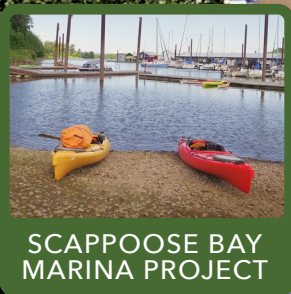


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News from the Port of Columbia County





Kayaks at Scappoose Bay Marina. Marina improvements will include a kayak beach launch.

PORT PLANNING \$4 MILLION SCAPPOOSE BAY MARINA PROJECT

Scappoose Bay Marina is one of the top tourist destinations in Columbia County, often seeing over 2,000 visitors on a summer weekend. To create a better experience for both motorized and non-motorized boaters at the marina, the Port is planning a major renovation.

Planned improvements include replacing the boat ramp and creating a new kayak unloading and staging area away from the primary boat launch.

The installation of additional low profile kayak dock fingers and a kayak beach launch will increase access and ease congestion for kayakers and other paddlecraft users. Plans also include widening sidewalks, installing a wider pier and gangway, replacing the main dock with a new concrete dock and improving ADA access.

In 2021, the Oregon State Marine Board approved a grant of \$175,000, matched by the Port, for a total of \$350,000 to finance project design, engineering and permitting.

Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2024 and will cost approximately \$4 million. The Port will apply for additional grant funds to help pay for the construction once the permitting process is complete.

To learn more about the Marina visit portofcolumbiacounty.org/recreation/page/scappoose-bay-marine-park or scan the QR code.



NEW RV DUMP STATION OPEN AT BAYPORT

A new RV dump station is now available on-site at Bayport RV Park. A welcome addition to the RV park, this amenity is available to the public for \$15.00 (credit cards only).



On site RV Dump Station at the Bayport RV Park & Campground.



The S.S. Bochem London docked at the Port Westward terminal.

LAND USE BOARD REMANDS PORT WESTWARD REZONE

The Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) remanded the Port Westward rezone in May 2022, sending it back to Columbia County for more information. The Columbia County Board of Commissioners approved the Port of Columbia County's application to rezone 837 acres at Port Westward from Primary Agriculture to Resource Industrial Planned Development in September 2021.

"Port Westward is one of very few deep-water ports on the Columbia River, and with the dock structure already serving the site, we have an incredibly unique asset adjacent to land which is

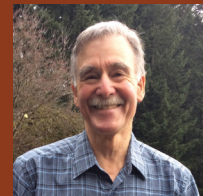
already developed and is primed for additional development," said the Port's Executive Director Sean Clark. "The Port believes that we effectively demonstrated that responsible industrial and agricultural uses can coexist together as good neighbors, as they have for decades at Port Westward."

Port Westward is a deep-water port with existing dock facilities and direct access to the 43-foot navigation channel in the Columbia River. The 837-acre expansion at Port Westward will address the need, both at the local and state level, for additional industrial land.

YOUR PORT COMMISSION



ROBERT KEYSER, President



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NANCY WARD, Secretary



BRIAN FAWCETT, Treasurer

ATTEND A MEETING

Regular Commission meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am and the 4th Wednesday as needed (time TBD) at the Port office: 100 E Street, Columbia City. Meetings are subject to change. Visit www.portofcolumbiacounty.org/calendar to access the updated meeting calendar.

PORT SETS ZERO PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THIRD YEAR

Port of Columbia County Commissioners voted unanimously to set the Port's annual property tax levy to an assessed rate of zero for the third year in a row, citing the Port's strong financial position.

Under Oregon state law, the Port has the authority to levy up to 8.86 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value on businesses and homeowners within the boundaries of the Port district.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



SEAN CLARK
Executive Director

Sean has been the Executive Director of the Port of Columbia County since October 2021. He joined the Port in 2014 as the Port Westward Terminal Manager and later served as the Deputy Executive Director. Sean has more than 12 years of port experience and an extensive background in logistics and maritime management. A native Oregonian, Sean was raised in Goble where he currently resides with his wife of 28 years.

"We have a talented and dedicated group of people here at the Port. I enjoy working with them to bring economic opportunities to Columbia County."

FUN FACT: "I'm a member of two different bands that actively play around the region."

REPORT ANALYZES COUNTY'S INDUSTRIAL LAND SUPPLY

The Port initiated a study to evaluate the available industrial land supply in Columbia County. Of the 33 developable industrial sites identified in the report, seven are classified as 'shovel-ready' within six months.

The full report and a map of the county's industrial land is available online. Visit www.portofcolumbiacounty.org and click on 'Business & Development' to view the 'Columbia County Industrial Land Inventory.'



An interactive map of Columbia County's Industrial land is available on the Port's website.

AIRPORT SIGNS NEW TENANT

Robotic aircraft systems manufacturer SICDRONE is opening a new facility in Scappoose. The facility will be dedicated to the design and advanced manufacturing of unmanned aircraft systems for military applications, commercial offshore wind farms, and first responder drone programs. SICDRONE anticipates hiring between five to ten software, mechanical, and electrical engineers and support staff.

"We are looking forward to moving our headquarters back home to Oregon," said founder and CEO Daniel Bosch.



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