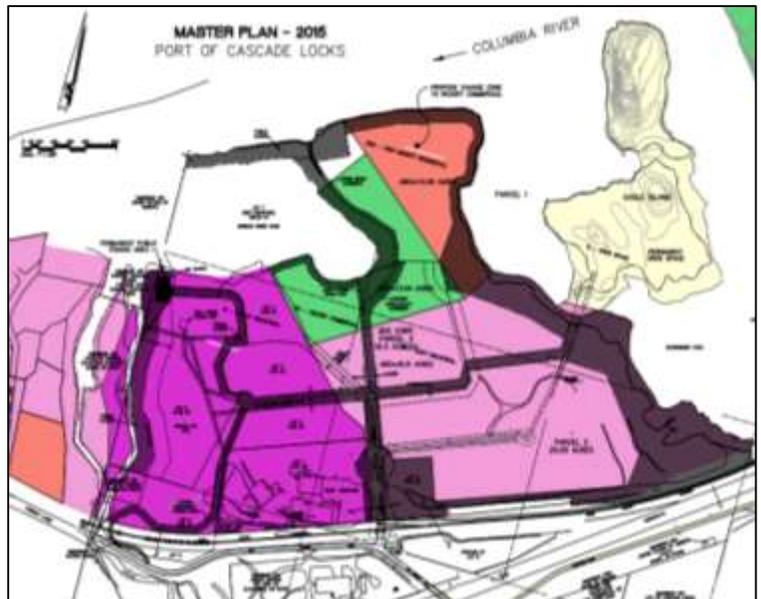


Port Report



Commission Adopted Revised Port Business Park Master Plan

The Port Commission has adopted a revised Master Plan map for the Business Park. The previous 2013 Master Plan map was already outdated due to recent progress in the park. Additions to the revised map include new property boundaries reflecting the 8-lot subdivision, the current zoning, the adjusted road alignment for the new “NE Columbia Gorge Way,” public foot access along nearly all of the riverfront, and a permanent gravel road for public vehicular access down to the dedicated fishing area at Herman Creek Cove. The map to the right is produced by consulting engineer Jim Bussard. A better resolution version of the map is available on the Port’s website.



Thunder Island Brewing Co. Congratulations, 2nd Anniversary

Congratulations to Port tenant Thunder Island Brewing Company (TIB), celebrating their 2nd anniversary. TIB has exceeded projections with rapid growth in a port warehouse incubator space overlooking the Columbia River in Marine Park. In October 2013, TIB opened its doors with 4 employees. Since then, TIB has upgraded their brewing system twice, jumping from a production of 30 gals./week on a 2 barrel system to producing 500+ gals./week on a 7 barrel brewhouse. TIB employs 30 staff during the peak summer season, and 20 staff during the shoulder season. In two years, this is a 15x production increase and 5x more local jobs. The Port is working closely with TIB to establish a long term plan for continued success in a downtown location. Owners Dave Lipps and Caroline Park take pride in being engaged participants and volunteers in the community.

Underwater Bridge Inspections

ODOT dive crews recently completed a thorough inspection of the underwater portions of the Bridge of the Gods. The bridge received a good review, with no follow-up maintenance required at this time. The Port Commission will be meeting with bridge engineer HDR of Portland in December to update the adopted 10 Year O&M Plan. Both WSDOT and ODOT will be participating in this update process. The Port expects to spend approximately \$250,000 annually on bridge enhancements, plus state and federal grant funds for larger projects over the 10 years of the plan.

Bridge Bike/Ped Safety Update

Port staff are participating in a regional coalition along with the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA), the City of Stevenson, and the Friends of the Columbia Gorge to determine the feasibility and price of adding an additional narrow cantilevered lane on the Bridge of the Gods to allow safer passage for non-motorized users. Fundraising efforts successfully raised \$18,000 for an engineering cost analysis report, which is now completed and is scheduled to be presented to the Port Commission at the same meeting as the 10 Year Bridge Plan mentioned above, date in December TBD.



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Successful Cyclocross Bike Event

The Port was honored to host race #3 in the well-established 8-race "Cross Crusade" series, which travels between different race venues throughout NW Oregon. In a cyclocross race, competitors ride laps on challenging courses of pavement, mud, gravel, grass, and sand. The courses provide obstacles including hurdles, tight corners, mud pits, steep hills, and staircases that force racers to dismount and carry their bikes as they run. This makes for an entertaining spectator sport. Racers compete in different categories based upon skill, sex, age, and bike type. Approximately 950 racers participated in the Cascade Locks event on Sunday, October 18th. Event organizers Brad Ross and Kevin Blair ran a professional operation, leaving behind a clean trail, providing customers for local businesses, and generating positive publicity through online videos and photos. The Port welcomes future cycling event opportunities on the easyCLIMB trail.

Winterizing the Marine Park

Port Maintenance & Construction staff are preparing the Marine Park for freezing temperatures and strong winds this winter. The large canvas tents are folded down in storage already. By November 1st the marina slips, campground water, camp restrooms, and center park restrooms will be shut off to prevent cracked pipes. Only the public restrooms at the boat ramp will remain open all winter. The campground is still open for dry camping this winter at a reduced rate.

LOCAL TRIVIA QUIZ FOR PRIZES

Be one of the first three people to correctly answer this question (spelling counts) by email to: rare@portofcascadelocks.org, and win a gift certificate to a local business!

Adults: Name any one of the three islands at the Bonneville Dam.

Youth (Under 18): What was the high school mascot in Cascade Locks?