

State care for elderly and disabled needs improvement

Associated Press

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Human Services still has significant work remaining on most recommendations in a state audit of the agency's program that provides in-home care to the aging and disabled people.

That's the conclusion of a followup report that the Secretary of State's office released Tuesday about work done since the original audit, which was released in October 2017, the Salem Statesman Journal reported.

The audit had found shortcomings in the Aging and People with Disabilities Program, which served about 13,230 people in 2017 through its consumer-employed provider service. The program allows participants to hire their homecare worker.

In a statement, Secretary of State Dennis Richardson said his office is encouraged by the progress but "there is still more work

to be done to ensure aging adults and people with disabilities are safely receiving the care they need."

The audit made 11 recommendations. Work on seven of those have started, but remain incomplete. The other four recommendations have been fully put in place.

Ashley Carson Cottingham, the director of the Aging and People with Disabilities program, said the audit was valuable for improving the program.

"Through the recommended changes, we've been able to strengthen key components of the program around safety and are working hard to finalize the remaining planned improvements for consumers who opt to use the program," she said in a statement.

Unfinished work includes establishing minimum home-care worker training requirements, putting a new model for the home-care worker program in place that reduces

the workload of staff, and developing a skills assessment for home-care workers.

The recommendations aren't yet in place for a variety of reasons, the report said.

For example, state lawmakers passed Senate Bill 1534, which requires the department to put minimum training standards in place for homecare workers by 2020. The department has put together a workgroup and its proposal is in the rule-making process.

The auditor's recommendation for a new model for managing the homecare worker program to reduce workloads is considered a long-term goal and may require input from lawmakers, the report said.

The agency has put recommendations in place that include training for case managers to recognize when consumers need more help and monitoring the care they receive and contacts with staff.

Port of Columbia County site signs sale agreement with Shell

By CHLOE SKAAR
The Daily News

LONGVIEW, Wash. — The proponent of a \$1 billion renewable diesel fuel project near Clatskanie has announced it has signed an agreement with petroleum giant Shell to buy renewable diesel, another step in what still is a long road to construction of the plant.

NEXT Renewable Fuels also announced last week that it wants the plant, which would produce 13.3 million barrels of biodiesel annually, operating by 2021.

Biodiesel is made from cooking oils, animal tallow and seed and vegetable oils.

Lou Soumas, CEO of Waterside Energy, which owns NEXT, said Shell asked not to reveal the time length of the agreement.

The plant would be located on Port of St. Helens-owned property at Port Westward, but NEXT still is negotiating a lease with the port. Three other energy companies have signed similar purchase agreements, said the port's executive director, Doug Hayes, but he declined to name them because the companies are

expected to make their own announcements later this week.

Soumas said the renewable diesel produced at the site can be used in existing fuel stations, making the product attractive to nationwide companies such as Shell.

"(The fuel) can run in the same vehicles as petroleum," Soumas said. "It allows them not to have to worry about changing stations."

Soumas said NEXT would produce 37,500 barrels of biodiesel a day, mainly transporting it on ships. Railroad use would be minimal, Soumas said, and most of the rail traffic to the site would involve carrying construction supplies. He also said there won't be use of any long unit trains, meaning the rail cars would be attached to existing trains instead of increasing the number of trains to Port Westward.

Next hasn't signed a lease with the port, but it already is paying the port \$15,000 a month until a lease is signed, Hayes said. Hayes said he expects the lease to be signed within a year.

In addition to the lease, the project depends on the Port of St. Helens rezoning the land from agriculture to industrial use. The Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals is hearing an appeal from Columbia Riverkeeper about rezoning the land; the rezoning has attracted opposition from the area and area conservationists.

In December, the appeals board turned the rezoning decision back to Columbia County, citing a lack of clear planning from the port and failed arguments from Riverkeeper. Riverkeeper again appealed that action, and Hayes said the port will get its chance to better define the purpose of rezoning after the board makes a decision with the new appeal.

"They have to submit their oral arguments by this week," Hayes said. "Once we hear the results of that ... we would anticipate a lease within the next year."

Hayes said the project could mean up to \$11 million in extra revenue for the port annually. Hayes also said the NEXT project would employ 200 full-time workers and create 1,000 jobs to build it.

Port Commission approves contract to dismantle abandoned vessel

The Daily Astorian

The Port of Astoria Commission has approved a \$25,000 contract to have Big River Construction dismantle the vessel John Muir.

The agency was recently granted a \$41,000 judgment against Marvin Olson, a Colorado resident and owner of the 1976 wooden sailboat, over haul-out, storage and sal-

vage fees after the vessel was abandoned at North Tongue Point.

Matt McGrath, operations manager at the Port, said the agency has all the state permits in place to dismantle the vessel.

The Port also announced the lineup of an ad-hoc committee recently created to help evaluate the financial needs of the agency and possible solutions. The commit-

tee will include Walt Postlewait, an executive vice president at lender Craft3; marine engineer Bill Young; former financial representative John Lansing; regional U.S. Bank President Kevin LaCoste; Englund Marine & Industrial Supply Finance Director Jeremy Davis; and Kevin Leahy, executive director of Clatsop Economic Development Resources.

Yacht Club presents Rich

The Daily Astorian

Astoria Yacht Club's Winter Education series continues in February with a presentation by Steve Rich of Englund Marine & Industrial Supply from

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Yacht Club room upstairs, 300 Industry St.

Rich's years of experience at the electronics counter of Englund Marine gives him unique

insights into this changing field. He will give an update on the current state of the art for marine electronics and a preview of the things he sees for the future, followed by a question and answer session.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA AccuWeather DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	46 28	45 33	41 24	40 29
Cloudy and cold	Mostly cloudy and chilly	Mostly cloudy, chilly; a little p.m. rain	Mostly cloudy, showers around; chilly	Cold with times of clouds and sun

ALMANAC REGIONAL WEATHER

Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

High/low	41°/28°
Normal high/low	51°/37°
Record high	65° in 1941
Record low	9° in 1989

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Month to date	1.12"
Normal month to date	1.34"
Year to date	6.05"
Normal year to date	11.54"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	5:27 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday	7:31 a.m.
Moonrise today	8:42 a.m.
Moonset today	7:25 p.m.

Feb 12, Feb 19, Feb 26, Mar 6

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The bright eclipsing variable star Algol is in one of its periodic dimming, magnitude 3.4 instead of its usual 2.1.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	High	Low	Time	Low
3:09 a.m.	8.2 ft.	8:56 a.m.	2.5 ft.	
2:35 p.m.	8.5 ft.	9:10 p.m.	0.3 ft.	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	72 62 c	78 54 pc
Boston	38 33 s	42 38 r
Chicago	37 32 c	44 8 r
Denver	31 -2 sn	22 8 pc
Des Moines	31 20 i	21 -3 sn
Detroit	39 33 i	52 23 r
El Paso	64 33 c	53 27 s
Fairbanks	14 5 pc	22 11 c
Honolulu	81 68 c	81 66 pc
Indianapolis	55 44 r	62 15 r
Kansas City	31 18 i	19 3 s
Las Vegas	50 32 pc	49 31 s
Los Angeles	56 40 c	60 40 s
Memphis	73 67 r	71 26 t
Miami	79 67 pc	79 69 pc
Nashville	71 65 sh	76 29 pc
New Orleans	78 66 c	78 53 pc
New York	44 38 pc	47 42 sh
Oklahoma City	46 25 c	34 15 pc
Philadelphia	46 42 r	53 46 sh
St. Louis	47 44 r	52 11 r
Salt Lake City	30 19 sn	31 13 pc
San Francisco	55 39 s	55 44 s
Seattle	37 22 pc	40 28 c
Washington, DC	56 50 r	62 53 c

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

Temperature bands: -10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

A new scale will measure 'atmospheric rivers' on West Coast

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Scientists in California are introducing a scale to measure "atmospheric rivers," the weather phenomenon that can dump massive quantities of Pacific Ocean water on the West Coast, carrying it through the air from as far

away as Hawaii. The Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego announced Tuesday that the 1-through-5 scale will characterize the strength of atmospheric rivers from "weak" to "exceptional." Under the system, an atmospheric river in January

2017 would have been category 4 — or "extreme" — because it persisted for 36 hours and produced up to 14 inches of rain in the Sierra Nevada. Scripps says it's similar to scales that gauge hurricane, wind, or tornado intensity and could aid flood response and water management.

OBITUARIES

Winifred 'Wini' Doran Portland Jan. 2, 1919 — Jan. 22, 2019

Winifred "Wini" Doran was born in Brookfield, Washington, on Jan. 2, 1919. She lived in Astoria, Oregon, and graduated from Astoria High School.

On Nov. 2, 1940, she married Donald Doran, who died on May 24, 2006.

She worked for the Port

of Astoria for 17 years. Wini enjoyed cooking, entertaining and playing bridge. Wini and Don lived in San Diego and Long Beach, California, for many years, as well as American Samoa and Puerto Rico, where her husband was employed by Van Camp Seafood Co. and

Ralston Purina Co. She was a member of St. John Fisher Catholic Church. She is survived by her sister, Frances Crandall (George), and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service was held at Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

MEMORIAL

Saturday, Feb. 9

CARLSON, Donald R. and Frances Marie (Thomas) "Peggy" — Celebration of life and reception, 2 p.m., Washington Land Yacht Harbor Harmony Hall, 9101 Steilacoom Road S.E., Olympia, Washington.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., work session on homelessness fund,

Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.
Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

THURSDAY
Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 0-8-0-3
4 p.m.: 8-7-9-2
7 p.m.: 9-1-7-6
10 p.m.: 3-0-4-2

Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 2-7-10-13-17-22-25-29
Estimated jackpot: \$39,000
Tuesday's Mega Millions: 3-34-36-59-66, Mega Ball: 7
Estimated jackpot: \$157 million

WASHINGTON
Tuesday's Daily Game: 8-6-8
Tuesday's Keno: 02-05-11-16-17-23-24-33-34-40-43-46-48-57-67-70-75-77-78-80
Tuesday's Match 4: 04-06-09-14

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