



Calendar

- ▶ Oct 20 – M/V Partawati, T1
- ▶ Oct 20 – M/V Kestrel Arrow, T4
- ▶ Oct 24 – M/V Hoegh Beijing, T4
- ▶ Oct 25 – M/V Forest Princess, T2
- ▶ Oct 24 – M/V Prestige, T4
- ▶ Nov 3 – M/V LeMans Express, T4
- ▶ Nov 7 – Stakeholders’ Meeting – Westport Marina, 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ Nov 8 – Regular Commission Meeting & Public Hearing on 2012 Budget 9:00 a.m. @ PGH Main Offices
- ▶ Nov 11 – Veterans Day, PGH Offices Closed



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

Public Access

28th Street Boat Launch provides river access for boaters, and fishermen



Fall salmon river season is underway and the Port of Grays Harbor’s 28th Street Boat Launch and Landing is in full-use. It is estimated that the concrete ramp sees as many as 60 boats launched daily during the salmon river season.

While parking may fill up quickly around 28th Street during the busy part of the season, the Port is happy to provide the boat launch and the adjacent viewing tower and picnic areas, with no fee to the public. The Port partnered with Washington State to fund construction of the facility and utilizes port funds to maintain it.

Fishermen enjoy shoreline access to the Chehalis River at the 28th Street Landing in Hoquiam. The Port of Grays Harbor proudly provides free public access to the boat launch year-round.

Infrastructure Development

T4 Dolphin Repair: A dolphin’s role in shipping

The term "dolphin" is used to describe a type of man-made structure consisting of multiple pilings driven into the sediments and secured together above the water surface with cable or a concrete and steel cap. Dolphins can serve several purposes such as extending a pier or providing a mooring point to secure a vessel. Quigg Bros was recently awarded a contract to replace the Port’s Terminal 4 dolphin (pictured), consisting of about 18 deteriorated creosote treated wood pilings tied at the top with cable, with an 8-pile structure consisting of concrete filled steel piling with a concrete and steel cap. Construction is anticipated this fall, once permitting is completed.



Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad: Investing in coastal rail capacity



A vital partner in Grays Harbor's role in international trade, the Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad (PSAP) continues to invest in rail throughout the region to better serve their customers, including the Port of Grays Harbor.

At a recent presentation to the Port Commission, PSAP outlined a \$1.3 million investment plan underway in 2011. PSAP's investment increases to over \$1.7 million in 2012. Work

scheduled or underway include:

- Replacement of 9,900 ties & 3,340 feet of curve rail relay
- 19.5 miles of track surfacing
- 61 switch ties installed
- 2 crossing upgrades

In addition, 2012 plans include construction of a new siding to allow for passing trains and work at both the Aberdeen and Hoquiam rail yards.



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On March 14, 1911 the Washington Legislature passed the Port Districts Act allowing for the formation of publicly owned port facilities. Shortly thereafter, on December 12, 1911, the citizens of then Chehalis County voted to make the Port of Grays Harbor the second public port district formed in Washington State, a mere three months behind the Port of Seattle.

The Port Act played a significant role in the economic growth of a number of import and export businesses as it allowed them access to publicly owned facilities.

A century later, the community is able to celebrate the growth and diversification the Port has experienced.

Milestones: 100 year old Port boasts 432 years of experience between staff & commission

With just 41 staff members and 3 elected Commissioners, managing four major facilities, the Port of Grays Harbor staff is small, but its experience is deep. Combined, this dedicated group has served the Port for more than 432 years!

2011 has been a year of celebrations for Grays Harbor, from the 100th anniversary

as a public port, to the undertaking of a multi-million dollar construction project to increase rail and bulk cargo handling capacity at the marine terminals, to blockbuster sport fishing at the Westport Marina.

"I am proud of the level of commitment and service I see everyday from the employees of the Port," reports Gary Nelson, Executive Director. "It is the experience of the staff, and commissioners, that makes it possible to achieve these milestones."

Speaking of milestones, four staff members - Shawn Madrid, Leonard Barnes, Mike Johnson and Lisa Benn - have each served the Port for more than 25 years. Commissioner Jack Thompson is completing his third, six-year term and is running un-opposed in the November election.

PGH Years of Service

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| Commissioners | 33 |
| Development /Prop | 61 |
| Finance/Exec | 90 |
| Marina | 44 |
| Marine/Maint. | 137 |
| Pilotage | 15 |
| Security | 52 |

The Washington Port Act of 1911 allowed communities to form public port districts



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