



## Calendar

- ▶ **APRIL 22** – M/V GLOBAL BAY LOADING @ T2
- ▶ **APRIL 26** – M/V STX GLORIS LOADING @ T-4
- ▶ **APRIL 27** – M/V VINILINES SKY LOADING @ T2
- ▶ **APRIL 27** – STATE OCEAN CAUCUS OUTREACH, 6-8 PM, WESTPORT MUSEUM
- ▶ **APRIL 30** – M/V SILVERSTONE EXPRESS LOADING @ T4
- ▶ **APRIL 30-MAY 2** – GH SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL
- ▶ **MAY 11** – REGULAR PORT COMMISSION MTG, 9 AM PORT OFFICES

## 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 Development*

## AGP to Construct Multimillion Dollar Storage Facility at Marine Terminal 2

After a record year of soybean meal exports, the Port of Grays Harbor's largest shipper, Ag Processing Inc (AGP) has announced plans to expand their agriculture product export facility at Washington State's only deep-water port on the Pacific Coast. Expansion will include construction of on-site storage silos and infrastructure to increase unloading capacity at the AGP Terminal 2 facility at the Port of Grays Harbor.

Over the past year, AGP conducted market analysis and considered preliminary designs for the 13.5 acre expansion. The expanded facility will provide a gateway destination for soybean meal, grains, distillers grains, gluten meal, and beet pulp pellets. Detailed engineering has begun and construction is expected to begin this fall with operations slated for early 2012.

"This investment will allow AGP to provide grain, feed ingredients, and oilseeds along with our current range of processed products to our customers in Pacific Rim countries," said Marty Reagan, AGP CEO. "It will also provide our customers with a secure supply of grain and oilseeds directly from AGPs farm-to-port cooperative supply chain that they value."



*AGP's transload facility at the Port of Grays Harbor Terminal 2 will be expanded to include on-site storage silos and improved transportation infrastructure to handle a diverse list of commodities for shipment to the growing Pacific Rim markets. Engineering and permitting is underway with construction slated for fourth quarter 2010 and operations targeted in early 2012.*

"AGP has been a vital partner in the growth of shipping activity in Grays Harbor and we are thrilled they are increasing their presence on Washington's Coast," reported Port Commission President Jack Thompson. "This project will more than double our vessel calls, creating jobs for our longshore workers, rail

operators, tug assists and pilots. It is great news for our community."

AGP ([www.agp.com](http://www.agp.com)), the largest farmer-owned soybean processor in the world, is owned by cooperatives in the Midwest representing over 200,000 farmers from 16 states throughout the United States.

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## 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 Westport Marina

#### Seafood Processors:

Seafood processing companies like D & M Live Crab, Ocean Cold/Ocean Gold, RPPM, Washington Crab and Westport Seafood have invested millions in their Westport facilities and together employ as many as 1,000 workers, seasonally.

#### Westport Shipyards:

The Nation's premier yacht builder is headquartered at the Westport Marina. Hundreds of people are employed in GH making one of the world's leading yachts. Hundreds more provide services and products to the company.

#### Tourism:

Restaurants, gift shops, luxury condos, hotels, RV parks and the Maritime Museum are located at the Westport Marina. In the past five years millions of dollars have been privately invested in tourists facilities. Hundreds work in this vibrant industry.

#### Commercial Fishers/Crabbers:

Westport is the leading fish landing port in Washington State. Nearly 500 people find employment on the commercial fishing vessels based in Westport. These daring fishers brave the sea each day to deliver seafood to the dinner table around the world.

#### Charter Boat Companies:

36 Charter Boats provide whale watching and deep sea fishing trips for tuna, bottom fish and of course salmon. These boats employ more than 100, plus the support staff in the charter offices. Charter trips play an important role in Westport's tourism.

## Marina Manager Serves on GH Marine Resources

The first Marine Resources Committee (MRC) in Washington State was formed in Grays Harbor County and has been working for over a year to address local marine issues and recommend actions to improve marine resources on Washington's Coast.

Westport Marina Manager Robin Leraas serves as Vice Chair of the Committee. The GH MRC priority is to build local awareness of marine resource issues. The group meets regularly to discuss projects that will improve the marine resources of the

region and develop programs to better communicate the importance of these projects to funding agencies and the general public.

"As Washington's leading fish landing port, the Westport Marina and our surrounding community should have a voice at the table of the MRC and I am proud to provide that link between our citizens and the larger MRC committees," expressed Ms. Leraas. "A beach clean is up scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> at Aberdeen Landing and is one way volunteers can get involved."

## Expansion (cont'd)

"AGPs commitment to their grower/members and customers combined with Grays Harbor's strategic location and infrastructure has created a first class export facility in North America," expressed Gary Nelson, Port of Grays Harbor Executive Director.

"Expanding our presence in international shipping is critical to the long-term success of our Port and we are honored to have such a prestigious and dedicated partner as AGP invest in our facilities."

## UPDATE

### Port Industrial Road Work Restarts

Final construction work on Grays Harbor's major freight corridor, Port Industrial Road restarted the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup> and will continue through June.

Crews will be installing lighting, sidewalks, stormwater drainage, and landscaping improvements. A pre-leveling course of asphalt will be laid followed by the final overlay. Lane striping will occur 21 days after the asphalt has cured. "Traffic in the area can expect some delays but every effort will be made to facilitate the smooth flow of vehicles during the final construction," reported Gary Nelson, Executive Director. "Businesses along the corridor will remain open."

Serving more than 55 businesses, employing over 600 workers, Port Industrial Road is the major freight route to the Port of Grays Harbor marine terminals and neighboring manufacturing businesses. Funding for the project was from a Federal Highway Administration Appropriation, Washington Department of Transportation and Port of Grays Harbor funds. US Senator Patty Murray and US Congressman Norm Dicks visited this past month to inspect the project.

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