



## Calendar

- ▶ **MARCH 15** – M/V OCEAN CHALLENGER @ T4
- ▶ **MARCH 17** – M/V SUPER CHALLENGER @ T-4
- ▶ **MARCH 18** – M/V IDSHIP BULKER @ T2
- ▶ **MARCH 20** – M/V CRYSTAL OCEAN @ T2
- ▶ **MARCH 30** – MARINA USER MTG. MARITIME MUSEUM , 6 PM
- ▶ **APRIL 7** – M/V POSITIVE PASSION @ T4
- ▶ **APRIL 10** – M/V GLORIS @ T4, M/V JEAN ANNE @ T4

## PORT OF GRAYS HARBOR ON WASHINGTON'S PACIFIC COAST

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# Around the Dock

**PGH MISSION:** TO BEST UTILIZE OUR RESOURCES TO FACILITATE, ENHANCE AND STIMULATE INTERNATIONAL TRADE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE REGION.

## Trade Growth: Rail Construction Top Port Infrastructure Priorities



International and domestic trade on Washington's Pacific Coast increased 16% while other seaports were down significantly. As the cargo volume increases, so does the rail traffic through the surrounding communities. The Port of Grays Harbor is working with the Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad (PSAP), the Grays Harbor Council of Governments (GHCOG) and the local cities to address the impacts of this growing rail traffic.

"Efficiently moving the railcars and relieving the impacts of congestion along the rail line are top priorities of the Port," emphasized Commissioner Jack Thompson.

Projects include:

**PGH Marine Terminal Rail:** This multi-million dollar project will construct additional rail in the cargo yard for the autos, soybean meal and other cargoes. This will allow large

trains to be assembled in the Port area, reducing the switching that blocks traffic in the East Aberdeen retail area. Engineering and permitting are underway.

**Hoquiam River Rail Bridge:** The City of Hoquiam and PSAP are improving this vital link to the West Hoquiam industrial areas, thanks to funding secured by Congressman Norm Dicks and PSAP funds.

**Wishkah River Rail Bridge:** Repairing this 100-year old bridge in Aberdeen will result in more efficient train movements and reduced time traveling through the Aberdeen retail area.

"The Port and PSAP are working with our State and Federal leaders to secure funding to construct these important trade development projects," reported Commissioner Thompson. "A lot of jobs depend upon it."



## Community Development

### Visit the Port at EXPO Grays Harbor

Commissioner Jack Thompson and the Port staff invite the Grays Harbor public to visit the Port of Grays Harbor booth at the Grays Harbor Chamber of Commerce's EXPO Grays Harbor, March 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m. at Aberdeen High School. Stop by and chat about the diverse activities of the Port and how they impact the region.

## Partners for a Stronger Grays Harbor Economy

Port districts play an important role in community development as the only municipal entity specifically charged with economic development in Washington State. In Grays Harbor County, property owners pay 34¢ per thousand of assessed value to be invested in the infrastructure that supports thousands of jobs. For every dollar invested by taxpayers, \$8.27 were generated by Port activities and investments in 2009, plus more than \$20 million in private capital investment and hundreds of millions in private payrolls.

## Partners for a Stronger Economy

*How the Jobs Add Up at the Port of Grays Harbor*

### Brusco Tug & Barge:

Two to four experienced operators aboard the two high powered tugs that serve Grays Harbor assist pilots with safely transporting vessels to the Ports docks.

### ILWU Local 24:

32-47 local longshoremen provide dock and ship-side cargo handling for every deep water vessel calling Grays Harbor. As many as 56 have worked on one vessel call.

### Grays Harbor Shippers:

Current shippers such as AGP, Dkoram, Imperium Grays Harbor, The Pasha Group, Westway Terminal Company, and Willis Enterprises together have invested more than \$130 million in the community and employ more than 100 people at the Port.

### Bar Pilots — Port of GH Crew

Two licensed bar pilots alternate duty bringing deep water cargo vessels in and out the Grays Harbor Navigation Channel. In addition, the 30 member Port maintenance team, security force and administrative staff provide direct services to every vessel calling the Port.

### Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad

Trade at the Port relies upon direct rail access provided by PSAP Rail and their 21 employees who delivered more than 22,000 railcars in 2009.

## US Army Corps of Engineers Announces Navigation Channel Dredging Schedule

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, announced that annual maintenance dredging at the outer entrance to Grays Harbor is scheduled to begin a 28-day dredging assignment on or about April 1. The area of initial dredging includes the Entrance / Point Chehalis channel reaches with the Government dredge *YAQUINA* that operates 24 hours a day and 7-days per week.

Dredged material will be placed at the existing Half Moon Bay nourishment sites, and the Point Chehalis and the South Jetty open

water disposal sites managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Another federal government hopper dredge vessel, *ESSAYONS*, is scheduled to start a 16-day dredging assignment to remove shoal material from the bar, entrance, Point Chehalis and South channel reaches on April 8.

Maintenance dredging in this area is done annually. Dredged material from the Bar channel is placed beneficially at the South

Beach nourishment site thanks to the cooperation of the local crab fishermen who relocate some of their fishing gear temporarily for the hopper dredge access and disposal operations.

One of the Seattle District's primary missions is to maintain existing deep-draft navigation channels and harbors in the Pacific Northwest.

A significant component of Washington's economy depends on navigation and commerce, which in turn depends on dredging the state's waterways, such as Grays Harbor.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### Westport Marina: Coastal Economic Hub

Washington's Largest Fish Landing Port, the Westport Marina is a hub for tourism, commercial fishing, seafood processing, recreational and charter fishing and pleasure boating, not to mention the home to the Country's premier yacht builder, Westport Shipyards. To better understand this economic engine of Washington's Coast, here is a snap shot of the users of the Westport Marina.

550

Moorage Spots in the Marina

256

Year Round "Tenants"

36

Charter Fishing Vessels Operate at the Marina

576

People Employed by Charter & Commercial Fishing Vessels

1,166

Unique Boating Visitors Who Moored in Past 3 Years

4

Floats Used by Westport Shipyards

3

Seafood Retail Locations within the Marina

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