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EATING OUT

North Coast eateries adapt amid pandemic

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It can be sunny and beautiful outside but as we're still amidst the coronavirus pandemic, there's concern about eating indoors — even at cafes, bakeries and bistros. Many of us have been trying take-out or delivery but sometimes we just want to feel a little more normal. Luckily, some restaurants have outdoor seating, whether already outfitted with decks and patios or making use of parking lots, sidewalks and closed streets. Here are some of those restaurants in north Clatsop County with open-air dining.

Astoria

Astoria is making good use of its outdoor spaces.

There's always the fun-for-kids Bowpicker at 16th and Duane streets. Line up outside and order from a real boat to get your unremarkable tuna fish & chips. Social distance on the sidewalk or at a bit of nearby grass. Heading toward town on the waterfront, Mo's has panoramic views and table service on their riverside deck (no reservations, first come, first served).

You can still get your coffee fix, sandwiches and salads at Street 14 Café. Pre-order your items online (street14cafe.com) for pick-up and commandeer one of their sidewalk picnic tables strewn along Commercial Street, as well as 14th Street. Across the street, on the corner of Marine Drive, it's fresh seafood at Northwest Wild Products and Hurricane Ron's where outdoor seating charmingly attempts other-than-the-sidewalk setting with plants and flowers.

Crossing Marine Drive, you can perch on nearby steps or stand to enjoy your French fries or cones from Frite & Scoop. Also found on the waterfront are Astoria

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TOP: Customers sit outside Astoria Coffeehouse & Bistro. ABOVE: Customers sit at the entrance of Buoy Beer Co., while an employee works to the side. BELOW: Bowpicker Fish & Chips.

