

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do you think there are ghosts in Astoria?



"Well, I believe in ghosts, so I believe there are."

Monica Hubbert, Seaside



"I don't believe in ghosts."

Jeanne Nasby, Astoria



"I believe that there are, but haven't experienced it yet — except for my broken doorbell. Every now and then there's a ding. My house is from 1885, and I'm waiting ..."

Shawna Neumeister, Astoria

Roundtable in Ilwaco fishes for salmon solutions

By LUKE WHITTAKER
Chinook Observer

ILWACO, Wash. — Commercial fishing fleets, once known for abundant natural resources and food production, are suffering from increased poverty and food insecurity.

In response, about 50 state and local officials, scientists, researchers, business owners and fishermen convened Friday for a "Fisheries Roundtable" discussion at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum in Ilwaco. They explored options to improving coastal fisheries and the communities they serve.

Salmon runs in the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean once supported a variety of thriving industries. Construction of the hydro-power system, changes in the ocean food web, large-scale predation and other problems have sliced salmon runs down to a small fraction of their former grandeur.

At the same time, evolving fisheries management philosophies have scaled back hatchery salmon production, just as there is a new recognition of the importance of enhancing Chinook salmon abundance in support of struggling southern resident killer whales. The roundtable was organized to begin formulating a united path forward.

Concerns regarding hatchery funding, predation issues, catch quotas and policies were reviewed during the five-hour meeting. Discussion addressed the fallout from malfunctioning fisheries in communities in Pacific, Grays Harbor and Wahkiakum counties, where food insecurity has increased.



Luke Whittaker/Chinook Observer

Commercial fisherman and clam farmer Ernie Soule pleaded with U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler for changes to ease the burden on commercial fishermen.

These are communities that were traditionally food producers but are now failing to feed some families.

"There is a hunger in these counties," said Irene Martin, a historical researcher and Episcopal priest in Skamokawa. "There's a great irony here, and it's not a good one."

Coalition of Coastal Fisheries President Dale Beasley of Ilwaco urged a start to rebuilding fisheries and the fishing industry.

"Back in the 1970s, our Ilwaco fleet brought in over 400,000 salmon," said Beasley, a retired commercial fisherman and crabber. "This past year was under 30,000."

The reduced catch in commercial tonnage leads to other problems in the community, including less leverage for dredge support, vital for ports in Ilwaco and Chinook. Only commercial harvests are counted as incoming freight, which determines eligibility for federal dredge funding.

"Our fish processors have been forced to consolidate and reduce their workforce," Beasley continued. "More salmon abundance will bring

our communities back from the brink of extinction."

Coho Charters owner Butch Smith of Ilwaco echoed similar sentiments, encouraging agencies to increase hatchery production.

"Today, the pie is hardly big enough to fight over; we need to increase stock," Smith said. "What we're doing now is not working, neither for the commercial fisheries nor the tribes, who are losing their community vitality."

Discussion volleyed between scientists, researchers and fishermen, each adding input and experiences, and suggesting how policies could be improved.

Commercial fisherman and clam farmer Ernie Soule of Nahcotta expressed his dissatisfaction with current policies, pleading for changes to ease the burden on commercial fishermen who often face a "fish or go hungry" scenario as a result of increased regulations.

"I've lost my sons," Soule said, regarding the deaths of his two adult sons in May and in 2015. "It's time someone spoke up."

Mary Jane Hill

Boise, Idaho
Oct. 28, 1941 – Sept. 21, 2018

Mary Jane Hill passed away on Friday, Sept. 21. She suffered from lupus for many years, but the immediate cause of her death was a stroke.

Mary Jane was born in Portland, Oregon, on Oct. 28, 1941 to Ruben and Dorothy Kuratli. She spent her early years in Hillsboro, Oregon, and moved to Astoria in 1954. She attended Astoria High School, where she was actively involved in Rainbow and Job's Daughter. She proved her athletic prowess by earning a letter in clam digging. In 1960, she represented Astoria at the Miss Oregon pageant, where she displayed her talents as a pianist.



Mary Jane Hill

She graduated from Astoria High School in 1959, and entered the University of Oregon. Since Oregon did not offer clam digging as a sport, she was forced to give up her dream of being a professional clam digger, and majored in library science instead, receiving her degree in 1964. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority, and in subsequent years enjoyed wonderful reunions with her sorority sisters.

After graduation, she was the librarian at Beaverton High School for three years, during which time she commuted to Eugene in the evenings in order to complete her master's degree in library science.

In 1968 she moved to Boise, Idaho, and for the next 30 years was the librarian at Boise High School. She would open up the library at 5 a.m. in order to give students a warm place to study and conduct research. One of her fondest memories was to connect with her former students, and take pride in how well they turned out.

During her professional career, she received the award for Outstanding American in 1976, Outstanding Media Director in 1991, Boise Cascade's Excellence in Education Teacher Award in

1986-1987, and was an Idaho Statesman Distinguished Citizen. She served on the board of the Women's and Children's Alliance, and was active in the Idaho Woman's Charitable Foundation, PEO, and Junior League. She loved to read and travel and, when her health permitted, she spent hours in her garden, which she regarded as therapy.

In 1974 she married David Hill, and shared her love of traveling with him. They took at least one major trip each year, and over the course of their marriage visited all seven continents. These trips included cruising around South America and into Antarctica, a safari in Africa, and a trip to China, where they walked along the Great Wall and cruised down the Yangtze. They especially loved traveling in Europe, and were scheduled to be there at the time of her death.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Amanda, and her parents, Ruben and Dorothy. She is survived by her husband, David; her brother, Michael Kuratli (Donna); a niece, Alice Hayes; a nephew, Charlie Hayes; three goddaughters; and two cats.

Her life can be summed up by a line paraphrased from one of her favorite Broadway musicals, "La Cage aux Folles" — "She put herself last so that you can be first."

If you choose, in lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her memory to your favorite charity.

Jerold Richard 'Jerry' VanderPool

Warrenton
April 3, 1941 — Oct. 3, 2018



Jerold Richard "Jerry" VanderPool, 77, of Warrenton, died on Oct. 3, 2018 in Astoria.

He was born on April 3, 1941 in Bakersfield, California, the son of Benjamin and Kathleen De Loney VanderPool.

Jerry was raised in Bakersfield and later earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Redlands in California. He then served in the Air Force as an air commando, and saw duty in Vietnam before his honorable discharge in 1963.

He then went on to a career as a police officer with the Bakersfield Police Department, and retired in 1997 with the rank of sergeant. He had also worked as a 911 dispatcher and as a tour guide for the state of California at the Hearst Castle in San Simeon, California.

Jerry was a master mason and member of the Thaddeus Sherman Masonic Lodge No. 196 in Paso Robles, California.

Jerry was especially proud of his restored 1966 Sunbeam Tiger, and he had many friends in the Sunbeam community.

After moving to Warrenton, Oregon, in 2005, he became active in the community as a volunteer at the Columbia River Maritime Museum, donating over 1,000 hours of his time.

In addition to his wife, Marlene, he is survived by his son, Jerry, and his wife, Angela, of Boise, Idaho; son, Jan, and his wife, Sioux, of Bakersfield, California; and grandchildren, Jerry and Eva, also of Boise, Idaho.

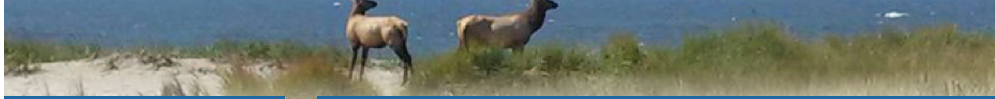
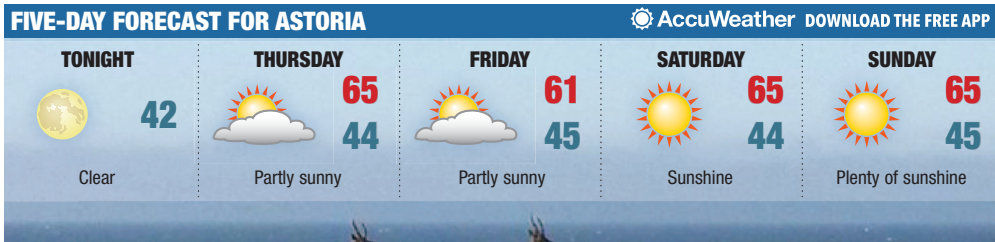
By his prior request, there will be no public formal memorial service.

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, OR., 97103.

Please sign our online guest book and share a memory at OceanViewAstoria.com



Jerold VanderPool



ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures
High/Low 60°/49°
Normal high/low 63°/45°
Record high 82° in 1936
Record low 31° in 1985

Precipitation
Tuesday 0.01"
Month to date 2.93"
Normal month to date 1.16"
Year to date 41.61"
Normal year to date 41.40"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 6:39 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 7:27 a.m.
Moonrise today 9:01 a.m.
Moonset today 7:57 p.m.

First Full Last New
Oct 16 Oct 24 Oct 31 Nov 7

REGIONAL WEATHER

Shows tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

ASTORIA 42/65
Tillamook 38/67
Portland 44/70
Salem 41/70
Newport 44/64
Lebanon 38/71
Eugene 38/71
Coos Bay 43/67
Roseburg 42/72
Medford 40/73
Brookings 50/74
Astland 40/71
The Dalles 37/66
Pendleton 33/60
John Day 30/58
Baker 25/58
Burns 21/57
Ontario 37/63
La Grande 31/57
Salem 68/44
Vancouver 67/42
Spokane 62/44
Springfield 67/36
Yakima 61/33
Seattle 68/41
Olympia 63/39
Portland 68/44
Roseburg 67/42
Salem 68/41
Spokane 62/44
Springfield 67/36
Yakima 61/33

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	55	25	c	58	23	s
Bend	55	28	pc	58	32	s
Brookings	65	50	s	70	49	s
Eugene	68	38	pc	71	37	s
Ilwaco	60	46	pc	64	48	pc
Klamath Falls	59	28	pc	61	28	s
Medford	70	40	s	73	40	s
Newberg	67	42	pc	70	41	s
Newport	59	44	pc	64	45	s
North Bend	62	44	s	68	46	s
Olympia	63	39	pc	61	38	pc
Pendleton	56	33	c	60	37	s
Portland	68	44	pc	70	44	s
Roseburg	67	42	pc	72	41	s
Salem	68	41	pc	70	41	s
Seaside	62	44	pc	66	45	pc
Spokane	56	33	c	57	38	pc
Springfield	67	36	pc	71	36	s
Vancouver	66	41	pc	68	41	s
Yakima	61	33	pc	64	34	s

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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

Winnemah 44/24
Yellowknife 37/20
Churchill 32/21
St. John's 42/30
Hallifax 51/49
Montreal 61/49
Toronto 50/41
Chicago 42/29
Washington 60/58
New York 76/61
Los Angeles 72/58
San Francisco 69/52
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