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One side of the Buoy Beer Co. building was caved in after a partial collapse Tuesday night.

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## Portion of Buoy Beer building collapses

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A portion of the Buoy Beer Co. building collapsed over the Columbia River on Tuesday night, causing significant damage but no injuries.

It was not immediately clear what triggered the collapse. No one was known to be in the build-

ing, which houses the popular brewery's restaurant, small-batch brewery, brite tanks, lager tanks and canning line.

David Kroening, the president of Buoy Beer, said in a statement that the building was closed until further notice.

"We are humbled by the overwhelming support from our local community as well as our industry

friends. We feel lucky to live and work in this place and in an industry like ours," he said.

"Thank you for all your kindness while we navigate this situation."

The call to law enforcement about the collapse went out around 6:10 p.m.

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## Port pushes back on state billing

Local agency was charged for media interviews

By ETHAN MYERS  
*The Astorian*

Following years of invoices, the Port of Astoria is pushing back on how the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality bills for a cleanup program.

Over the past two decades, the Port has worked with the state to clean up petroleum contamination along the waterfront that stemmed from the operations of oil companies during the last century. The project — known as AOC4 — reached a consent judgment earlier this year.

When state employees engaged in activities related to the project, including communication, coordination and document review, the Port and others were billed for the time, often at a rate exceeding \$200 an hour.

Will Isom, the Port's executive director, has challenged the Department of Environmental Quality's cost recovery policy many times over the years, particularly around billing for time spent on media interviews, looking at the Port's website and reading articles related to the project.

Isom's frustrations surfaced again after the Port was billed for an interview Anna Coates, the project manager from the Department of Environmental Quality who oversaw AOC4, gave with The Astorian.

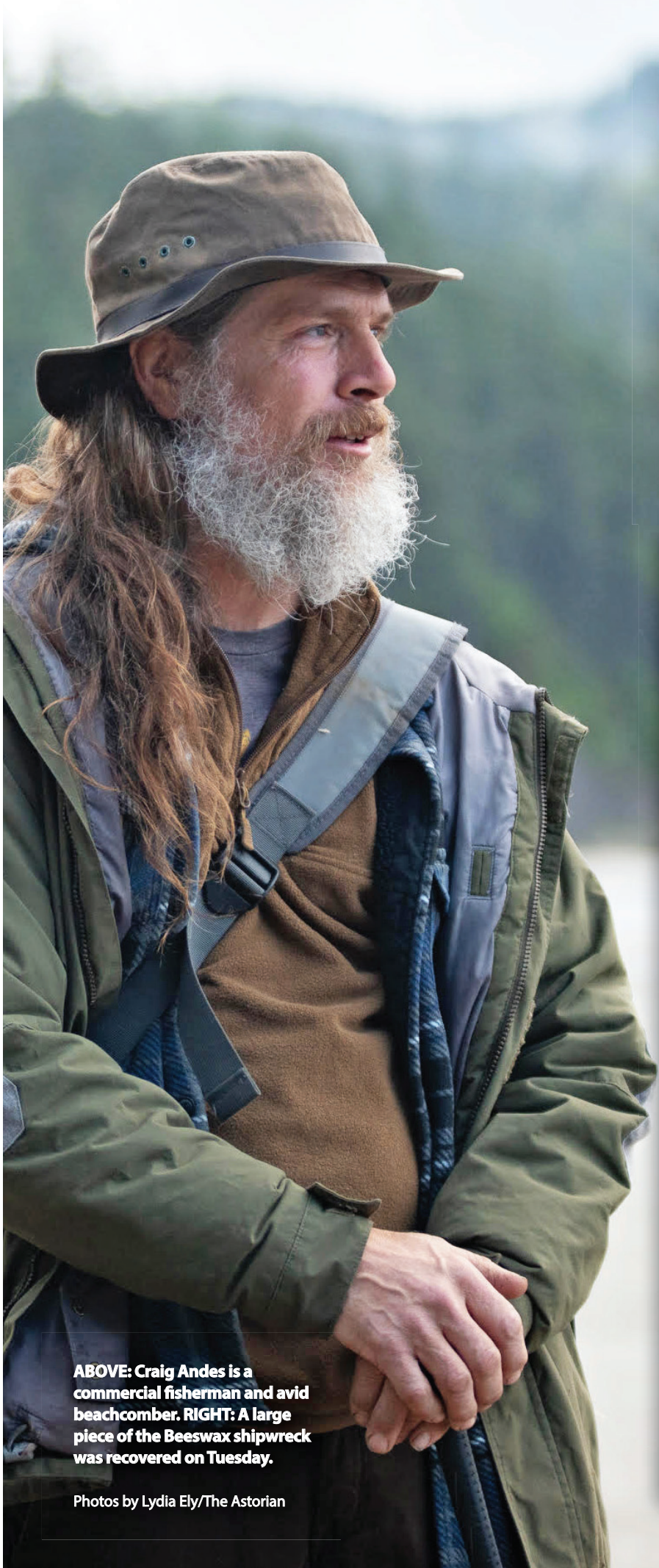
"I have a real problem with it because I don't know where that line stops," he said. "Talking to the media does not directly impact the project or getting the remedial action moving forward ... I just think it's a ridiculous abuse of the authority that DEQ has."

"Again, it's a little bit immaterial for the Port in terms of the total cost, but ... it's bad government."

Isom met virtually last week with several staffers with the Department of Environmental Quality to discuss his objections.

"We want to have a good relationship with DEQ, but it can't feel like we're taken advantage of and just gouged as we try to move this forward," he said.

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ABOVE: Craig Andes is a commercial fisherman and avid beachcomber. RIGHT: A large piece of the Beeswax shipwreck was recovered on Tuesday.

Photos by Lydia Ely/The Astorian

## On the North Coast, a fisherman makes a rare find

Timbers from the Beeswax shipwreck

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
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No one believed Craig Andes when he said he found pieces of a shipwreck that resisted discovery for centuries in sea caves north of Manzanita.

But Andes, a commercial fisherman based in Tillamook County and an avid beachcomber, persisted. Samples of the timbers he found sticking out of the sand in the caves were eventually tested and dated. The timbers are now believed to belong to the wreck of Santo Cristo de Burgos, a Spanish galleon also known as the Beeswax for the valuable wax that formed part of its cargo.

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### MORE ONLINE

Read more on the Beeswax shipwreck and the recovery at National Geographic. [nationalgeographic.com](http://nationalgeographic.com)

## Elevator at Owens-Adair remains out

Service disrupted by power outage

By NICOLE BALES  
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The elevator at Owens-Adair, an affordable housing complex for seniors and people with disabilities, is not expected to be repaired until the end of the month after it failed during a power outage last week.

Residents at Owens-Adair were among the more than 7,400 Asto-

ria area customers affected by the power outage on June 7. While power was restored for most customers within a couple of hours, residents at Owens-Adair have been waiting for repairs to be made to the sole elevator in the four-story, 46-unit complex near downtown.

Jim Evans, the interim director of the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority, which owns the building, told The Astorian that the elevator company conducted a national parts search for the controller needed to restore service to the elevator.

Because of the age of the equipment, a replacement part was not located and a new control module must be fabricated. Evans said

the order has been placed and is expected to be delivered the week of June 27.

To help ease the challenges associated with the elevator outage, Evans said the housing authority has offered to reimburse delivery fees for groceries and medications.

A list of community based resources has been provided to residents, and the housing authority is working with Clatsop Community Action to provide outreach to residents with mobility impairments.

Residents with mobility issues have also been offered first-floor apartments, but Evans said no one has requested to move.

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The sole elevator is out at the Owens-Adair near downtown.

