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Jay Englund demonstrates how a life raft deploys at the Englund Marine Life Raft shop near the Warrenton Marina during the second annual Clatsop Commercial Fisheries Tour.

Local fish tour spotlights industry

The Daily Astorian

Workforce issues continue to plague the commercial fishing world, industry leaders told attendees during the second annual Clatsop Commercial Fisheries Tour Wednesday.

The tour highlighted successful businesses in Warrenton and Astoria, improved marina infrastructure in Warrenton, as well as conservation efforts within the industry.

But Andrew Bornstein of Bornstein Seafoods said the company has struggled to fill out its employee roster — an issue that is inextricably tied to the lack of affordable and workforce-priced housing in Clatsop County, he said.

Last year, other seafood processors said the same thing, and fishermen and commercial fishing advocates have long worried about where to find the next generation of fishermen, especially as the barriers to enter many fisheries increase.

Kevin Dunn, of K & K Knots, talked to this year's tour attendees about net construction and measures to prevent fishing on certain species, but also commented on



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Attendees of the Clatsop Commercial Fisheries Tour, organized by Oregon State University's Oregon Sea Grant program, examine trawl nets in Warrenton.

the difficulty of finding crew and making a living as a commercial fisherman.

"The expenses are becoming, for everybody, much more," he said. Fuel expenses are up, there are the costs of carrying an observer on fishing trips — a requirement in the commercial groundfish fishery — along with permits and catch shares.

"Buying the boat is the easiest part now," he said.

State Rep. Brad Witt, D-Clatskanie, and local

elected officials, including Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear, were among those who toured the facilities and businesses.

Ali Mayeda represented U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici and spoke about wider efforts to support commercial fishing-related industries and communities. Bonamici has joined other members of Congress in advocating for disaster declaration requests for various West Coast salmon and crab fisheries.

Group works to clean up derelict crab pots

Associated Press

ANACORTES, Wash. — Officials say thousands of lost crab pots are littering the bottom of Puget Sound, posing dangers to crabs and other marine life.

KOMO-TV reported some boaters spent time earlier this week fishing for the derelict pots off the shores of Anacortes.

Jason Morgan from the Northwest Straits Foundation says it could be the highest density of pots they've seen. Officials say there are more than 600 lost crab pots littering the bottom of the waters near Anacortes.

Officials with the foundation said every year 12,000 crab pots are lost in Puget Sound, mostly because of user error.

The foundation has a goal of cleaning up 1,000 derelict pots this year. A portion of the cost of every state crab license goes toward their efforts.

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Walter B. 'Pokey' Olson

Warrenton

Sept. 5, 1945 — May 22, 2018

Walter B. "Pokey" Olson passed away at his home in Warrenton on May 22.

Pokey was born on Sept. 5, 1945, in Missoula, Montana, to Boyd Olson and Edna Paulson, and he was raised in Gearhart, Oregon, by his mother and stepfather, Fred Lucas.

He attended Gearhart Grade School, and then graduated from Seaside High School in 1963. He married Sharon, his high school sweetheart, and "best choice he ever made in his life" in 1964, and they started their family soon thereafter.

They settled in Gearhart, and he began working for Crown Zellerbach, where he started as a tree-faller and eventually became a driver, which he enjoyed until Crown shut down in 1985. At that point he took on his own business hauling chips and sawdust from the Warrenton Mill to Wauna (and other mills) until he retired in 2011.

Pokey was an amazing hunter/fisherman and a loving father. He was a witty and funny individual who loved giving anybody and everybody a hard time. He is remembered by most as a fun-loving guy who didn't care who you are, or where you came from, as long as you were willing to sit down and share a story or two.

Pokey is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sharon; children, Brad Olson (Tracy) of Olathe, Kansas, Heidi Foster (Clark) of Jewell, Oregon, and Rick Olson (Lisa) of Spokane, Washington; brother, Rick Lucas of Prineville, Oregon; and sister, Starr Boudreau of Olney, Oregon.

He is also survived by grandchildren, Trevor Olson, Curtis and Kaylee Foster (fiancé Patrick Kelly) and Derek and Lindsey Burke; great-grandchildren, Kailey, Kimber, Patrick and Jarrod Kelly; and special friends/family Don and Janey Olson of Seaside, Oregon, and Garry and Sharyn Paulson of Columbia Falls, Montana.

A celebration of life is from 2 to 4 p.m. June 30 at the Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. in Warrenton. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Pokey's life. In lieu of flowers, please bring your best Pokey stories and be ready to share them with each other at the celebration.

The family would like to thank the caregivers from Hospice, and the Oregon Health & Science University-Columbia Memorial Hospital Cancer Center in Astoria for their efforts in keeping Pokey happy and comfortable prior to his passing.

Please sign our online guest book and share a memory at [OceanViewAstoria.com](#)

Washington state tribes vow to fight Canadian pipeline expansion

By JOHN RYAN KUOW

Tribal leaders on both sides of the border said Canada's purchase of the Trans Mountain pipeline would not weaken their opposition to the pipeline's planned expansion.

The project would triple the amount of oil flowing from Alberta tar sands through British Columbia and increase oil tanker traffic to refineries on Puget Sound.

"We'll keep fighting with our brothers and sisters to the north," Swinomish tribal chair and fisherman Brian Cladoosby said from a boat on the Skagit River. "This is a huge mistake for our area."

The government of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Tuesday that it is buying the pipeline from Texas-based Kinder Morgan. The pipeline, built in 1953, currently carries 300,000 barrels of heavy tar sands oil daily from Alberta to British Columbia and refineries in Washington state.

Kinder Morgan halted most construction work in April and threatened to abandon the controversial expansion in the face of opposition from provincial and tribal governments in British Columbia.

"The answer is still 'no,'" Tsleil-Waututh elder Ta'ah Amy George of North Vancouver, British Columbia, said in a written statement after Canada's purchase was announced. "We will never allow a pipeline to come through British Columbia and harm our inlet."

When it comes to oil, what happens in Canada doesn't stay in Canada: Most oil in Kinder Morgan's existing pipeline flows down to refineries in Washington state.

Protests have spread to Washington as well.

Anti-pipeline protesters have repeatedly occupied Seattle bank branches of key pipeline funder JPMorgan Chase. They took to kayaks in May to block a Kinder Morgan fueling dock at the Port of Seattle.

"Tribes of the Salish Sea, we've got a lot of partnerships with each other," Suquamish tribal chair and Affiliated Tribes of North-

west Indians president Leonard Forsman said. "We don't really see a border."

Forsman said Washington tribes would keep supporting First Nations (as indigenous groups are called in Canada) in their protests and lawsuits against the project.

"These projects have an impact on our treaty rights to fish," Forsman said.

Local environmentalists are also alarmed by the threat posed by increased oil tankers in the shipping lanes that twist around the San Juan Islands.

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