

# Trade Winds



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## KMMEF UPDATE

The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) for the Kalama Manufacturing and Marine Export Facility was available for review and public comment from November 13, 2018 to December 28, 2018. The facility will be where the proposed NW Innovation Works (NWIW) plant develops and operates natural gas-to-methanol production. The facility will be located on 90 acres of Port property.

Methanol will be transferred by pipeline across Port property to a deep draft marine terminal on the Columbia River. From there, methanol will be shipped to China for manufacturing olefins used in synthetic materials.

The US Army Corps of Engineers is finalizing the Corps permits for the project.

The Draft SEIS -a supplement to the previously prepared Final Environment Impact Statement - found that there are no unavoidable significant adverse impacts due to GHG emissions. Currently, the study's author is finalizing the GHG analysis and addressing comments received. When completed, the Final SEIS will be available at <https://kalamamfgfacilitysepa.com>

## Haydu Playground Dedicated to 45-yr. Port Employee, Linda Durgeloh Williams

The Port is dedicating its new Haydu Playground to Linda Durgeloh Williams. Linda retired in August 2018 as deputy auditor and the Port's longest serving employee. She started as a relief secretary in 1973 and worked her way up to deputy auditor where she managed payroll, accounts payable and receivables, and other duties related to marine terminal operations. Linda earned high praise for her service from her Port family including, Alan Basso, Port Commissioner, who called her indispensable during her tenure.



The extensive playground features two elaborate play structures—one shaped like a barn, representative of the Haydu family farm and playground namesake, and the other shaped like a tractor. Rounding out the playground are a swing set and picnic tables and benches.



Freezing temperatures have slowed the playground's opening. Soon it will be ready for fun! Perhaps we'll see a newly retired deputy auditor making good use of the swings.



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Port meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Room at the Port's Administrative Office.

## Message from the President

Ninety-nine years ago, in March 1920, the Port of Kalama was formed. Early activity included exports of timber products, strawberries, and salmon. The timber industry dominated the local economy for the Port's first half century. Cedar shakes, plywood, and 2x4's were once vital staples in Kalama's economy. Today, 2x4's and salmon are still important to us.

Past Port Commissions realized that to thrive, the Port needed to have a diverse group of tenants to grow the local economy. In other words, the area could not rely entirely on one industry and expect to prosper. In the 1960's, both Dow Chemical and North Pacific Grain Growers came to Kalama—Dow has become Emerald Kalama and North Pacific has become TEMCO LLC. Timber, grain, and chemicals have been joined by glass, steel, coffee, and beer industries.

Looking ahead, the Port is working to further diversify our portfolio by developing the Spencer Creek Business Park and Northwest Innovation Works. Long-term businesses have been vital to the success at the port. We strive to bring new businesses and industries to the area to ensure that we can prosper well into our next hundred years.

We look forward to reveling in all we have created here as we approach our Centennial Celebration in 2020!

## GRANTS EXTEND AND ENHANCE PORT PROJECTS

Like most local government agencies, the Port routinely applies for federal, state and local grants with funding criteria that match up with Port projects. The grant money received can be leveraged to stretch Port dollars further for each project.

Federal, state and county grants have helped fund the marina fuel dock and boat launch project, the bridge to the Kalama River Industrial Park, and the expansion of the Port-owned TEMCO grain elevator. Another grant

contributed to the ground improvements in preparation for the construction of McMenamins Kalama Harbor Lodge.

According to Mark Wilson, Executive Director, "Grant writing is frequently unsuccessful—the competition is stiff for economic funding, but when successful, the benefits extend the reach of Port projects."





## AMPHITHEATER READY TO ROCK & ROLL

Barring small construction wrap-ups, the Port's amphitheater at Marine Park is set to open in June with "Music in the Park", sponsored by McMenamins Kalama Harbor Lodge. From then on, McMenamins will host music every Wednesday night. Approximately 250 spectators can enjoy the entertainment from the seat walls, while others can gather on blankets on the surrounding grassy

areas. There's not a bad seat to be had—even pathway meanderers can stop and watch thanks to the amphitheater's central location. Shows will be free or nominal to watch from the seating wall area.

"We invite the community to use the amphitheater as it is intended for everyone to enjoy," says Eric Yakovich, Economic Development Manager. "Booking the amphitheater is free. Simply call the Port to make reservations."

The amphitheater is lit from pathway and perimeter lighting, but has no stage lighting. Organizers must provide lighting if performances extend after dark.

Construction on park irrigation will be finished as the weather warms up. Fencing around the amphitheater will remain up until the grass has fully grown in.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: TABITHA REEDER - Minder of Port Environment and Wild Life



After ten years as an environmental consultant, Tabitha Reeder joined the Port staff in May 2013 as the Environmental Manager. The Port offered her everything she wanted in a job. She liked the staff, the direction

the Port was headed and she liked the work presented by their projects.

Tabitha is responsible for environmental permitting and planning set by local, state and federal agencies—in a sense, acting as a steward of the environment surrounding the Port. She partners with project teams and engineers on projects to avoid and minimize the impact they have on the river, wetlands, streams, fish and wildlife, and develops mitigation when there are impacts. Tabitha helps ensure that projects are properly permitted and environmentally

responsible.

"What a gem to be able to work here," says Tabitha. "I work with great people, our tenants are wonderful, and the area is beautiful. It's a dream job that I appreciate very much."

As a lover of the outdoors, Tabitha skis with her husband and two daughters every possible weekend. As soon as the snow melts, you'll find Tabitha and her family camping—all summer, spring and fall. Tabitha is a perfect case of the right person for the right job.



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**SPENCER CREEK BUSINESS PARK ROAD PROJECT A GO**

The Port of Kalama begins its next phase of improvements at the Spencer Creek Business Park by awarding the project for Kalama River Road and Highway 99 enhancements to C&R Tractor and Landscaping. These improvements include modifications to support additional traffic stimulated by the business park, and will ease area traffic for residents and visitors.

The Port is anticipating the needs of our growing Kalama community as Spencer Creek Business Park continues to take shape as a mixed-use development. Preparing now for the evolving needs of the business park and surrounding area will promise a smoother future for everyone.



This spring, construction crews will be seen working on the following road enhancements:

- Additional turn lanes
- A new roundabout including a “Welcome to the Kalama River Valley” entrance
- New sidewalks and pathways for bikes and pedestrians
- Aesthetic improvements like rain gardens, street lighting and other landscaping

Signs will mark the areas under construction and help explain the process. We encourage our neighbors and visitors to visit our Facebook page and blog for updates and news on the work.

Spencer Creek Business Park is a 70-acre development that will enhance the community and fulfill the Port’s mission to create jobs and public recreational opportunities. The Park will support a mix of light industrial, office, commercial, and retail uses.