



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.

Tourism

8th Annual Tuna Classic donates to Food Bank, Warriors

Hundreds of tuna fishermen braved less than ideal weather to track down elusive tuna in the 8th annual Washington Tuna Classic at the Westport Marina last weekend.

This year's WTC featured 65 teams, with more than 250 participants. All of the tuna caught is donated to Northwest Harvest Food Bank and all monetary proceeds go to fund participation of Wounded Warriors in fishing events and support the Disabled American Veterans organization.

"It's always a pleasure to have the WTC here and we enjoy serving all of the boaters that come out for this great event," said Westport Marina Manager Robin Leraas. "We look forward to having them back next year."



Annual Moorage tenant, John Keizer's (center) team weighs in their catch at the 8th Annual WTC at the Westport Marina.

Business Development

XNG opens first Northwest CNG facility at Satsop Business Park



Port of Grays Harbor Commissioners and Staff along with XNG representatives and staff celebrate the grand opening of XNG's compressed natural gas (CNG) facility at the Satsop Business Park on August 10th. The \$6 million facility will provide natural gas to Port Townsend Paper.

Available land, natural gas and community support brought Xpress Natural Gas (XNG) to Grays Harbor last fall, and this August the Satsop Business Park celebrated the grand opening of XNG's \$6 million compressed natural gas (CNG) facility and trucking fleet.

The facility is the first of its kind in the Northwest and is already serving the Port Townsend Paper mill, which has switched to CNG as its fuel source to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"We are thrilled to have XNG here

at the Satsop Business Park taking advantage of the natural gas line," said Manager of Business Development Alissa Shay. "We are proud to call XNG a partner in Grays Harbor and look forward to seeing them grow their business by providing access to natural gas to industrial and utility users throughout the region."

Demonstrating their commitment to the local community, XNG also made a \$1,500 donation to the Grays Harbor Homeless Teen Backpack program to help fight hunger and homelessness in Grays Harbor.

Good neighbors: Port staff and partners brighten the community



Port of Grays Harbor Contract and Project Manager, Mike Johnson, drives his 1955 Minneapolis Moline, Model ZAU at the Grays Harbor County Fair.

Mr. Johnson has entered his collection of antique tractors at the County fair for the past 7 years where he and other tractor enthusiasts educate fair-goers.



Port of Grays Harbor ship assist provider Brusco Tug and Barge recently partnered with the Hoquiam Police Department's Chief for a Day program for the second year in a row.

Captain Larry Cowles, Brusco Port Manager of Grays Harbor operations, shows Chief for a Day, Evan, how to drive a tug on the Chehalis River.

Calendar

- August 17 PGH Marine Terminal Tour, 3:30pm & 5:30pm
- August 22 *Laurel Ace* @ T2
Passero @ T4
- August 26 *Medi Bankgok* @ T2
- September 1 TBA @ T2
- September 2 *Rio Grande* @ T4
- September 5 *Medi Paestum* @ T2
- September 13 PGH Commission Meeting, PGH Offices @ 9am
- September 14 *Morning Midas* @ T4



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Freight Mobility: Efficient movement of goods and products critical to Harbor employers

In addition to the thousands of rail cars that deliver grains and autos to the Port's docks each year, there are many area employers that rely upon an efficient system of highways, rail and waterways to remain competitive in today's market. This is called freight mobility, and it is an important component to economic development.

Grays Harbor's deep-water navigation channel is served by the only four-lane highway to the Pacific Coast north of San Francisco, and both Class 1 railroads via the Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad. Businesses can not only ship their products to market using the most efficient means, they can receive their raw materials and supplies using the most efficient means.

"Our community-wide efforts to maintain and improve our roads, rail and waterway infrastructure are vitally important to our economic

health," reports Vicki Cummings, Executive Director the Grays Harbor Council of Governments.



The combination of dockside rail, a four-lane highway and a deep-water navigation channel gives shippers and manufacturers in Grays Harbor a strategic transportation advantage to markets around the globe.