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Shilo, Seaside reach deal on late taxes

By R.J. MARX
Seaside Signal

The city has dropped a lawsuit against Shilo Inn over unpaid lodging taxes after the hotel chain agreed to pay.

Earlier this month, the city filed suit against Shilo

Inn in Clatsop County Circuit Court seeking almost \$150,000 in unpaid lodging taxes for the quarter ending in September, with an additional 25% penalty of more than \$37,000.

Last week, City Attorney Dan Van Thiel filed a motion to dismiss the case.

A total of \$187,000 in

third quarter lodging taxes and the penalty will be paid by Shilo Inn in two installments, according to Van Thiel, with half due Dec. 31 and the remaining balance due Jan. 31.

“We will be getting the full amount,” Van Thiel said Thursday, Jan. 2.

The first payment was

collected as stipulated, the Seaside Planning Department said Thursday.

In addition, Shilo Inn will pay taxes due for the fourth quarter of 2019 by the end of January, with a report delivered Jan. 15. “We don’t know what that will be until we receive the report,” Van Thiel said.

Comfort Inn to see rebranding, upgrades

Property to join Ascend Hotel Collection

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Comfort Inn & Suites is among the hotels in Seaside going upscale.

Manager Brandon Kraft shared plans with members of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce at a walk-through Wednesday, Dec. 18.

The property will be “100% modernized,” Kraft said.

Work underway includes a fitness area, room upgrades and wood floors, among other changes.

The hotel, located at



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545 Broadway along the Boardwalk, will also see a rebranding and name change, becoming the Kathryn Riverfront Inn, part of the Ascend Hotel Collection by Choice Hotels. “Kathryn” refers to Kathryn Day, a company founder, according to Kraft.

The hotel is one of three locally, with Holiday Inn Express and the Best Western



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Astoria, operated by Lincoln Asset Management in Lake Oswego, a privately owned hotel management company.

“It’s mainly geared to making sure our guests have a higher end-experience,” Kraft said.

The hotel was built 24 years ago. Lincoln Asset Management has operated Seaside’s Comfort Inn & Suites for 21 years.

“Our target is to have the renovation complete by the end of 2020,” Kraft said.

After family transaction, Crabby Oyster wins new liquor sales permit



David Posalski and co-owner Donnie Jones repurchased the Crabby Oyster at 150 Broadway.

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Crabby Oyster changed hands last fall, but it’s all in the family. David Posalski owned the restaurant at 150 Broadway in 2013 before selling it to family members.

Posalski and co-owner Donnie Jones repurchased it in November.

The restaurant serves breakfast, seafood and burgers in a beach and surfing decor.

Posalski came before the Seaside City Council Mon-

day, Dec. 23, to apply for a full on-premises commercial sales liquor license.

“We’re in the process of doing some remodeling, updating of menus and such, and we would like to continue the liquor license that’s been there,” Posalski said.

With a good report from Seaside Police, the council unanimously approved the sales license.

Along with the Crabby Oyster, Posalski and Jones own Tsunami Sandwich in Seaside and the UpTown Cafe in Warrenton.

Unusual fish found on Long Beach Peninsula

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After the recent storms and heavy surf, a unique fish was found on the Long Beach peninsula, Tiffany Boothe of the Seaside Aquarium reported Thursday, Jan. 2.

While staff from the Sea-

side Aquarium were responding to calls about a live distressed sea lion on the beach, a strange fish with large protruding teeth caught their eye.

A closer look at this unusual fish, revealed that it this was not a fish typically found in the Pacific Northwest. Along with the unusual teeth it had a very long hard

and thin dorsal fin, a compressed round body, and tiny pectoral fins.

With a little research it was concluded that this was a finescale triggerfish (ballistes polylepis). Finescale triggerfish typically range from Mexico to Chile and rarely as far north as southern California.



Tiffany Boothe/Seaside Aquarium

LISTENING TO THE LAND

Listening to the crabs

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Listening to the Land kicks off the 2020 season on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Seaside Public Library with a presentation from Sarah Henkel, “Listening to the Crabs.”

Oregon State University marine ecologist Sarah Henkel and her colleague Curtis Roegner, from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration glued acoustic tags onto

several legal-sized Dungeness crabs near the mouth of the Columbia River and off Cape Falcon last year.

Listening to the Land is a monthly winter speaker series offered January through May. Presentations are held the third Wednesday of every month starting at 6 p.m. at the Seaside Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside.

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