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Haydu Playground; 100% Fun, 75% Done

The Port's new Haydu Playground features elaborate play structures, a swing set, picnic tables, and benches for nonstop fun. Kids can bounce around from a tractor themed play structure to one that looks like a barn—representative of the Haydu Family Farm and the park and playground's namesake. Both structures have tunnels, poles and games. Wood chips carpet beneath the equipment to soften acrobatic jumps.

"We ask for the communities patience while we complete building the structures," says Darin Sampson, Port Field and Maintenance Superintendent. "Our daily operations around the Port still demand our attention, but we are working towards completion by this coming spring."

The equipment cost was \$135,000, approved by the Port of Kalama Commission.

KALAMA CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW PORT BUILDING

On October 5, the Port held an event celebrating the new industrial building at the Kalama River Industrial Park. The 120,000-square-foot location already has two tenants: Marco Industries and Bridger Steel. Each occupies 30,000 square feet and will join the steel manufacturing cluster developing at the Port.



Between the two, they will create nearly 30 jobs and an opportunity for growth, boosting the local economy.



"Besides supporting the Kalama area's building industry, Marco and Bridger want everyone to know they care about this community," says Mark Wilson, Port Executive Director. "Partnerships like these create long-term opportunities for the next generation to live, work and raise families close to home."

The celebration offered Kalama revelers raffles, games, food, music and more. Located at 2550 North Hendrickson Drive, the building has a remaining 40,000 square feet ready to lease.



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Executive Director

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

Ports in Washington are required to have a "Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements", a long-range planning and policy document. Annually, the Port updates our "Strategic Plan" outlining specific actions to implement the Comprehensive Scheme and including a budget for proposed projects. The commission and staff completed our update of the Strategic Plan in late September. The Strategic Plan includes projects for 2019 as well as five years or more of potential projects.

Some projects are routine activities such as dredging at the docks to maintain access, funding our share of continued Columbia River maintenance dredging by the Corps of Engineers, and maintaining security systems. Other projects continue current development such as the Spencer Creek Business Park traffic improvements. The plan includes a budget for constructing infrastructure at North Port, pending the receipt of all approvals and permits for the Northwest Innovation Works project.

We will continue the marina repairs and upgrades with a major extension of the guest dock, lighting the boardwalk, and installing crosswalk safety measures. We are moving forward to install a light commercial dock near the marina entrance for vessels servicing ships calling on Columbia River ports.

Additional improvements to the waterfront parks are planned for 2019. Replacing the Rasmussen Park restrooms, adding fence to address safety concerns, installing fitness equipment, and improving beach access are included.

Although the planning list is long and detailed; like any business we must remain flexible and opportunistic. We are ready to respond when opportunities arise that further our goals for economic development and job creation.

PS-If you are out for a stroll, check out the new amphitheater. McMenamin's has plans for free concerts next summer. Can't wait!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: CRAIG THELEN - Expert Heavy Equipment Operator

If you're looking for Craig at the Port, look up. He's the guy in the driver's seat of any one of the Port's tractors, excavators, dump trucks, or trailers. Craig is a self-professed lover of heavy equipment. As the Field and Maintenance Operator, he spends his day running one or the other depending on job requirements.

"I enjoy the variety of work here," says Craig. "Every day is different. One day I'm mowing down blackberries, the next I'm grading out roads or spreading bark dust. Some days I do it all, which keeps me moving and happy."

Craig worked in Vancouver before coming to the Port six years ago. He left a heavy operation position to relocate closer to home in Kalama. Now he has a ten-minute commute.

In his off hours, Craig is still moving—on the water in his kayak, fishing the nearby lakes and rivers, or working on his house. When he wants speed, Craig fires up his prized hotrod, a 69' Chevy Nova that he has restored.



Craig operating the manlift to install playground equipment

Discover!



POK DISCOVER! CAMPAIGN KEEPS YOU INFORMED

In January 2018, the Port launched the Discover! campaign. Discover! educates, informs and keeps you, our Kalama neighbors, up-to-date as we evaluate and make investments in our community, while protecting and enhancing our natural resources. Our mission statement, "to induce capital investment in an environmentally responsible manner to create jobs and to

enhance public recreational opportunities", is our guide as we navigate through myriad economic and recreational opportunities.

Visitors to our website, portofkalama.com, can access Discover! by clicking Media Center, then clicking Blog. Learn who we are, why and what we're up to. Did you know we've been around since 1920, born out of an organized vote of Kalama citizens? Today, the elected Port of Kalama Board of Commissioners meets bi-monthly to discuss Port business and set policy based on a legal community directive called a Comprehensive Planning Process. Meetings are open to the public.

The Discover! Blog invites readers to access information and learn about our investment policies, tenant lease agreements, new and ongoing Port construction, recreational site upgrades and additions, and upcoming events in the area.

The Port is dedicated to being a transparent and committed steward of the Kalama community. Discover! allows you to keep a finger on the pulse as we pursue our goals outlined in our mission statement, and progress on an environmentally and economically responsible path.



THE PORT WELCOMES OUR NEWEST CLIENTS

The Port of Kalama welcomes the following members to its family of industries, each providing its own specialty brand to advance the economy of the surrounding area.

- **Bridger Steel** A metal panel systems manufacturer for roofing, siding and interior applications, Bridger delivers first-class service, support, and products to their partners.
- **Marco Industries** A leader in accessory products for the metal roofing and cladding industry, Marco manufactures ventilation, closures, fasteners, and flashing.
- **Cowlitz Container and Diecutting Inc., Cowlitz** uses paper, corrugated fiberboard, paperboard, plastic or foam materials to manufacturer various shapes and sizes of custom cut containers.
- **Mattress Superstore** Locally owned, Mattress Superstore sells top brand mattresses found in big box stores, but with true discounts and sales—a great night's sleep guaranteed.
- **Depin Expansion** Ecorrcrate is a patent-pending product developed to meet the growing need for eco-friendly, easy-to-recycle crating solutions—with the strength of wood crates, but with less weight, and more cost effective.
- **Columbia Metal Fab** Specializing in custom jobs, CMF is a full-service fabrication company that provides supply and install of structural and architectural steel.
- **McMenamins** The Northwest restaurant and hotel chain opened a 3-story hotel with 40 rooms, brewery, restaurant/pub and bottle shop, and a rooftop bar.





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DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL EIS FOR PROPOSED KALAMA METHANOL PLANT RELEASED

The Port of Kalama and Cowlitz County have released the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (DSEIS) for Northwest Innovation Works, LLC's proposed natural gas to methanol production plant and storage facility.

The DSEIS includes a quantitative analysis of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions attributable to the proposed project on a life-cycle basis.

The DSEIS is available for viewing and downloading at:
<https://kalamamfgfacilitysepa.com/>.

Completion of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) is an important milestone in the process of reviewing the proposed Kalama Manufacturing and Marine Export Facility project.

We appreciate the public involvement so far and now encourage members of our community – and representatives of agencies – to carefully review the DSEIS and make comments on it.

Public comments on the DSEIS will be accepted for 45 days beginning November 13, 2018 and continuing to 5 p.m. on December 28, 2018.

DSEIS Public Hearing

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., December 13, 2018
Cowlitz County Event Center
1900 7th Avenue, Longview, Washington 98632

