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Fishermen offload the first batch of fish to be processed at the Pacific Seafood facility.

Rising: Five years later, Pacific Seafood reopens with new plant

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presentation, the fishing vessel Pacific Conquest made an inaugural offload of rockfish.

The new plant, at 78,000 square feet and a cost of more than \$20 million, is built to process whiting, groundfish, steelhead and Dungeness crab, with plans to add shrimp processing in the coming years.

Seafood is offloaded from cranes along the banks of the Skipanon and flows inside the plant, where Pacific Seafood is installing 40 fillet stations, two skinning machines and a vacuum packer. Behind the processing areas are industrial blast freezers and cold storage that cool product to anywhere between 20 and minus 58 degrees Fahrenheit.

“The product basically flows right from the dock to the cold storage,” said Aaron Dierks, a project manager for Pacific Seafood.

The plant is expected to process up to 120,000 pounds of groundfish and 90,000 pounds of Dungeness crab per day, taking seafood from 70 boats. It will employ up to 140 full-time and 100 seasonal workers.

The entire plant is temperature-controlled, a first among West Coast facilities, Dulcich said. The main processing floor is designed so no forklifts will ever have to go inside, and the building’s wastewater treatment system will keep it ahead of the curve on permit requirements. In addition, new packaging and freezing technology

will help expand the reach of the company’s products.

The plant is expected to start taking regular deliveries by October and be ready for Dungeness crab season in the winter. Pacific Seafood will start looking at a second phase of the plant in the coming years to add shrimp processing, Dulcich said. The company has plans for four peeling machines producing up to 50,000 pounds of raw product per day.

Warrenton Mayor Henry Balensifer called Pacific Seafood a cornerstone of the city’s economy. He said a banner hung outside the plant — emblazoned with “Warrenton Endures” — was particularly fitting given how the city has tried to diversify its economy

to avoid fading away like other small towns when a mill or other large employer closes down.

The company’s rebuild was lifted by \$3 million in lottery-backed bonds approved by the state Legislature and supported by state Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, and state Rep. Deborah Boone, D-Cannon Beach. Johnson called the state investment a worthwhile public-private partnership that shows how important the seafood processing industry is to Oregon’s economy.

“Think of all of the folks that are sustained by what happens here and will happen here at this remarkable plant,” Johnson said. “I say to Pacific Seafood, ‘welcome home.’”

Bridge: Engineering crew conducting inspection

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Instead of heavier, more expensive mechanical access equipment that often requires traffic delays, the crew uses ropes to climb into otherwise inaccessible parts of the bridge.

“They’re inspecting the bridge in places we can’t get to,” said Lou Torres, a spokesman for the Department of Transportation. “The Astoria-Megler Bridge is not a typical bridge by any means. To do the inspection requires special skills.”

Burgess & Niple adopted the techniques more than 30 years ago and has used the process in more than 20,000 inspections.

“It’s kind of our competitive advantage,” said Will Strehler, a Portland-based bridge engineer for the company and part of the crew in Astoria.

Recently, though, one man’s competitive advantage has been another’s confusion, causing some drivers to call police after seeing the rope-swinging engineers.

Concerns about people who want to commit sui-

cide from the bridge are a constant. On top of that, the 52-year-old bridge — closed to pedestrians — has also attracted photo-seekers and protesters. This past weekend, a man was taken from the bridge after walking up in fishing gear.

“Yes, we do get some oddities,” Astoria Police Deputy Chief Eric Halverson said.

When maintenance or inspections are being performed on the bridge, local law enforcement agencies are typically notified, Halverson said. But, “the public may not have that knowledge. They just see someone in climbing gear.”

While the heads-up can better inform some of the calls they get about the bridge, police still attempt to verify who is on the bridge and why, Halverson said.

That tendency even applies when a caller reports that a climber is wearing construction gear.

“It’s a clue,” Halverson said. “But anybody can go out and buy a safety and reflective vest and go out without permission.”

Price: Decision reshapes Astoria mayoral election

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Price’s four-year term on the City Council ends this year. After she announced she would run for mayor, two candidates stepped forward to replace her in downtown’s Ward 3. Joan Herman, a radio programmer who serves on the Planning Commission, and Ron Zilli, a state forester, will vie for the seat in November.

Price’s withdrawal potentially clears a path for Taylor, the owner of Old Town Framing Co. The two women had been allies on several issues, including the revival of the old Tourist No. 2 ferry, and their competition was already forcing many downtown advocates and business leaders into a difficult choice.

“I’m kind of stunned,” Taylor said. “I know Michael Miller is running for mayor. But I was excited to have three people in the race, and

particularly to have Cindy in the race. And I know her family, so I know that she is very close to them.”

Miller has said he does not believe he has much of a chance of winning, but wants to use his campaign to call attention to issues such as mental health treatment and child welfare.

Price, who is married to District Attorney Josh Marquis, was unopposed when she was elected to the City Council in 2014. Her election, along with Zetty Nemlowill in Ward 1 and Arline LaMear as mayor, gave women a majority on the council for the first time in city history.

LaMear decided not to run for another term as mayor. Nemlowill has not publicly said whether she will seek another term on the council.

The filing deadline is Aug. 28.

Donation: Brix has deep roots in industry

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Jeff Smith, the museum’s curator, said a couple of people have already been hired to help digitize collections and make them available on WorldCat, a global network of library catalogs.

The museum has three exhibits planned over the next several years with the help of Brix’s donation. The first will

be about shipwrecks on the Columbia River, while the second will focus on modern and historical river commerce such as the 40 percent of U.S. wheat exports that exit the river.

The third exhibit will become a permanent gallery dedicated to local indigenous peoples, with visiting exhibits about farther-flung native cultures and their maritime history. The gallery will not open

for at least six years, Smith said.

Sam Johnson, the museum’s executive director, called Brix’s donation transformative.

“This is almost like getting a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities,” he said.

The museum recently received a \$1 million endowment from longtime patrons

David and Anne Myers. The interest supports museum operations in perpetuity.

The museum recently purchased a lot near the Barbey Maritime Museum used by North Coast Auto Service. After the company’s lease runs out next year, the museum plans to demolish the building and install a pond for model sailboats in a park-like setting.



TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings
WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY EVENING												AUGUST 15	
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 of Fortune	The Goldbergs	Amer. Housewife	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Shark Tank		KATU News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Goldbergs	Amer. Housewife	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Shark Tank		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 Special (N)	KING 5 News	Evening	America-Talent "Live Results 1" (N)		World of Dance "The Duels 4" Top acts	choose a rival and compete in a duel. (N)			KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)		SEAL Team "In Name Only"		Criminal Minds "False Flag"		News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)		SEAL Team "In Name Only"		Criminal Minds "False Flag"		KIRO News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	America-Talent "Live Results 1" (N)		World of Dance "The Duels 4" Top acts	choose a rival and compete in a duel. (N)			KGW News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Burden of Truth "Family Ties" (N)		Supergirl "Far From the Tree"		Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		The Outback "Return of the Wet" (N)		Wonders Mexico "Burning North" (N)		The Ganges "The Delta"		Nova "Making North America: Life"	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	MasterChef "Just for the Halibut" (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDX	(13) 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 2/2	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef "Just for the Halibut" (N)		To Hell & Back (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan "Conan Without Borders: Haiti"	
22	KZJL	(22) Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) MLB Baseball Bos./Phi. (L)		Softball Little League World Series Championship (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
29	ESPN2	(29) Hey Rookie	Hey Rookie	MLS Soccer Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles FC (L)				Around the Horn	Interruption			First Take	The hottest topics in sports are debated.
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	To Be Announced				Friends	(3:5) Friends
32	DISN	(32) *** Beauty and the Beast '91) Paige O'Hara. (35) Freaky Friday (2018, Comedy)						(15) Stuck Middle (45) Stuck Middle		(15) Raven's Home (45) Andi Mack		(15) Stuck Middle (45) Mickey Mouse	
34	FAM	(34) ** Monster-in-Law (2005, Comedy) Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan, Jennifer Lopez.				Alone Together (N) Alone Together (N)		** Bride Wars (2009, Comedy) Anne Hathaway, Bryan Greenberg, Kate Hudson.				The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (55) *** Rio (11) Voices of Anne Hathaway, Jesse Eisenberg. (50) FXM Presents				** Eddie the Eagle ('16, Bio) Hugh Jackman, Christopher Walken, Taron Egerton.				(10) FXM Presents		** Eddie the Eagle ('16, Bio) Hugh Jackman, Taron Egerton.	
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "She's Leaving Home"		Grey's Anatomy "Time Stops"		Casey Anthony's Par. George and Cindy Anthony discuss their daughter Casey.				(05) Kids Who Kill	Explores personal stories of young murderers.		
39	ROOT	(39) (5:00) MLS Soccer Por/D.C. (L)		Post-game	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Oakland Athletics Site: Oakland Alameda Coliseum - Oakland, Calif.						Post-game	Baseball
39	FS1	(39) NFL Films (N)	NFL Films (N)	NFL Films (N)	NFL Films (N)	MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon:	Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.		NFL Films	
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	To Be Announced	*** Unstoppable	(2011, Action) Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson, Denzel Washington.				Yellowstone "The Unravelling Pt. 1" (N)		Crank (2006, Action) Dwight Yoakam.	
44	COM	(44) (1:15) South Park	(5:0) South Park	Coon 2: Hindsight" 1/3	(25) South Park 2/3	South Park 3/3	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N) The Office	
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers "My Sweet Ford"		American Pickers "Mike's Big Buy"		Amer. Pickers "Frank's Speed Shop" (N)		(05) A. Pickers "Roll Like a Rock Star"		(05) A. Pickers "The Empire Picks Back"	
46	A&E	(46) Hoarders "Debra and Patty"		Hoarders "Leza and Linda"		Born This "Pursuit of Happiness" (SP) (N)		Born This "Til Death Do Us Part" (N)		Tourette's "No More Hiding" (P) (N)		(05) Born This Way "Red Carpet Wars II"	
47	TLC	(47) Dr. Pimple Popper "Dr. Pimple Popper"		Dr. Pimple Popper "This Cyst Persists"		Dr. Pimple "The World's Largest Lump"		Dr. Pimple "The Lipoma Whisperer"		Dr. Pimple "An American Tail" (N)		Dr. Pimple "The Lipoma Whisperer"	
48	DISC	(48) Bush People "Return to the Wild"		Bush People "Welcome to Browntown"		Bush People "Birdy Get Your Gun"		Alaskan Bush People "Pile It On"		Alaskan Bush People "On the Prowl"		Alaskan Bush People "Home Alone"	
49	NGEO	(49) Hard Time "Breaking Point"		Hard Time		Drugs, Inc. "Birdy Get Your Gun"		Drugs, Inc. "Charm City High" (N)		Drugs, Inc. "Meth Boom Montana"		Drugs, Inc. "Spring Break"	
50	TNT	(50) (5:30) *** Real Steel (2011, Sci-Fi) Evangeline Lilly, Dakota Goyo, Hugh Jackman.		*** 300 (2006, Epic) Lena Headey, Dominic West, Gerard Butler.		*** Men in Black (1997, Sci-Fi) Tommy Lee Jones, Vincent D'Onofrio, Will Smith.		Suits "Good Mudding" (N)		*** Immortals (2011, Action) Mickey Rourke, John Hurt, Henry Cavill.			
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) *** The Shawshank Redemption ('94) Morgan Freeman, Tim Robbins.		NCIS "Enemy Combatant"		NCIS "Voices"		Guy's Game "Food Scientists" (N)		Guy's Game "Pizza Play-Offs"		Guy's Game "Guy's Chocolate Games"	
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Home of the Brave"		NCIS "Enemy Combatant"		NCIS "Voices"		Suits "Good Mudding" (N)		The Sinner "Part III" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Ripped"	
53	FOOD	(53) Guy's Game "High-Steak Hijinks"		Guy's Game "Big Bacon Battle"		Guy's Game "Clash Of The Classics"		Guy's Game "Food Scientists" (N)		Guy's Grocery Games "Pizza Play-Offs"		Guy's Game "Guy's Chocolate Games"	
54	HGTV	(54) Buying "A Bidding War of Their Own"		Buying "Moving Onward and Upward"		Property Brothers "Uplift and Electrify"		Buying and Selling (N)		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Flip Virgins "A Lesson in Flipping" (N)	
56	FX	(56) *** Daddy's Home (2015, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg, Linda Cardellini, Will Ferrell.		*** Ted (2012, Comedy) Mila Kunis, Seth MacFarlane, Mark Wahlberg.						*** Ted 2 (2015, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg, Seth MacFarlane.			
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Profit "An Inside Look: Planet Popcorn"		The Profit "Bentley's Corner Bakery"				Paid Program	
63	BRAV	(63) The Real Housewives "Ship Happens"		Wives "There's No Place Like Home"		Real Housewives "Life Is a Cabaret" (N)		The Real Housewives of Dallas (SP) (N)		Real Housewives "Life Is a Cabaret"		Watch What	Real Wives Dallas
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) No Love for Johnnie Peter Finch.		** Girl With Green Eyes ('64) Peter Finch, Rita Tushingham. (45) *** Network (1976, Drama) Faye Dunaway, Peter Finch, Ned Beatty.								Sunday, Bloody Sunday	
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) Dam Sharks! Janelle Beaudry.		Santa Jaws ('18, Sci-Fi) Courtney Lauren Cummings, Haviland Stillwell, Reid Miller.		Frenzy (2018, Horror) Michael New.						Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No! Tara Reid.	
162	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch	Cowboy (N)	Women's Rodeo	Equestrian Nation	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	ReMastered	Cowboy TV	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase	

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