

Snow day in Clatsop County



Top: Snow covers Highway 101 and the North Coast Business Park Tuesday afternoon.

Above: These 2018 Ford Mustangs wear a blanket of snow at Astoria Ford.

Left: Workers carry on at an Alder Avenue apartment complex renovation despite the falling snow.

Man arrested for boating under the influence and so much more

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A day of pleasure boating ended in arrest on three charges for an Aberdeen, Washington, man.

Ian Michael Wood, 40, was booked at Clatsop County Jail for providing false information to a police officer serving an arrest warrant, driving a boat while intoxicated and for failing to appear in court on a drunken driving charge.

His blood-alcohol content was recorded at 0.255 percent at the time of his arrest and 0.20 percent when he was booked later at the jail. A person is considered too drunk to legally drive or operate a boat at 0.08 percent.

Warrenton police were called to the Hammond Marina about 3:30 p.m. Feb. 14 to assist the Coast Guard with a boater they deemed too intoxicated to remain on the Columbia River.

The Coast Guard and the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office both operate marine safety patrols, ensuring boaters

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Seafood processing industry gaining jobs

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An increase in the number of Oregon's seafood processing businesses is helping reverse a nearly decade-long decline in jobs for that industry.

In 2016, Oregon had 30 employers and 1,141 employees turning slimy fish and armored crustaceans into succulent seafood ready for cooking and eating.

Preliminary data for 2017 indicate the addition of two more

businesses and a gain of about 50 jobs.

The number of seafood processing businesses had been slowly declining since 2007, but that trend reversed in 2015. Oregon's processing industry gained five businesses that year.

Two more were gained in 2016, and another two were added in 2017. Still, the trend toward more consolidation may continue.

Pacific Seafood, which is rebuilding its burned plant in Warrenton, has moved to op-

erate a Trident Seafood plant in Newport, leaving just two main seafood processors in Newport. Consolidation also has occurred in the Oregon fishing fleet.

Three ports: Astoria, Newport and Charleston, had about 80 percent of all commercial fish landings by value in Oregon in 2016.

Smaller ports like Garibaldi, Depoe Bay, and Florence struggle to find money for infrastructure, dredging, and jetty maintenance that can attract vessel owners and

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Workers put the finishing touches on the new Pacific Coast Seafood plant in Warrenton. Before the 2013 fire, it had 100 full-time and 100 seasonal employees.

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