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Their seats are largely at the Port's East End Mooring Basin, which has two docks for boats, and two unofficially for sea lions, that also cover the rock breakwaters

For several years, the Sea

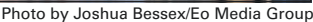


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Sea lions and seals rest on the docks of the East Mooring Basin Tuesday in Astoria.

"I want to talk about sharing on the second biggest river in North America," Ninette Jones, brigade member, told the Port Commis-

Brigade members see sea lions as a scapegoat for larger issues, such as pollution, climate change, overfishing and thousands of miles of blocked fish passages. They've claimed that Sea Shepherd Conservation Society once offered to pay for a sea lion haul-out, although the Port has previously denied being offered funding. Regardless

The Port started shutting down the causeway to the East End Mooring Basin when ODFW is trapping and branding sea lions to track them, a practice authorized in 2012 by NOAA and not as deadly as the euthanasias at Bonneville Dam, but nonetheless controversial.

(East Mooring Basin, Astoria)

Date	Number of Dead Fish
Feb. 11	1,256
Feb. 20	1,649
Mar. 2	1,211
Mar. 20	2,340

Source: Wash. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

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Sall said a visitor to the basin had been approached by a branding protester. The visitor then approached and harassed the ODFW employee, she said, before threatening to grab a shotgun and shoot her. Sall said ODFW reported the incident to the Oregon State Police, which couldn't be reached for comment by press time.

He went back to farming and also served on the state's land-use commission.

An advertisement for The East Oregonian's new Capital Bureau. The background is a light blue gradient. On the left, there is a small image of the Oregon State Capitol dome. The text "While other newspapers give you less, The East Oregonian" is written in a black serif font at the top left. Below it, the words "GIVES YOU" are in large, bold, red sans-serif capital letters, and "MORE" is in large, bold, black sans-serif capital letters. On the right, there is a circular inset photo of three people: a man with glasses and a mustache, a woman with brown hair, and a man with a beard. Below the main text, a dark blue banner contains the text "Our new" in white, "CAPITAL BUREAU" in white bold sans-serif capital letters, and "covers the state for you" in white. At the bottom right, in a smaller white font, it says "From left: Peter Wong, Hillary Borrud, Mateusz Perkowski".