



# Around the Docks

Satsop Business Park Westport Marina Coastal Innovation Zone Bowerman Airport PGH Pilotage Services Friends Landing & Sterling Landing

*PGH Mission: To best utilize our resources to facilitate, enhance and stimulate international trade, economic development and tourism for the region.*

## Economic Development

### **Hesco acquired by Betafence; more growth expected locally**

Last month Betafence, a leading global perimeter security specialist, acquired Hesco Group, who is also internationally known as an iconic brand for securing assets and protecting people. Locally, Hesco Armor, Inc. is a manufacturer of body armor protection.

What originally began as a small composite manufacturing business with only three employees at the Port of Grays Harbor's Coastal Innovation Zone in 2012, Reed Composite Solutions, LLC was acquired by Hesco in 2014. Hesco Armor, Inc. has since been successful in winning a number of body armor contracts around the globe. The acquisition of Hesco is a natural complement to Betafence's known ability to provide security and force protection throughout the world.

Hesco Armor, Inc. has recently doubled its manufacturing capacity at the Port and continues to be a leading supplier of body armor for law enforcement.



*A Hesco employee arranges protection armor for further processing at the Coastal Innovation Zone.*

## Innovative Solutions

### **Longtime Port tenant, Western Steel goes Solar**



*Western Steel owner Oscar Rosenkrantz and his daughter Jill, celebrate the installation of their new solar power system with their employees and local business and community leaders.*

Helping to protect the environment while improving their bottom line, Western Steel, one of the Port of Grays Harbor's longest tenants, celebrated the installation of their new 9.9kW solar power system last month.

The system, one of the largest in Grays Harbor, was made and installed by Washington companies, qualifying it for the maximum incentives and tax credits as well as a 25% grant from the USDA's Rural Energy for America Program.

Factoring in Grays Harbor's typical weather conditions, the 36-panel

solar system will generate enough power to result in significant savings on their electric bill, while also allowing any surplus power to be sold back to the Grays Harbor PUD.

"We applaud Western Steel's leadership in implementing sustainable power solutions to power their facility," said Port Commission President Jack Thompson. "This project is a great example of a private company positioning itself for the future by taking advantage of innovative solutions that will reduce energy costs while supporting Washington businesses."

## Construction underway for XNG facility at Satsop Business Park



Xpress Natural Gas, LLC (XNG), the Massachusetts-based energy company that signed a lease at the Satsop Business Park for 4.3 acres in the West Park in October 2015, has begun construction on its compressed natural gas (CNG) facility.

“It is very exciting to see new construction here at the Satsop Business Park. We look forward to seeing the facility fully functional in

the near future,” said Satsop Business Park Manager of Business Development Alissa Shay.

The \$4 million facility will provide CNG via portable tubes delivered by truck to industrial customers throughout the region. The company plans to invest an additional \$3 million in a truck and trailer fleet to service customers. XNG expects to be operational in June.

## Calendar

May 3	Special Commission Meeting, PGH Offices 9am
May 7	<i>Ocean Harmony</i> @ T4
May 10	<i>TTM Harmony</i> @ T2 PGH Commission Meeting, PGH Offices @ 9am
May 12	GGHI State of GH Rotary Log Pavilion, 7:30am
May 13	<i>Dresden</i> @ T4
May 15	<i>Cambria Colossus</i> @ T2 <i>TBA</i> @ T1
May 17	<i>TS Challenge</i> @ T2



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## Fishing and whale watching underway at the Westport Marina; many options for the season

### Sport Fishing Calendar 2016

#### LINGCOD

March 12 – October 15, 2016

#### ROCKFISH

Year Round

#### HALIBUT

May 1 opens

- Sunday and Tuesday for 3 weeks
- Reopens May 29, if quota remains, until September 30

#### SALMON

July 1 – Aug 21 **KINGS ONLY** opens

- One King limit
- 7 days a week

#### TUNA

July – October, weather permitting

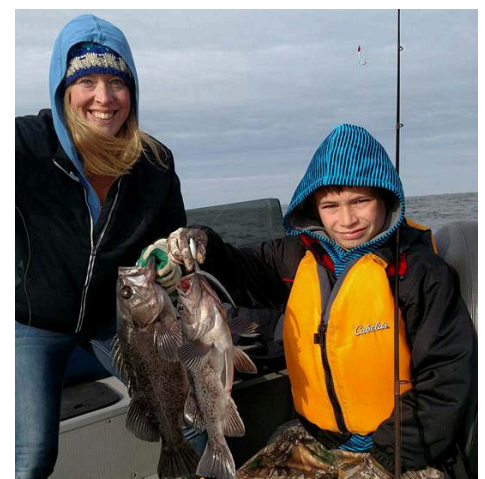
Lingcod, rockfish, halibut and tuna; even with a conservative salmon season on Washington's Coast, there are still plenty of opportunities for great sport fishing at the Westport Marina. Come see why recreational boaters come far and wide to fish out of Westport.

No boat? No problem! Book with one of over 30 charter vessels offering trips leaving daily from the Marina. Experienced charter captains based at the Westport Marina offer trips for bottom fish, halibut, tuna and salmon throughout the season. Charter offices are also offering Gray Whale watching trips now through May.

“This time of year, Westport has something to offer everyone, from whale watching to fishing, from shopping to great restaurants. We look forward to serving all of the

boaters and visitors this season,” said Westport Marina Manager Robin Leraas.

To inquire about moorage availability call 360-268-9665 and visit [portofgraysharbor.com](http://portofgraysharbor.com) for more info.



Get your family out to Westport for some great fishing this season. Photo Credit Travis Haring