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'LOCAL FISH FOR LOCAL PEOPLE'

Federated Seafood seeks to put fish in the pantries and freezers of Florence

STORY & PHOTOS
BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

Florence has deep historic and cultural traditions which are centered around a close relationship with the Pacific Ocean and the Siuslaw River. Salmon, crab and tuna have been fished in these waters for millennia, first by Native Americans and later by settlers.

The times when numerous fishing vessels called Florence home and fished its on a regular basis are now mostly the stuff of old photos and an occasional opportunity to buy tuna or salmon from a passing fishing vessel.

In addition, the dangers inherent in fishing the ocean along the Oregon coast and the treacherous sand bars at the North Jetty, which guards the pathway to the Pacific,



Federated Seafood's owner Sam Shragge (above), his partner Emily Campo and their team prepare to go to sea from the Port of Siuslaw to fish for albacore tuna and Dungeness crab.

have been impediments to establishing a permanent, vibrant fishing fleet at the Port of Siuslaw for years. The lack of proper maintenance

of the channel and the strong riptides that are created by the jetty are always dangerous and often un-navigable.

These dangers were brought home to the Florence community earlier this year when Amber and Kyle Novelli, members of a local fishing family, were lost at sea while fishing during difficult weather conditions.

Sometimes, however, people feel the call to the sea and its bounty.

One newer resident to the Florence fishing community, Samuel Shragge, has decided to make the financial and personal commitment to return fishing and the production of seafood products to local prominence.

"I offer 'local fish for local people,'" he said.

Shragge moved to Florence two years ago to start a home-based business that was centered around his love for the ocean.

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Public Art Committee begins work on a Master Art Plan

BY MARK BRENNAN
SIUSLAW NEWS

The Florence Public Art Committee (PAC) met remotely for its regular session on Nov. 30. The committee is tasked with providing information and direction to the Florence City Council regarding ways that public art can be promoted and displayed around town.

The work previously done by PAC has received mixed reviews from the city council and community members, and the future of the committee has been clouded by changes in funding, support levels and the enthusiasm of committee members.

The recent presentations made by all city committees and commissions to the council, at a Nov. 16 meeting, detailed the work PAC has done in the past few years, while providing data which supports the premise that public art translates directly into economic benefits for the city.

One way that PAC and city staff have decided to improve the public perception of the work they do is by increasing the opportunities for community input earlier in the process of selecting and placing art in public spaces.

To that end, the main discussions of the meeting centered around the creation of a revised master plan for the city's future art related decisions.

At Monday's meeting, Chairperson Harlen Springer welcomed members, City Recorder Kelli Weese and Economic Development Catalyst Sarah Moehrke to the meeting, and, after a slight delay to establish a quorum, took role with PAC members Christine Santiago, Patty Williams and Karl Engel absent.

Springer has been the lead personality and at times a lightning rod for PAC since its inception, leading the group through the establishment of the committee and the funding for the purchase of pieces.

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Governor Brown proposes Oregon's 2021-23 budget

BY CHANTELE MEYER
SIUSLAW NEWS

"What a year it has been. 2020 has tested Oregon in unimaginable ways," Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said as she opened a press conference on Dec. 1.

Her address was primarily about the proposed budget for 2021-23, including shortfalls as well as places of emphasis.

Brown was clear that cuts were a big reality for the next biennium, especially as federal aid has yet to be declared.

"This budget doesn't put enough money into our schools," she said. "It doesn't make the investment in public health we need. It's a budget built on sacrifice and hard choices. And while our state can deliver the core services that Oregonians expect us to, it doesn't go far enough to heal the pain of 2020. Because Oregon alone can't do that. We need the federal government to stand up and respond to this moment of crisis. My budget lays out a roadmap."

The full text of the 522-page budget document, as well as a condensed, 54-page version, is included at budget.oregon.gov.

According to the budget document, "The Governor's Recommended Budget for 2021-23 proposes \$100.2 billion in total funds spending, including \$25.6 billion in General Fund and Lottery Funds. ... The budget includes over \$293.8 million in increased revenues and leaves \$243.3 million in the General Fund. In addition, by the end of the 2019-21 biennium, the Rainy-Day Fund is projected to have a balance of \$942.3 million."

Brown said she found "inspiration" for the budget in 2020 and the challenges it presented, including: "A global pandemic, which has taken our dearest loved ones from us and forever changed the rituals of our daily lives; heartbreaking loss from historic wildfires that ravaged our state and wiped entire ..."

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