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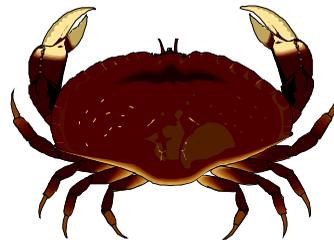
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Second Crab Season Opener

Second Crab Season Opener Evan Kramer

The 2010-11 Oregon Dungeness Crab season got underway for local fishermen on Saturday morning, January 15, at 12:01am. The crab season had been delayed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in an area of the ocean from the mouth of the Rogue River north to Cape Blanco. This was based on a crab fill sampling done before the start of the season on December 1, 2010. The sampling proved the crabs had not filled in to the desired rate of 25%. Some of the fishermen asked ODF&W for a presoak period for this delayed opener but their requests were denied. Normally at the beginning of the season there is a 64 hour time period for fishermen to set their crab pots.

The official way the closure worked is the ODF&W released a notice to crab fishers dated December 9 informing them they had adopted a temporary rule to close the area between Cape Blanco and Rogue River until January 15, 2011. The closure and enforcement will be handled by the Oregon State Police.

Those fishermen who used their crab permits when the season opened on December 10 for the presoak with crab pots being pulled and product delivered

on January 12 have to wait until February 15 to fish the area between Rogue River and Cape Blanco. This will provide a "fair start" according to ODF&W. Several fishermen have more than one permit so it's not the fisherman but the permit which is import. A fisherman owning two boats and two permits and using one previous to January 15 can use the second permit and boat to fish in the now opened area. There are 433 limited entry crab permits which have been issued by the ODF&W for the state.

Both Norcal Fisheries which specializes in live fish and Hallmark which handles the fresh fish market are paying fishermen \$2.40 a pound for the crab they bring in to the dock. The opening price this season was \$1.675 a pound. The crab that Hallmark buys at the Port Orford dock goes to their Charleston processing facility while Norcal ships live crab south to the Bay Area including Oakland, San Francisco and Sacramento and occasionally to Los Angeles. Their first shipment of live crab south this season happened on Monday night and was approximately 20,000 pounds of crab.

On Monday morning most of the activity at the Port of Port Orford revolved around the fishermen getting their crab

pots loaded on the boats and out to drop them in various spots and then come back for another 60 or so crab pots. Each pot weighs approximately 100 pounds and most fishermen can only handle 50-60 per trip. The weather on Saturday, January 15 was conducive for fishermen to take off to their favorite crabbing grounds but Sunday's big storm and windy weather prevented anyone from leaving the Port. By Monday morning things were very busy once again at the Port. One crab boat had brought in about 2,500 pounds of crab on Saturday but the first big landings were set to occur on Monday afternoon and evening. Another boat brought in 6,700 pounds of crab on Tuesday morning while one came in with 6,000 pounds on Monday evening. It was expected many of the boats would be bringing in their catch starting Tuesday afternoon through late into the evening.

Tsunami/Earthquake Meeting

Last week's tsunami/earthquake meeting at the American Legion Hall was written up in the Port Orford News by my friend and the main reporter for that paper Brice Wagner. Since I didn't attend there is no information about the meeting in this paper so to learn more pick up this week's Port Orford News.

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The front page includes a full color tsunami evacuation map for Port Orford which every resident including those in the urban growth boundary should have in their home. Wagner reported extensively on the meeting which drew an overflow crowd to the Legion Hall. At the end of his article he includes the city web site address – www.portorford.org and once you get there you can access maps for the tsunami flood zone, evacuation routes and other related links. Brice and I were both down at the dock on Tuesday morning following the start of our local crab season.

Letter to the Editor,

Thank you, Superintendent Mick Lane, for your article "Taking our Schools Back".

We need topics like this more often in our local papers, so that we can be aware of urgent issues and do something about them.

I have thought about our school children, unintelligent tests, education

and behavior for many years. I had discussions with Moms, teachers. I wrote about it in my book.

Lawmakers, quarreling interest groups and corporations keep amending and changing education and tests. A new "progressive" speaker is in the forefront, Alphonse Kohn, who draws his thinking from social science research about children, not from real life living children. Why not ask children what *they* think? We only need to *let* them speak; we only need to *listen* to them; we only need to be *quiet*. Just once!

After much contemplation my answer to "Taking Back our Schools" is for Moms to take back their children!

It's a Mother's special gift from Above that of *nurturing* a child and that of *having* one, loving, disciplining, reprimanding, cooking a warm fresh meal from scratch, turning off violent TV and so much more!

Alphonse Kohn wants to throw criminal children into jail; he wants to get tough!

The Truth is:

all children that are in jail, criminals or bad behaved ones are the result of their parents and of all society!

Children are innocent. It is *us* who *failed* to discipline, love and nurture them. We *failed* to raise them in our own home, a safe environment with a loving mom present. Home sweet home!

These days, our children are pushed and shoved and hurried into Day Care Centers when only three weeks old to be raised by an agency that is ruled by State and federal law, not Mom's law.

Moms listened to corporations to come and work for them, to gain status and *become* someone. Never mind that the best status in the world is that of a loving mother.

They work for minimum wage, no benefits. Corporations are thrilled to have a cheap female workforce while they laugh all the way to the bank.

Who are these corporations? They are private stockholders and investors who hire a CEO. They pay little or no taxes,

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How long will it take for Moms to get the drift that these people are running their and their childrens' lives?

It will never end. These people have nothing to do. *We*, the female force, are making all the money for them. They have no worry. Moms do. When Moms decide to stay home to nurture their own children, then we will take our schools back.

Because then Mom is in charge and children will blossom.

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt told the United Nation Assembly speaking for all humanity:

"What *must* be done, *can* be done". And so it is!

Respectfully,

Jutta Benner

Letter to the Editor,

I want to voice support for the Main Street Program and what they want to do for our area. I'm a concerned resident and business owner, so I support anything that wisely enhances our appearance and economy. I know first-hand about surviving here year-round, especially though winter when traffic dies and tourist dollars are scarce.

With our fishing industry taking a beating, we must focus more on tourism. Most people know tourism's importance to families and businesses who make a living here, and we must grow in some degree to avoid the town becoming stagnant and dying. I'm against turning our beautiful town into a crowded unorganized mess as we see farther north, but too many examples show that no growth keeps businesses struggling, the City broke, and kills the town.

The Main Street program promotes tourism, by improving the curb appeal of our city. We **MUST** start with our "Main Street", Highway 101, where thousands of tourists pass through and we have one chance to make first impressions. Great first impressions translate into

stopping travelers, and stopping them translates into tourist dollars at our stores, shops, gas stations, galleries and lodging businesses. Tourist dollars not only help residents and businesses, but also City revenue needed for repairs & maintenance.

Underground power lines, attractive streetlamps, benches and bicycle racks are great starters. We need to fill empty storefronts, facelift eyesore lots, and help neighbors with buildings needing paint or repairs. The Main Street program targets these goals, and simply benefits everyone.

Jeff MacFarlane
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**Main Street Revitalization
By Grace Lee Bonnell**

I've overheard conversations, read letters and had phone calls that prompt me to write this article. There appears to be some confusion.

Port Orford Main Street Revitalization (POMSR) is a 501.c.3 non-profit organization within our community similar to the arts council and other non-profit organizations. Urban Renewal (a funding mechanism) is a possibility the City of Port Orford is exploring and has no direct connection with POMSR. City Beautification and Tourism Grants financed by the Transient Lodging Tax (TLT Grants), currently available, have no direct connection with POMSR or Urban Renewal. They are all separate, please. The goals of POMSR, to help bring mutual cooperation and open doors of opportunity within the community businesses and public, may

overlap goals of these other efforts but they are not directly connected.

We are a diverse community of individuals. Our community is rich in nature, history, art, and both fresh water and ocean fishing. All of this must be considered and honored in the revitalization for our future. Our spirit is here but we need to cooperate in building a future. We are also a community rich in volunteerism; they should be honored daily. Certainly these volunteers would be the first to acknowledge that it takes funds to succeed in any work.

Revitalization of a historic, art, fishing community takes time and money and can be accomplished one small step at a time, always remembering to meet the needs of the community. Meeting our needs does call us to present a united community pride and effort. Revitalization will build from our foundation.



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Letter to The Editor,

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Interesting.... As an aside, our country is not a pure democracy in which we all get together and all vote on each and every item in our lives. We are a republic and as such we all vote once a term to elect officials to vote on all appropriate matters for that period. We can make our wishes known, but the final decision is up to them. Once again, this illustrates the importance of voting for the best qualified individual for a position and not just because he went to school with you or serves you sandwiches.

Next, there is always a contingent who investigates little, learns nothing, and are against everything. It is this group to whom the letter writers seem to be appealing with their requests for the "fairness" of a ballot measure yet couching their reasoning in a thinly veiled negative bias. The electorate needs to be educated, not manipulated!

I expected better of them. I was wrong.

Regretfully

Jim Hajek

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Research Fees

The Board of the Ocean Resource Team is writing to strongly encourage the Port Commission to eliminate the \$126.60 research lift fee approved at the November 2010 Port Commission meeting.

The Board of the Ocean Resource Team has a long history of supporting the science that is the foundation of our fisheries. We understand that without science, there is no future for fishing.

From a fisherman's perspective, the inequity between the research hoist fee and the non-tenant commercial fee is unacceptable. If the Port's intention is to recover lost revenue from local boats being used for research, we'd like to emphasize that **fishermen** would not sacrifice harvesting available quota for conducting research. Not only does the port receive its percentage from the fish landed, it receives additional revenue from hoist fees generated from **extra** days on the water conducting research. Fishing is **always** prioritized over research.

Further, the research fee discourages research from being conducted out



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of this port. As it is, bids for research charters out of Port Orford are markedly higher than other ports. To add *additional* fees to an already lofty rate would eliminate our opportunities to diversify our portfolio and buffer those times when fishing is poor.

Having lots of experience for the past 10 years working with researchers on projects out of this port, we understand that fisheries research funding and budgets are limited. There have been *many* occasions that our commitment to a science project meant *donating our time and use of our vessel* to make sure the research work gets done. In many cases, the research fee would mean *we would have to pay* the Port to participate in donated research.

Coast wide Port Orford is the *only* port that has even considered implementing a fee for conducting research out of their port. This is bad business, and gives Port Orford the reputation of a community that discourages science, depresses new businesses, and actively stifles growth for our port and our community.

Again, we ask the Commission to revisit this decision and eliminate this

excessive and unnecessary fee.

Sincerely,

The Board of the
Port Orford Ocean Resource Team

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Letter to The Editor,

Research charters are critical to offsetting loss of fishing income due to the marine reserve. These new research fees are the Port Commission's way of effectively shutting down research in a port where research and science is the foundation of our fisheries. Is this how we encourage science and understanding? To me, it looks like a get rich quick campaign that ultimately leads to lost income for the Port and the community, and loss of necessary information to keep fisheries sustainable.

I look carefully at the Commission's agenda every month. I've never seen anything about fee increases. What I've seen is something about "pricing". They're deliberately trying to keep the public uninformed by keeping agendas vague and conducting **no** outreach during important decision-making.

The sport hoist fee has gone from high (\$25) to outrageous (\$50). This fee will severely reduce the number of sport boats launching at Port Orford. To the community, this means far less sport fishermen supporting restaurants, hotels, gas stations, stores, etc. It's a

terrible blow during times when money is scarce and businesses are struggling.

A Port Commissioner stated, "Well, if we only get half of the sport launches we used to, we're still making the same amount of money". I'd ask, what about everyone else; the community that depends on that income? They're the same community members that elected those Port Commissioners. *It's time for the community to speak up!* It's time to trade the 5th & Washington property to get us out of debt.

Jeff Miles

Port Orford Commercial Fishermen

Letter to the Editor,

To our community,

We are excited to say that our first Community "Soup Kitchen" evening was a great success! More than 25 people shared an evening of camaraderie, hot soup and warm dinner rolls. We were so delighted to have the opportunity to spend time with our neighbors, friends and community members. We are

grateful for the support of so many and hope to see more people join us as the weeks go by. This gives all of us in Port Orford and surrounding areas a time to enjoy the company of people we often see. We see some of you in emergency situations, but would much prefer to visit with you at our (2nd and 4th) Thursday Soup Nights.

We hope all members of our community feel free to drop by for a bowl of soup, a cup of coffee, friendly conversation, dessert and more. There will always be soup and rolls or bread, sometimes dessert, sometimes sandwiches, maybe salad.....always Good. All are most welcome, children included. There no charge.....Soup is on us!

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GOT ZUMBA! Want an exercise that feels like a party? Then Zumba is for you! Come out and join the Zumba ladies, Catherine and Rachel, at Blanco Middle School Gym, Langlois Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00pm, Saturday 10:00am. First class is free. Not affiliated with any other Zumba instructors.

ELECTRIC POTTERY/GLASS kiln and motorize kick wheel for sale. Also included tools books and misc. Supplies. First \$500 takes it. 541-253-6611.

DO YOU HAVE DSL INTERNET?

Are you renting your modem from the phone company? (check your bill!). DSL modem - wireless/wired Router now available at Downtown Fun Zone, Inc., 832 Hwy 101, for \$39.99. Pays for itself in less than a year!

Amarisa
ART Studio
Gallery

Exuberant paintings and prints

See my paintings at Siren Cafe until March, Hwy 101 & 13th St.

GIVE YOUR SWEETHEART the gift of Theatre for Valentine's day! Gift Certificates to Port Orford's Theatre 101 are available \$10 each. Call 332-PLAY.

T-SHIRTS, SWEAT SHIRTS, T-Shirt dresses, infant and toddler layettes, even swim suits. Airbrushed artwork; requests, special occasions. Affordable prices. Call Gina at (541) 366-2045.

FRESH BAKED GOODS at Siren's Café. Muffins, scones, chocolate or almond filled croissants plus an assortment of your favorite cookies. Open 7am weekdays, 8am weekends.

COLLECTORS OF VINTAGE Stop! And check out the items. Furniture, dishes, linens, clothing, lamps, and basketry next to Timeworn Treasures. "Open" when open sign is on, usually 10am weekends.

SMALL PLASTIC BOXES reduced in price 50% at the Downtown Fun Zone, Inc. while they last! **FOR SALE:** 4- 225/60 16inch, sipped all weather Michelin tires mounted on aluminum rims, great to good shape, \$150 for all 4. Call Phil at 541-332-6490.

Port Orford Activity News

The Port Orford Senior Center has lots of activities. You can walk, dance, tai chi, carve, shoot pool, or just shoot the bull. If there is something we don't have, let us know and we'll try to arrange it. Our bargain basement is now open every Tuesday from 10am-1:00pm and 8am-noon on Breakfast Sundays. We will have our annual spaghetti dinner Saturday January 22 from 5pm till 6:30pm. Price is only \$7 adults and \$4 children. This is one of our main sources of income so please come join us. Feb. 13 is breakfast and Feb. 22 is membership meeting.

Letter to the Editor,

Free Sky Caps are available to residents inside the Port Orford City Limits. The supply is limited, 50 new caps, and some recycled caps coming in from Coos Curry Electric Cooperative as they remove unsupported mercury vapor style lighting in this area (some have caps). Now is a good time to check your electric bill to see if you are being charged for a “security light”; turning it off could save you \$156-\$204 per year.

There is a one-page article in the Oregon Coast Magazine (February 2011 issue) about Dark Sky in Port Orford and a note about the South Coast Astronomy Club, check it out.

To receive a free Sky Cap please call 541-332-6720, there is a message machine, please leave a brief message and I will call you back. Through the generosity of the many people that contributed to this project, Port Orford may view the future under a “different light”.

For additional information, please visit www.kalmiopsis.org and www.darksky.org.

One Light at a Time

Al Geiser

TLT Expenditure Committee

There is one vacancy on the TLT Expenditure Committee. This Committee examines all Grant Applications for beautification and tourism development and promotion and recommends approval to the City Council. This is an opportunity to contribute to your community in a meaningful way. Interested parties wishing to serve are urged to apply.

For information on the TLT Committee and their duties please look on the website at www.portorford.org under Municipal Code, Chapter 3.08.250 thru 255, or the Municipal Code book in the library.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 555 W. 20th, Port Orford, OR 97465, or via e-mail from bev@portorford.org, and returned in person, via e-mail or to PO Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465, Attn: Beverley Manes.

Letter to the Editor,

We are very pleased to announce the newly elected board members of the Port Orford Arts Council. Pamela Berndt, President and Public Relations; Stephanie Webb, Secretary; Cairehn McGowan, Vice President and Publicity; Bill Hanna Treasurer; Debbie Lee, Webmaster; Karen Auburn, Grants Director; Suzanne Monks, Membership Coordinator; Millie Haas, Festival Coordinator; Elaine Roemen, Children’s Program; Laurie Prouty, Advisor. This is a great team and we offer thanks for their willingness to serve our community and look forward to the new cultural opportunities they will inspire.

Sincerely,

Elaine Roemen
Outgoing President
Port Orford Arts Council

Friends of the Library News

The Friends of the Port Orford Library elected new officers at their January meeting. They are: Phyllis Johns, President; Terry Menzel, Vice-President; Amy Wilhite, Treasurer; and Carren Copeland, Treasurer. In addition, the group elected Kathy Davis as Hospitality Chair, Ann Voltin, Book Sale Chair and Publicity will be by Tobe Porter, et al.

The Friends’ Store is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-2pm, and right now you will find a Happy New Year sale going on. We have more than books, oh yes. Scarves, jewelry, artwork, toys and more!

This dynamic group puts on three book sales and the annual holiday bazaar

A NEW shipment of **BOOKS !!!**
 by Local Author and Mixologist
Mittie Hellmich
 AT
FRESHWATER

GALLERY
 541-350-2902
 236B HWY 101 (NEXT TO PAULA’S BISTRO)

to raise money for the Port Orford Library. You can be part of all this for just \$5.00 a year. Start the year off by being a Friend—come to the meeting on February 1 at 10:30 to see how you can join the fun.

End To Urban Renewal

California Governor Jerry Brown has proposed an end to California’s 425 urban renewal agencies. These agencies collect over \$5 billion in taxes which they spend on urban renewal projects. As in Oregon, the agencies in California get their money through “tax increment financing.” This means when an urban renewal district is formed the taxes are frozen in the zone and the increases go to the urban renewal district. Organizations like ports and libraries continue receiving their taxes but that part of each taxing agency which is within the urban renewal zone is frozen and in Oregon they will not get the increase in taxes for 20 years. If the 425 urban renewal districts are done away with in California that \$5 billion a year would go back to the school and other districts reducing their dependency on state funding. California is suffering through a \$28 billion budget deficit.