

Port: Hopes a public-private partnership can help provide funds

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Vehicle traffic on the causeway has been closed for several years. The Port closed it to pedestrians after dire warnings from the state bridge engineer, Bruce Johnson, that inspectors found significant rot in many of the timbers holding the structure up. Some of the problems stem from the untreated timbers Port staff used to repair the causeway several years ago — repairs Johnson said are already rotting.

Densmore hauled out at the East Mooring Basin in the 1970s and has been there continuously since 1996.

“I’ve paid more than \$60,000 in moorage since bringing my boat down from Alaska,” Densmore said. “It all goes into the general fund and elsewhere. They’ve known there was a problem here for years and it hasn’t been fixed.”

Vessels relocated

The marina was home to about 20 vessels generating an estimated \$40,000 a year in revenue before the causeway’s closure. Staff have relocated



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Dave Densmore, left, and Renee Ruscoe have been using a skiff to reach the boat they live on in the East Mooring Basin.

five vessels to the West Mooring Basin, where the Port has reported a waiting list of more than 100 boats trying to get in.

Ruscoe and Densmore plan to stay at the East Mooring Basin as long as the Port keeps the power on. They are also encouraging other boat owners not to leave, worried the diminishing fishing presence at the marina could be blotted out

entirely.

Steve Hammond, owner of the tuna boat Charlotte B, lives in Shelton, Washington, and has moored at the East Mooring Basin since 2002. He was called the morning before Thanksgiving about the closure.

Hammond has been trying to sell his boat, but said it’s difficult getting buyers out to the docks for viewing. He has

looked at moving his vessel to Westport, Washington, but said most of his business is in Oregon.

Nearby marinas want significantly more money than what Hammond pays the Port, he said.

“I think that’s pretty illegal, barring access to a boat you pay moorage for,” Hammond said. “I have talked to some other

tenants. Everyone seems to be afraid to make a ripple in the water.”

The state has offered to detail the most critical repairs needed to reopen the causeway to at least foot traffic, said Jim Knight, the Port’s executive director. But the Port is perpetually low on money and loathe to throw more at the failing causeway, which staff estimates will take \$4 million to completely overhaul.

Private partner

The Port is hoping a public-private partnership can help provide the money to improve the causeway and revitalize the East Mooring Basin. The marina was originally built as part of a post-World War II employment program to add moorage on the lower Columbia, with plans for upward of 1,000 slips.

Floyd Holcom, the owner of the Pier 39 commercial waterfront complex next to the East Mooring Basin, has long looked to build a private marina. He and architect Nik Sernande recently approached the Port about leasing the entire

basin under Fishermens Wharf — Astoria. The company wants to expand the marina slips and develop floating homes, retail and eventually a cruise ship terminal along the jetty, owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The company is still developing a master plan, but wants to work with the Port to fix the causeway in the interim, Sernande said.

The East Mooring Basin was recently included in a federal opportunity zone meant for attracting investment from stashed capital gains. It was also recently added to the Clatsop Enterprise Zone offering property tax abatement for new development.

“This is an opportunity zone, so we would want to really take advantage of that,” Sernande said. “There’s a lot of capital gains out there that really need to get reinvested in this area.”

But investors need to understand what the investment will entail, their equity in the project and the Port’s role, he said. “We have to put together a plan that works for all parties,” he said.

Blueprints: ‘It’s been fun to see the little buzz they’ve created’

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He decided to pull out the schematics and show them to Ratty, who he said was immediately intrigued. After confirming they could be significant, he donated them to the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum. “It’s been fun to

see the little buzz they’ve created,” Proctor said. “It’s very nice to see that they will be well cared for.”

While clearly old, it’s unlikely the schematics are the original drawings, as there are outlines around the prints that make them appear like copies. But they could be the schemat-

ics used at the construction site in 1880, with evidence of coffee stains and burn marks from being held up to candlelight.

The schematics are significant because they confirm questions historians have had about the landmark for years. Very few records were kept about the early days of the

lighthouse.

For example, the lighthouse today has portholes, but the drawings show the original lighthouse had regular windows — possibly blown out by rough winter storms. The lighthouse today is made with limestone from a recent renovation — the drawings show

the original structure was built with granite from a quarry in southeastern Oregon.

The most satisfying confirmation, however, was the signature.

“It has always been thought to be Gillespie, but other than some references from the Bureau of Lighthouses, I’ve

never seen a plan with his name on it,” Trucke said.

Trucke is now working on getting the proper type of light box to display the schematics in the museum, and hopes to scan them and put them online for everyone to see.

“This makes history tangible for people,” Trucke said.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE														Evening listings THURSDAY	
THURSDAY EVENING														NOVEMBER 29	
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! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Olaf's Frozen	Toy Story	Holiday Celebration Kick off the holiday season with Disney magic moments. (N)				News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Olaf's Frozen	Toy Story	Holiday Celebration Kick off the holiday season with Disney magic moments. (N)				KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel		
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Jurassic Lego (N)	Jurassic Lego (N)	Will & Grace (N)	I Feel Bad (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Alta Kockers" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Mom (N)	Murphy Brown (N)	S.W.A.T. "Day Off" (N)		News (N)	(3:35) Colbert (N)		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Mom (N)	Murphy Brown (N)	S.W.A.T. "Day Off" (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)	(3:35) Colbert (N)		
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Jurassic Lego (N)	Jurassic Lego (N)	Will & Grace (N)	I Feel Bad (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Alta Kockers" (N)		News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show		
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "Unhuman Nature" (N)		Legacies "Malivore" (N)		News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10	KOPB	(10) Destination Craft	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Revealed: The Explore the waters of Oregon.		Petty/Heartbreakers (N)				Rick Steves' European Festivals			
12	KPTV	(12) (5:20) NFL Football New Orleans Saints at Dallas Cowboys Site: AT&T Stadium -- Arlington, Texas (L)				Prime News (N)	Prime News (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV		
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)		Prime News (N)		Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game		
13	KCPQ	(13) (5:20) NFL Football New Orleans Saints at Dallas Cowboys Site: AT&T Stadium -- Arlington, Texas (L)				Gameday		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		Talkin' Huskies (N)	The Simpsons		
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Guest Book	Seinfeld		
22	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom		Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
29	ESPN	(29) (4:30) 30 for 30 (N)	MLS Soccer Playoffs Portland Timbers at Sporting Kansas City Site: Children's Mercy Park (L)			SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)			
30	ESPN2	(30) Poker World Series		Poker World Series		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	Interruption	Marty & McGee (N)		30 for 30 "The Last Days of Knight" (N)			
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	★ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows ('16) Noel Fisher, Alan Ritchson.				Friends Pt. 1 of 2			
32	DISN	(32) Coop & Cami	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home		
34	FAM	(34) (3:30) The Holiday	(34) ★★ A Christmas Carol ('09) Voices of Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, Jim Carrey.			(34) ★★ The Santa Clause (1994, Comedy) Judge Reinhold, Wendy Crewson, Tim Allen.						The 700 Club			
35	FMC	(35) (4:40) ★★ Interstellar ('14) Anne Hathaway, Matthew McConaughey.				(35) ★★ Interstellar (2014, Sci-Fi) Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain, Matthew McConaughey.				(35) Dear Secret Santa (2013, Drama) Jordin Sparks, Bill Cobbs, Tatyana Ali.		(35) FXM Presents			
36	LIFE	(36) Snowed-In Christmas ('17, Rom) Andrew Walker, Tasha Smith, Bethany Joy Lenz.				Dear Santa (2011, Drama) Gina Holden, Emma Duke, Amy Acker.				(36) The Fantasy Football Hour (N)		Race of Lives			
38	ROOT	(38) (5:00) NCAA Basketball Valp./UNLV	NCAA Basketball North Dakota State at Gonzaga			Press Pass (N)	Press Pass					UF Weigh-In "Dos Anjos vs. Usman"	2018 U.S. Open		
39	FS1	(39) (4:00) MLS Soccer	UF Weigh-In "Dos Anjos vs. Usman"	Main Event (N)		Speak for Yourself		TMZ Sports (N)	Herd for the Holidays						
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★ ★ ★ Twister (1996, Action) Bill Paxton, Jami Gertz, Helen Hunt.			
44	COM	(44) (1:15) The Office	(44) (5:00) The Office "The Alliance"	(44) (2:5) The Office		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office		
45	HIST	(45) Amer. Pickers "Something Weird Here"	American Pickers	Space Ranger		American Pickers	High Flying Pick	Amer. Pickers "Lone Star Pickin'" (N)		(45) Amer. Pickers "Hard Bargain Picks"		(45) Amer. Pickers "Mad as a Picker"			
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Standing Ground"	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol		Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	(46) PD Cam	(46) PD Cam		
47	TLC	(47) 90 Day Fiance "Flirting With Disaster"				7 Little Johnstons	"Love Stings"	7 Little Johnstons	"Jonah's Grad-itude"	7 Little Johnstons	"Jonah's Grad-itude"	7 Little Johnstons	"Fish Balls"		
48	DISC	(48) OfftheGridWindyMoun.		White Mountain		Building Off/Grid		Building Off Grid		Building Off Grid		Building Off the Grid: Alaska			
49	NGEO	(49) Drugs, Inc. "Manic Molly"		Lockdown "Officers Under Siege"		Lockdown "Women Behind Bars"		Hard Time "Breaking In" (P) (N)		Lockdown "Gang Central"		Lockdown "Women Behind Bars"			
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Golden State vs Toronto (L)		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Sacramento Kings Site: Golden 1 Center -- Sacramento, Calif. (L)		★ ★ ★ The Polar Express ('04) Voices of Leslie Zemeckis, Eddie Deezen, Tom Hanks.		★ ★ ★ The Polar Express ('04) Voices of Leslie Zemeckis, Eddie Deezen, Tom Hanks.		Inside the NBA (L)		NBA Basketball Golden State vs Toronto			
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) Ice Age: The Meltdown		★ ★ ★ The Polar Express ('04) Voices of Leslie Zemeckis, Eddie Deezen, Tom Hanks.		NCIS "Freedom"		NCIS "Exit Strategy"		NCIS "Skeleton Crew"		Dirty John "Approachable Dreams"			
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Recruited"		NCIS "Freedom"		NCIS "Twofer"		NCIS "Exit Strategy"		Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play		
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Play	Beat Bobby Play	Chopped "Wild Game Plan"		Cookie Challenge "Crafty Christmas"		Christmas Cookie Challenge		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters		
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	FlipFlop ATL (N)	FlipFlop ATL (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters		
56	FX	(56) ★ ★ ★ The Night Before ('15) Seth Rogen, Anthony Mackie, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.		★ ★ Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates ('16) Anna Kendrick, Zac Efron.		★ ★ Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates ('16) Anna Kendrick, Zac Efron.		★ ★ Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates ('16) Anna Kendrick, Zac Efron.		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
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		Profit "An Inside Look: Maarse Flowers"		The Profit "Elison Eyewear"		The Profit "Tumbledeavor Tiny Homes"		The Profit "A. Stein Meat Products"		Paid Program	Paid Program		
63	BRAV	(63) Real Housewives "Reunion Part One"		Shahs of Sunset "A Very MJ Wedding"		Shahs of Sunset "Reunion Part One" 1/2		Shahs of Sunset "Reunion Part Two" (N)		Shahs of Sunset "Reunion Part Two"		Watch What (N)	Housewives Atl.		
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Charade ('63, Susp) Cary Grant.		(15) ★ ★ ★ ★ Twelve Angry Men ('57, Dra) Lee J. Cobb, E.G. Marshall, Henry Fonda.		(15) ★ ★ ★ ★ The Big Heat ('53) Gloria Grahame, Alexander Scourby, Glenn Ford.		(15) ★ ★ ★ ★ The Big Heat ('53) Gloria Grahame, Alexander Scourby, Glenn Ford.		The Great Train Robbery Sean Connery.		The Great Train Robbery Sean Connery.			
65	SYFY	(65) (4:40) The Addams Family		★ ★ Bruce Almighty ('03, Com/Dra) Morgan Freeman, Jennifer Aniston, Jim Carrey.		★ ★ Men in Black (1997, Sci-Fi) Tommy Lee Jones, Vincent D'Onofrio, Will Smith.		★ ★ Men in Black (1997, Sci-Fi) Tommy Lee Jones, Vincent D'Onofrio, Will Smith.		Men in Black II (2002, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.		Men in Black II (2002, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.			
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery (N)	Small Town (N)	Rural America "Live" "5 CR Trailers" (N)		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Grown	GFA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library			

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