lihue II: Was disposed of as construction debris in a landfill

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likely pay about 90 percent of the cost, the cash-strapped port will still have to pay at least 10 percent. The boat was taking up two slips that can be rented to paying customers during the upcoming fishing season. It was also a potential environmental and safety hazard, and a temptation for unsavory types who like to forage for scrap metal.

On a morning last week, Salvage Master Kris Lindberg paced on the dock in orange rain gear and a sticker-covered hard hat, occasionally giving orders through his two-way radio. Below the murky water, a diver was unfurling enormous yellow straps behind him as he swam underneath the Lihue. A brawny man in a wetsuit and a hard hat treaded water next to the badly listing boat, working to secure the yellow straps to huge iron hooks hanging from a crane.

Once, the boat was hospital white with neat black trim and a red keel. The keel still bore a red stain, but most of the paint had long since been supplanted by rust and slick green moss.

A few workers in a little boat bobbed around the perimeter, providing supplies and managing the orange plastic boom that had been placed around the boat to keep oil from spreading. A couple of stories above them, more workers watched from the deck of the enormous barge supplied by subcontractor Advanced American Construction. And on the deck of the barge sat a royal blue Millennium crane that towered over everything else in the port.

A ring of bubbles formed on the surface of the water, and moved gradually toward the dock. A black diving helmet rigged with flashlights emerged from the water, and then the diver popped up and climbed a ladder onto a neighboring charter boat, where still



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Before they could lift the boat, workers had to pump out hundreds of gallons of dirty water. Then, they carefully checked the boat to make sure it was structurally sound enough to withstand the move.

more workers greeted him with a towel. It was time to lift the Lihue.

Hole in the hull

When the Lihue went down, it filled with water. Now, it all had to come out. Workers on the dock began feeding hoses in through the cabin and other openings, and fiddling with a row of diesel-powered pumps on the dock. At a signal from Lindberg, the pumps roared to life and began spewing hundreds of gallons of filthy bilge water. As the boat emptied out, it gradually began to rise.

The men turned the pumps off, and several of them climbed onto the surfaced boat. They moved all over its slimy surfaces, removing hoses, checking and double-checking the hooks and straps, inspecting every component of the old boat to make sure it could withstand the stress of being airborne.

Finally, about an hour later, they were satisfied that the old wooden boat was ready to fly.

Barges aren't exactly com-

pact. Because the operators had to park the barge at the end of the dock, they couldn't get the crane arm close enough to lift the Lihue straight out of her slip. So before the Lihue could fly, she had to make one last, brief sea voyage. The crane operator slowly backed the boat out of its slip into the main channel, then swung the boom around, pulling the Lihue up next to the other side of the barge. High above, a row of men grabbed yellow lines and stood in a row, leaning back at 45 degree angles to the ground in an epic game of tug of war. They grimaced and strained as they pulled her closer to the side of the barge.

In the water, the hulking wooden boat seemed very big. But as the workers hoisted her into the air, she lost all sense of scale. Floating above the marina, the once-stately Lihue suddenly looked like an old-fashioned toy boat.

A few boats pulled out to watch as the Lihue rose into the air, climbing until she

was several yards above the deck of the barge. People in the marina stopped what they were doing to record the proceedings on their phones, and the crew of a Coast Guard boat watched from the harbor.

Grounded

Many wondered if the old, water-logged tub might splinter under her own weight once the workers lifted her up, but she held. There were no ominous cracks or groans; not even a deluge of water streaming off the hull.

The crane operator retracted the arm until the troller was hovering over the deck, dwarfing the orange-vested workers charged with guiding her into place. Slowly, slowly, the crane operator lowered her down. She settled softly onto the deck.

Using a crane is "actually pretty common for a vessel of that size that's on its side," said Katie Stewart, a Global Diving and Salvage spokeswoman. "The only way to



When a break in the bad weather came on April 17, dozens of workers arrived by boat and barge to help maneuver the sunken tuna troller out of its slip, where it was lifted by crane onto a barge.



A diver emerged after working to run huge straps underneath the Lihue. The straps were then connected to hooks, so that a crane could lift it out of the water.

get the water out is to lift it upright."

Stewart said the nasty weather earlier this month forced Global to postpone the operation a couple of times. By the time the weather was good enough to move the boat safely, the barge was almost out of time before it had to move on to another job. Aside from that, Stewart said, the operation went smoothly. Global found a small amount

of asbestos on the boat, which raised the cost of disposal by a few thousand dollars, Glenn said.

After nearly 80 years on the water, the Lihue was consigned to spend her final moments on land. Crews removed steel and other metal components for recycling. Then, Stewart said, the rest of the old wooden tuna troller was disposed of as construction debris in a landfill.

Parks: Department's revenue based on projected fee, enrollment increases

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"There is a lot more funding going to Parks and Recreation, which is amazing," Cosby told the panel, which tentatively approved the spending plan. However, she added, "costs are still increasing so we had to make some cuts to afford all of our expenses."

For example, Port of Play, an indoor play facility at the Capt. Robert Gray School, will experience a sharp reduction in hours. Starting this summer, it will go from being open seven days a week to being only open on Saturdays and Sundays. The cut is in response to low attendance during the week, Cosby said.

"We think it's a smart business move while still being able

to provide the overall service," she said.

They are also looking at fee increases on the recreation side — things like athletics, Lil' Sprouts Academy and Port of Play.

Other cuts will be felt internally. The department has decided to forgo contracting for cleaning services, for instance. Cosby will ask staff to take on those duties instead.

For City Manager Brett Estes, the parks budget is a "truth check."

"This budget is the best-case scenario that we've been able to put together and we're feeling confident about it," he said.

"I will tell you there are some revenue projections which are achievable," he added, "but it's going to require



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The Astoria Parks and Recreation Department is on stronger financial ground.

the park staff ... to be very diligent."

The department's revenue expectations are based on a combination of projected fee and enrollment increases,

he explained.

"... If throughout the year things are not meeting revenue projections or (costs) are going higher, we're going to have (to make) some changes to be able

to keep this budget in line."

It's a dialogue the city has never had about the parks department budget before, Estes said. For years, the department operated on year-end transfers — infusions of money from elsewhere in the city budget to make up the difference if revenue didn't come in as high as projected and costs didn't stay as low as people hoped they would.

The City Council had pressed for clearer, cleaner numbers. Staff cut at programs, and explored ways to reduce costs and the scope of the department's responsibilities. City leaders talked about a "life raft" scenario — a collection of strategies to make a bid for safe, sustainable financial shores. City councilors brain-

stormed about adding a new fee on water bills and increasing the lodging tax to steer extra money to the department.

There is no correct answer, only trade-offs, Councilor Bruce Jones observed during one of these discussions.

This fiscal year, the city hopes to give parks staff a game plan and build internal stability, Estes said. He and Cosby are both aware, though, that the needs of the department are already in flux. Certain costs — like the minimum wage, for example — will be going up again.

The parks budget, along with the spending plans for all the other city departments, will have to get final approval from the City Council after clearing the budget committee.

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THURSDAY EVENING												APRIL 26	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2 KATU	2	KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy!	Wheel Fortune (N)	Grey's Anatomy "Bad Reputation" (N)	Station 19 "Let It Burn" (N)	Quantico "The Conscience Code" (N)	KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
5 KOMO	5	KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy "Bad Reputation" (N)	Station 19 "Let It Burn" (N)	Quantico "The Conscience Code" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
5 KING	5	NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Superstore (N)	A.P. Bio (N)	Will & Grace	Champions (N)	Chi.Fire "The Strongest Among Us" (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
6 KOIN	6	KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Source" (N)	KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert	
6 KIRO	7	KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T. "Source" (N)	KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert	
8 KGW	8	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	A.P. Bio (N)	Will & Grace	Champions (N)	Chi.Fire "The Strongest Among Us" (N)	KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
9 KRCW	9	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "Unfinished Business" (N)	Arrow "Shifting Allegiances" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10 KOPB	10	Seeing Canada	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(50) Midsomer M.	The Silent Land	(35) Masterpiece Classic	"Wolf Hall"	(35) Film School
12 KPTV	12	(5:00) NFL Draft "Round 1" (L)						Family Feud	Family Feud	10 O'Clock News (N)	News (N)	Page Six TV	
18 KPDV	18	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game	
5 KCPQ	13	(5:00) NFL Draft "Round 1" (L)						Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!	News (N)	The Simpsons	
20 TBS	20	Family Guy	The Joker's Wild	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	
28 KZJO	22	Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29 ESPN	29	(5:00) NFL Draft "Round 1" (L)						SportsCenter Scott Van Pelt presents the day in sports. (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	
30 ESPN2	30	(5:00) NFL Draft "College Football Primetime" Site: AT&T Stadium -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Hey Rookie	Hey Rookie	Hey Rookie	Nación ESPN (N)	Inside EA Sports	Inside EA Sports
61 NICK	31	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	★★ Alvin and the Chipmunks '07 David Cross, Cameron Richardson, Jason Lee.	Gravity Falls	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark
62 DISN	32	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark
64 FAM	34	★★ The House Bunny (2008, Comedy)	Colin Hanks, Emma Stone, Anna Faris.	Siren "Showdown" (N)		★★ Zookeeper (2011, Comedy)	Rosario Dawson, Leslie Bibb, Kevin James.					The 700 Club	
65 FMC	35	(5:00) The Purge	(c45) ★★★ The Visit (1964, Drama)	Anthony Quinn, Paolo Stoppa, Ingrid Bergman.	(c40) FXM Presents	★★★ The Visit '64, Drama)	Anthony Quinn, Ingrid Bergman.	(c55) FXM Presents				Poltergeist (2015, Horror)	Sam Rockwell.
68 LIFE	36	★★ First Daughter (2004, Comedy)	Marc Blucas, Michael Keaton, Katie Holmes.	★★ How Do You Know (2010, Comedy/Drama)	Reese Witherspoon, Paul Rudd,							NCAA Lacrosse ACC Tournament	
68 ROOT	38	Post-game	In Depth	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Cleveland Indians Site: Progressive Field -- Cleveland, Ohio								
69 F51	39	Ultimate Fighter 27 "Fight or Flight"	UFC "Manuwa vs. Anderson"	MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak for Yourself					
43 SPIKE	43	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ The Rundown '03 Seann William Scott, Rosario Dawson, Dwayne Johnson.	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)	
44 COM	44	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Comedy Central Roast "Donald Trump"	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)	
45 HIST	45	Swamp People "Comeback Kings"	Swamp People "Black Lagoon Battle"	Swamp: Blood "Poacher From Hell" (N)	The First 48: Inside "Special Six" (N)	Swamp People "Savage Showdown" (N)	(c05) Truck Night "Fire Starter" (N)	(c05) Swamp "Savage Showdown"	(c05) Grace Abrams "Adnan Syed" (N)	600 Life: Supersized "Melissa Morris"	Naked "Rumble in the Jungle"	Wicked Tuna "The Fleet Strikes Back"	
46 A&E	46	First 48 "Fatal Showdown/ Deadly Text"	My 600-lb Life "Sean's Story"	Naked "Curse of the Swamp: Part Two"	Wicked Tuna "Two For The Money"	Wicked Tuna "The Fleet Strikes Back"	Wicked Tuna "Close Calls"	Wicked Tuna "Wicked Weather"	Wicked Tuna "The Fleet Strikes Back"				
47 TLC	47	Trading Spaces	Naked "Curse of the Swamp: Part One"	Wicked Tuna "Two For The Money"	Wicked Tuna "The Fleet Strikes Back"	Wicked Tuna "Close Calls"	Wicked Tuna "Wicked Weather"	Wicked Tuna "The Fleet Strikes Back"					
48 DISC	48	Naked "Curse of the Swamp: Part One"	Wicked Tuna "Two For The Money"	Wicked Tuna "The Fleet Strikes Back"	Wicked Tuna "Close Calls"	Wicked Tuna "Wicked Weather"	Wicked Tuna "The Fleet Strikes Back"						
49 NGE0	49	Monster Fish "Salmonzilla"	Wicked Tuna "Two For The Money"	Wicked Tuna "The Fleet Strikes Back"	Wicked Tuna "Close Calls"	Wicked Tuna "Wicked Weather"	Wicked Tuna "The Fleet Strikes Back"						
60 TNT	50	(4:00) NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)										
61 AMC	51	(4:55) ★★★ Independence Day '96, Sci-Fi	Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith.	★★★ Tombstone (1993, Western)	Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn, Kurt Russell.								
62 USA	52	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Solitary"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Anchor"	Law&Order: SVU "Patrimonial Burden"	Chopped "Snap Pea To It!"	Law&Order: SVU "Unholiest Alliance"	Chopped "A Frog Leg Up"	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Atlanta "North of the Border" (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	The Inghram Angle	
63 FOOD	53	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Chopped "Flour Power"	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	FlipFloVegas (N)	Flip or Flop Vegas				
64 HGTV	54	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	FlipFloVegas (N)	Flip or Flop Vegas				
65 FX	56	(4:00) Captain America: The Winter S...	★★★ The Avengers (2012, Action)	Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Robert Downey Jr..									
67 CNN	57	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Jay Leno's Garage "Victory Lane"	Southern Charm (N)	Imposters "Andiamo" (N)	Watch What (N)	Southern Charm	
68 FNC	58	Hannity	The Inghram Angle	Jay Leno's Garage "Over the Top"	Southern Charm "Groovy Baby"	Alec Guinness.	(c45) ★★ A Woman Rebels '36	Donald Crisp, Herbert Marshall, Katharine Hepburn.	★★★★ The Wrong Box '66	Ralph Richardson, John Mills.	The Expanse "Assured Destruction"		
61 CNBC	61	Shark Tank											
63 BRAV	63	Southern Charm											
64 TRCM	64	Movie	(c45) The Mudlark (1950, Drama)	Irene Dunne, Andrew Ray, Alec Guinness.	(c15) ★★ Tomorrowland (2015, Adventure)	George Clooney, Judy Greer, Britt Robertson.							
65 SYFY	65	★★ Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory '71	Peter Ostrum, Gene Wilder.	(c15) ★★ Tomorrowland (2015, Adventure)	George Clooney, Judy Greer, Britt Robertson.								
102 RFD	102	SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Climate Corporation"	Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library		