



Beach Formal

THE LOGAN FINK AND CHRIS RUSSELL WEDDING

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When Logan Fink and Chris Russell got married in Cannon Beach on Aug. 31, 2018, the Surfsand Resort handled most of the details, allowing the men to focus on enjoying their special day, which had about 80 people in attendance and was just “the right amount of crazy,” according to Logan.

The couple was introduced about six years ago by Logan’s now sister-in-law, who was dating his brother at the time and working with Chris. The engagement began with an extravagant proposal at the Seattle Aquarium, where Chris worked, on May 17, 2017. The venue combined Logan’s affinity for maritime culture with Chris’ work at the aquarium with harbor seals. The proposal set up took the help of a multitude of friends and family members. Logan’s sister, who was living in Peru at the time, embroidered the slip containing Logan’s proposal. That was enclosed inside a bottle of algae and set afloat in the seal exhibit. Chris, unaware of the contents, sent one of the seals to fetch the bottle, while Logan sneaked into the exhibit for the answer to his proposal. After saying yes, “Chris wanted to get back to work immediately,” Logan joked.

Shortly after the engagement, the couple visited Cannon Beach over Memorial Day weekend — a tradition for Chris and his family. For Logan, it was his first time visiting the

Oregon north coast and he was drawn to the quaint tourist town.

“There wasn’t one thing I loved most about it,” he said. While he did not immediately know it was the right choice for their wedding destination, he recognized it was a place he “wanted to spend more time and have connection to.”

The couple had more than a year to plan the event. Since both men are employed in demanding jobs in the Seattle area, Logan in the IT industry and Chris as a marine mammal trainer, the timeframe worked well for the couple.

“We took our time, just because we both work way too hard,” Chris said, adding they also are taking their time to plan the honeymoon. >>

“We were super vulnerable with each other,” and our loved ones were present to witness it.”