



Conservancy returns land to area Indian tribes

Land that once belonged to Native Americans at the north end of Seaside has been returned to them.

North Coast Land Conservancy transferred ownership of historical tribal lands at Neawanna Point Habitat Reserve — 18.6 acres of saltmarsh and Sitka spruce forest on the Necanicum Estuary — to the Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes.

Known to the Clatsop people as Ne-ah-coxie, or “place of little pines,” the property is the first the tribes have owned since losing their lands due to non-native settlement more than 200 years ago.

“We look forward to walking in the footsteps of our ancestors as we cherish and care for the land,” said Diane Collier of Warrenton, chair of the Clatsop tribe and descendant of Clatsop Chief Tostum, a signer of the 1851 Tansy Point Treaty, which was never ratified

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Courtesy Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes

Guy Capoeiman skippers the Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes’ cedar dugout canoe past the village site on the Necanicum Estuary, along with tribe members Charlotte Basch, Lorraine Basch, and Capoeiman’s daughter, Ilia.

Ne-ah-coxie village site, formerly known as Neawanna Point Habitat Reserve, where Neacoxie Creek enters the Necanicum Estuary.

Courtesy NCLC



Plans for Skipanon Peninsula stay on hold

Economy necessitates delay in sale or development

The Columbia Press

Plans for major improvements to the Skipanon Peninsula have been moved, once again, to the back burner.

More than a year ago, the Port of Astoria asked its Airport Advisory Committee to form a sub-panel to discuss ways to increase revenue. Some commissioners and others have argued the airport has been a drain on the port’s already strapped finances.

So the subcommittee came up with several ways the port could make money from land it owns in Warrenton, including the 45-acre Airport Industrial Park west of the airport and the Skipanon Peninsula, two miles northwest of the park.

“Better days are coming and we need to be thinking about what we want to do with it in the future,” Port Commissioner Frank Spence said during a teleconference meeting Tuesday afternoon. “We don’t know what’s going to happen and I think we need to put in our minds: are we going to lease it or sell it or (improve) it?”

Multimillion dollar grants will be hard to come



Spence

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