

IN BRIEF

Coast Guard rescues people, crab from boat off Gearhart

Four people and 9,000 pounds of crab were rescued about 3 miles off the Gearhart coast on Wednesday.

At about 4:40 p.m., U.S. Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment learned that a 40-foot vessel had experienced a transmission failure while out to sea.

The station sent out a motor lifeboat that towed the disabled vessel to the Warrenton Marina, mooring it at about 9:15 p.m.

Fishing boat owner fined for negligence

The owner of a commercial fishing boat has been fined \$5,000 by the U.S. Coast Guard for negligence that nearly caused a two-vessel collision on the Columbia River on Monday morning.

The owner was traveling outbound before sunrise in a 48-foot fishing boat near Buoy No. 8. Without warning, the vessel sailed across the bow of the inbound Grand Race, a 587-foot-long cargo ship, to move from the Oregon to the Washington state side of the river's navigation channel.

State discloses virus cases at local schools

The Oregon Health Authority has disclosed two new coronavirus cases at schools in Clatsop County.

Both cases were from Seaside Middle School, according to the health authority's weekly outbreak report. One was a student and the other was a staff member.

The health authority, meanwhile, reported two new virus cases for the county on Thursday. Since the pandemic began, the county had recorded 2,629 virus cases as of Thursday.

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DEATHS

Dec. 2, 2021

ANDERSON, Catherine Jean, 72, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Dec. 1, 2021

CHRISTENSEN, Mary Lee, 93, of Medford, died in Medford. Litwiler-Simonsen Funeral Home of Ashland is in charge of the arrangements.

Nov. 30, 2021

SNYDER, Florence Ellen Melissa, 71, of Hammond, died in Hammond. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Nov. 25, 2021

PATTERSON, MaryAnn, 93, of Eugene, formerly of Astoria, died in Eugene. Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Cottage Grove is in charge of the arrangements.

ON THE RECORD

Attempted assault

• Toni Lee Ramvick, 37, of Astoria, was indicted on Nov. 18 for attempted assault in the second degree, unlawful use of a weapon and menacing constituting domestic violence. The alleged crimes occurred the previous week.

Theft

• Darcy Juanice Ketchum, 53, of Eugene, was arrested on Thursday at Walmart in Warrenton for theft in the second degree. She was found to have a statewide felony warrant for her arrest.

• Tyler August Riekkola, 31, of Astoria, and Cheyenne Raylean Parker, 19, of Warrenton, were arrested on Tuesday for theft in the second

degree and criminal mischief in the third degree after allegedly shoplifting at Walmart in Warrenton. Riekkola was also charged with harassment. The pair hid in the woods near the store and were arrested at gunpoint in the east-end parking lot.

• Jana Vorasicky, 40, of Astoria, was arrested on Nov. 27 at Walmart in Warrenton for theft in the second degree.

DUII

• Curtis Eugene Newman, 46, of Kelso, Washington, was arrested on Wednesday on U.S. Highway 30 near milepost 84 for driving under the influence of intoxicants, driving while suspended and giving false information to an officer.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Clatsop County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee, 10 a.m., (electronic meeting).

Seaside Housing Task Force, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

TUESDAY

Seaside Community Center Commission, 10 a.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A.

Clatsop Care Health District Board, 5 p.m., (electronic meeting).

Astoria Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Clatsop County Fair Board, 5:30 p.m., 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria.

Cannon Beach City Council, 6 p.m., (electronic meeting).

Seaside Planning Commission, 6 p.m., work session, City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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REFLECTION

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Lights at the Astoria Column are reflected on wet pavement on Wednesday.

Jordan Cove: More than a decade in the making

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After several rounds of back-and-forth, Pembina was unable to convince Oregon state regulators that the proposal could meet environmental standards. Last May, Jordan Cove officials announced they were pausing the project to consider their options.

A coalition of affected landowners — plus environmental groups, tribes and the state — appealed to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to rescind its authorization of the Jordan Cove project. When the commission declined, the group appealed to federal court. A recent ruling in the District of Columbia Circuit sent the case back to the commission, which led the commission to ask all parties to submit updated briefs. In particular, the commission asked Pembina to clarify their intentions.

In response, Jordan Cove on Wednesday filed a brief effectively pulling the plug on the project, more than a decade in the making.

“Applicants have undertaken a review of permitting developments and the prospects for obtaining the permits in the future,” according to the brief. “Applicants have now completed this review and have decided not to move forward with the project. Among other considerations, applicants remain concerned regarding their ability to obtain the necessary state permits in the immediate future in addition to other external obstacles.”

Susan Jane Brown is an attorney with the Western

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Environmental Law Center in Eugene, which represented landowners fighting Jordan Cove. She said the decision to abandon the project represents a hard-fought victory for the environmental groups, landowners, tribes and others who have opposed it.

“For all of us that have been working together to fight this project for so long, it’s a huge sigh of relief,” she said. “And in a lot of ways it’s hard to believe that maybe it’s finally true.”

Allie Rosenbluth is the campaigns director at the Phoenix-based environmental group Rogue Climate. She says that, even though a series of regulatory and legal setbacks has made Jordan Cove look increasingly unlikely to actually be built, landowners in the pipeline’s path have had to live with the uncertainty about the future of their land. Now, Rosenbluth said, that’s over.

“Landowners are no longer living under the fear of

having their property seized,” she said. “This project can’t move forward.”

Rosenbluth said the success of the campaign against Jordan Cove shows the power of sustained community action.

“This just attests to the incredible work of landowners, tribes, southern Oregonians and folks on the South Coast who have stood up to this project ... It shows that when our communities come together to stand up for our homes, we can win,” she said.

Jordan Cove closed its public relations operation in

southern Oregon more than a year ago and the company has largely been unresponsive to requests for comment in recent months. An email to both Jordan Cove and Pembina seeking comment on Wednesday did not elicit a response.

Jordan Cove was among a number of LNG projects pitched for Oregon in recent years.

Oregon LNG dropped plans for a \$6 billion terminal and pipeline in Warrenton in 2016 after community opposition and regulatory and financial obstacles. An LNG project at Bradwood Landing east of Astoria collapsed in 2010.

“Congratulations to everyone who’s worked so hard to defeat this horrible proposal,” Cheryl Johnson and Laurie Caplan, the co-chairs of Columbia Pacific Common Sense, said of the Jordan Cove project. “The NO LNGers who defeated two LNG terminals and pipelines proposed for the Columbia River share in your joy!”

“Kudos to fantastic organizing, legal expertise and grassroots perseverance! Celebrate wildly!”

The Astorian contributed to this report.

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