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Judge Reinstates Shoreline Methanol Plant Permits

Cowlitz County Superior Court Judge, James Warning reinstated the Shorelines Permits for the Kalama Manufacturing and Marine Export Facility (KMMEF) methanol production plant. The ruling provided clarity to what must be studied in the supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS).

"We're pleased the Shorelines Permits are reinstated—this important decision appropriately narrows and focuses the Shoreline Board's EIS remand order, consistent with what the law requires," said Mark Wilson, Port of Kalama Executive Director. "Ambiguity about what the law requires related to greenhouse gas emissions has been a challenge."

The Judge's remedy was a limited remand of the EIS only to revise the Greenhouse gas impact analysis, leaving the balance of the EIS in place pending that limited review.

The Northwest Innovation Works, Inc. natural gas-to-methanol production plant and storage facility would occupy about 90 acres of the Port of Kalama.

POK WELCOMES CLIENTS TO NEW INDUSTRIAL PARK BUILDING

In response demand for more industrial space, the Port designed a new 110,000 square foot warehouse. Longview-based JH Kelly won the construction contract. The Port quickly filled 60,000 square feet of warehouse and office space with two new clients.



Montana-based steel manufacturer, Bridger Steel Inc. will rent 30,000-square-feet of

warehouse space and a 10,000-square-foot covered area for loading trucks. Bridger is a premier metal manufacturer of panel systems for roofing, siding and interior applications. Bridger made some of the products used in construction of the new warehouse.

"We were looking for a way to expand our footprint and reduce the cost of transporting the materials to the manufacturing plants," says Eric Wolf, Bridger Steel Inc. Procurement and Logistics Director. "The Port's proximity to I-5 will make it cheaper to bring products to customers."



Marco Industries Inc, a leader providing quality accessory products for the metal roofing and cladding industry, leased a 30,000 square foot space. Blake Atkins, CEO and President of Marco says, "The Port's proximity to transportation routes and the availability of quality labor makes it a perfect location to expand our Pacific Northwest presence."



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

Message from the President



We've had a busy past year at the Port of Kalama with the completion, and a very successful opening, of McMenamins; a new 110,000 square-foot building under construction in the industrial park; the first major upgrade of the marina in 40 years; and the initiation of construction of the new amphitheater. There is no end in sight as we are under construction of a new 'central port' stormwater management system to ensure that we continue to have no stormwater discharge to the river.

Upon completion of the new amphitheater, McMenamins will be organizing free concerts in the park for the balance of the summer. An added bonus to the amphitheater project is the re-grading, paving, and lighting of the riverside trail to Ahle Point, which will improve this well used walking path.

The addition of the new playground equipment (similar to the park facility) and picnic tables will provide additional outdoor exercise opportunities for families visiting Haydu Park. We anticipate having the playground operational by soccer season.

While all this is ongoing, the Port's businesses are operating at near record levels. Stay tuned, we have a few more irons in the fire!

RENOVATION AND UPGRADES ON DECK FOR POK MARINA



The contract for the Kalama Marina Renovation Project was awarded by the Port of Kalama commission to Massana Construction Co, a heavy, civil and highway contractor. The \$4.6 million marina contract, includes construction and management of all marina upgrades and improvements. The Project is slated to finish later this year.

The contract work includes new features like: aluminum frame floats on the main walkway, upgrades to the visitors' dock and the boat launch, new steel piles, ADA-compliant gangway ramps, new fire systems, new electrical service, new potable water system, and a fully functional dock fueling system.





RECREATIONAL UPGRADES ABOUND

Port businesses are enjoying strong economic vitality—infusing a steady revenue stream into our community. As crucial as this is to Kalama’s well-being, the Port strives to maintain a balance between economic growth and environmental health. To that end, the Port has prioritized many upgrades and renovation projects to keep our recreational areas in top shape for our community to enjoy.

Some of these improvements are:

- Louis Rasmussen Park: (ongoing) Replace and upgrade lighting and asphalt walkways.
- Marina Renovation Project: (ongoing) Replaced boat launch, fuel docks and floats, and the fuel system. Added grated ramps and improved ADA-compliant gangways.
- Haydu Park new playground equipment: New playground structure coming soon.
- Marina and Marine Park parking projects: 117 parking spots were added on Hendrickson Drive along with rain gardens to manage stormwater.
- Ahles Point Nourishment Project: Sand from maintenance dredging was used to rebuild beaches near Ahles Point.
- Marina Boardwalk Renovation: Boards were replaced as part of regular boardwalk maintenance.
- Amphitheater Project: Asphalt pathways, lighting and security cameras, and a new stage and seating in process.



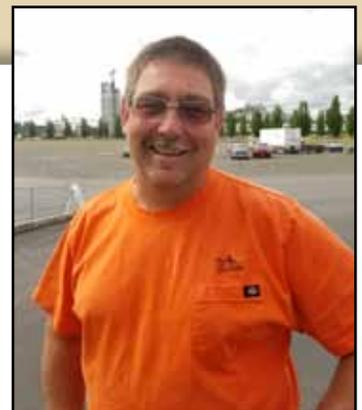
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: JEFF RINCK - Helping Keep the Port Ship Shape

After working in construction for 20 years, Jeff Rinck saw an ad for a Field and Maintenance Operations position at the Port and decided to make a change. Six years later, he wouldn’t consider going anywhere else. The Port has everything he likes in a job.

“I like working here very much. I’ve enjoyed seeing the focus and growth of both the Port’s business side and its recreational side over the past six years,” says Jeff. “I love working outside too, and this is a beautiful place.”

Jeff, along with three other maintenance operations co-workers, keeps buildings and parks up and running and looking good. From changing light bulbs to mowing the grounds and adjusting the vast sprinkler systems, every day is different. He splits his time equally between inside and outside jobs, is always busy and never bored.

Jeff is married with a 21-year-old son. He lives in Castle Rock, a very doable 20-minute commute away. Jeff has been a volunteer firefighter with Cowlitz Fire District No 6 in Castle Rock for eighteen years. After hours, he loves to fish; mostly sturgeon catch and release, from his boat. That’s where you’ll find him most often when he’s not fixing, maintaining or generally improving the properties at the Port.



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PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT COMES TO HAYDU PARK

Run don't walk to Haydu Park's newest attraction. The long planned playground equipment is making its debut late this summer at the Port. The multi-level, multi-fun structure was purchased from Vancouver-based Columbia Cascade Company for approximately \$130,000. "The structure will stand among wood playground chips, which makes for softer landings," says Darin Sampson, Port Maintenance Supervisor. "In addition, in response to community requests, we are adding new tables and benches around the structure for picnickers."

The farm-themed structure will feature amenities for young thrill seekers including: tubular slides, monkey bars at different heights, swings, twisty climbing bars and much more to guarantee hundreds, perhaps thousands of hours of fun. The farm design is a nod to the Haydu Family Farm to which the park is dedicated.

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