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FORWARD MOMENTUM

The restart of log exports on Pier 1 is a major win for the Port of Astoria and the local community. Since signing the multi-year lease with the Port, Northwest Forest Link has established its operations on Pier 1 and begun building its log inventory. The Port is pleased to announce that the first log export vessel in over five years is expected to arrive for loading in April.

In project news, the Port's priority continues to be the rehabilitation of Pier 2, a multi-year project that will ensure infrastructure to support seafood processing for decades to come. The Port is grateful for funding on both the state and federal levels of \$27.5 million towards permitting and construction costs. Progress is also being made on a Boatyard Master Plan as a prerequisite for expansion and development of the boatyard.

Turning to the Airport, the master planning process is expected to conclude in the spring, with findings to be presented to the commission and general public once finalized by Mead & Hunt. The Port is excited to announce that the second annual Airport Open House and Fly-in is now scheduled for August 24th, 2024. The Port is building on the success of the first event by encouraging additional community engagement to attract more exhibitors, performers, vendors and visitors to enjoy this free and fun event.

In every way possible, the Port will continue to support its assets, provide the best quality service to its customers and users, engage with the community, and be an economic driver for the region.

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BOATYARD MASTER PLAN

The Port of Astoria Boatyard on Pier 3 offers a range of services including haul-out, maintenance, and storage, supported by amenities such as an 88-ton travel lift and long-term boat and trailer parking. Pursuant to a Boatyard Feasibility Study which revealed a demand for expanded services, the Port is now developing a comprehensive Boatyard Master Plan to enhance financial viability and support infrastructure growth. An existing conditions report highlighted the Boatyard's potential to attract maintenance projects from the West Coast. A stakeholder advisory group convened on recently, comprising commercial fishermen and industry stakeholders, to envision the boatyard expansion. Multiple design concepts were discussed and are now being refined into a preferred alternative. The final plan and implementation strategy is scheduled to be presented to the Port's Board of Commissioners in Spring 2024.



PIER 2 WEST REHABILITATION

Progress continues on the project to rehabilitate Pier 2 West, which houses seafood processing facilities for Da Yang Seafoods and Bornstein Seafood. The work being done by PND Engineers, under the guidance of the Construction Manager/General Contractor, Bergerson Construction, will lay the foundation for engineering, permitting, and design work as a necessary pre-requisite to construction.

AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

The culmination of extensive planning and collaboration, the Astoria Airport Master Plan is reaching its conclusion, promising to unveil a blueprint for the future of aviation infrastructure and operations in the region. The final plan will be presented to the commission and made available on the Port's website.

AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK

Progress is underway at the Airport Industrial Park, a 26-acre site adjacent to AST that is available for industrial development. The Port has partnered with Popkin Real Estate to guide its development efforts. As discussed currently, further development of the park would be a big win for the Airport and for the local economy.



FEATURED BUSINESS: INTERCRUISES SHORESIDE AND PORT SERVICES



Kate Anderson is not afraid of a challenge. Before she started working as a cruise agent, she was warned about many of the demands of the position - being on your feet for 12 to 14 hour days, dealing with people from all over the world with myriad personalities, and every day being different and full of fresh challenges. Instead of scaring her away from the job, the challenge and the excitement pulled her in. Now well into her career and working as a Director of Port Agency, West and Gulf

Coast for Intercruises Shoreside & Port Services, Kate is well-prepared for the chaos. She is a master facilitator, fulfilling the role of an agent by being the go-between for the ship and the shore. Every port visit requires such tasks as coordinating with the Captain, setting up gangway, line, and loading services, setting visitors up with bus services and tours, and coordinating anything and everything else that a ship might need. Then there are tasks that are much more unique, such as a recent instance helping crew members outfit themselves for cold weather after their destination was changed from Mexico to Oregon. Kate, who lives in Seattle, works with ports up and down the west coast. Kate says that the small-town feel and the opportunity to engage with locals sets Astoria apart. Astoria is also unique for the market at Pier One, which greets visitors as they disembark, and offers shuttle services provided by the Clatsop Cruise Host volunteers. Along with many



cruise passengers, Kate and her team also enjoy the local food scene, which she appreciates as having evolved quite a lot over the last few years. For Kate, who strives to keep ship, crew, and visitors happy and comfortable, every amenity counts. As the Port continues its efforts to improve its amenities and services, it is grateful for Kate's consistent efforts to craft a first-class experience in Astoria.





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Since losing log exports in 2019, the Port of Astoria's Pier One has been under-utilized, with cargo operations ceasing despite steady increases in cruise vessel traffic post-pandemic, which has become a significant contributor to the local economy.

In a recent development, the Port Commission of Astoria announced on November 7th the approval of a two-year lease agreement with Northwest Forest Link (NFL). The agreement includes renewal options that could extend NFL operations at Pier One through November 2029. NFL, headquartered in Longview, Washington, and operating log yards in Rainier, Oregon, and Aberdeen, Washington, specializes in log purchasing and export marketing.

This partnership signifies a new chapter for Pier One, as NFL plans to utilize approximately four acres of the pier for log exports. Leveraging Astoria's strategic location, NFL aims to bolster its log export business while complementing the existing cruise operations. Cruise ships and other large vessels will continue to dock on the north face of Pier One, while NFL's cargo loading operations will commence on the west side, offering cruise passengers a unique vantage point to observe log export operations firsthand.

