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## MEMO

DATE: September 19, 2019  
TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Spencer Nebel, City Manager  
SUBJECT: Status Report for the Three-week Period Ending Friday, September 13, 2019

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It has been an extremely busy summer with staff working on implementation of a number of Council issues, including vacation rental regulations, regulations of single-use plastic bags, implementation of our storm water ESUs, developing a plan to proceed with prioritization, implementation and recommendations from the Homelessness Task Force, attempting to move forward a number of long-standing priorities, including review of our water and sewer utility policies and ordinances, working with the Ford Family Foundation to secure funding for the Vision 2040 strategies, update of the personnel manual, preparing for the financial work group, dealing with staffing changes, as well as, trying to initiate sustainability reports for the City. It has been a very busy time and we are making progress on some of these fronts, however, it is taking us longer than we would like in dealing with a number of these efforts. These initiatives are in addition to the regular day-to-day addressing of complaints, regular business, preparing for Council meetings, and routine work initiatives. It has been a very busy and productive summer season.

Fortunately, the last week of August, I was able to carve time out to travel to Michigan and spend time with both my family and Angela's, as well as, attend a family wedding. It was a nice break at the tail end of summer!

### Highlights of activities over the last three weeks include the following:

- Was on vacation from August 22-August 30.
- City Hall was closed on Monday, September 2 in observation of the Labor Day Holiday.
- Held a routine Department Head meeting.
- Participated in a conference call for the OCCMA Bylaws Committee.  
Participated in a Council work session and regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3.

- Held bi-monthly meetings with Richard Dutton, and Judy Mayhew. During Richard's meeting, we met with Peggy and Gloria to discuss streamlining our duplicated agenda systems on the website, which include Granicus documents and agenda documents on the "R" drive. We have been keeping duplicate records, and the presentation on our website gets a little confusing between Granicus and our in-house agenda meeting materials and notifications. This has been one of the reasons we have kept our old system on the web. Granicus will be coming out with a new notification program for subscribers wanting agenda packets for various committees and City Council meetings. Once Granicus rolls that out, we will review it, and potentially make a change utilizing Granicus for all current and future documents. Our in-house documents will be archived for reference on the website. Peggy and I worked on a couple of changes to the agenda format that we will use over the next two or three Council meetings. If these changes work for the Council, then we will formally have the Council amend the Council rules to reflect these changes in the agenda format.
- Mike Murzynsky, Steve Baugher, and I met to prepare for the first meeting of the Finance Work Group. Our primary focus was on updating our financial projections, and laying out the agenda for the three meetings that have been scheduled by resolution by Council. The first meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 10.
- Met over lunch with Interim Toledo City Manager, Wes Hare. Wes was the long-time City Manager for Albany, and is filling in while the City proceeds with a search for a new manager.
- Barb James and I met in separate meetings with Jason Malloy and Rob Murphy regarding two separate issues where employees were involved in non-work related issues with law enforcement. We are conducting investigations into both of these separate matters. In one case, charges have been dropped by the District Attorney due to insufficient evidence.
- I interviewed Peggy Hawker during the City's KNPT radio show regarding City Council actions relating to the Homelessness Task Force priorities.
- Met with Michael Sydow of the Finance Work Group regarding information he has compiled summarizing the issues facing the Finance Work Group, as it relates to addressing financial sustainability issues with the City's General Fund. Michael has done a substantial amount of research, as well as, compiling information that has been provided to him through the budget development processes, and other online sources, to help summarize the financial issues and provide a starting point for the committee's discussions.
- Peggy Hawker, Gloria Tucker, and I met to review our model guidelines for titling agenda items, and motions. This is our third (or so) revision to this document. By having the model titles and motion language, it has helped improve consistency for our agendas, and for the recommendations included in my reports to the City Council.
- Barb James, John DuBois, Mike Murzynsky and I met to review a Fire Department employee's claim that they are eligible for Tier 1 PERS benefits, instead of the Tier 2 PERS benefits the City shows in our records. In this case, the employee worked as temporary employee when Tier 1 benefits were still in effect. In order to be eligible, the employee would have to work 600 hours in that year. There was a gap

in service before the employee started as a full-time employee, which occurred during the Tier 2 eligibility period. There is not a requirement to maintain payroll records that far back. We will be reviewing our general archives to determine whether or not we can find any evidence, to either support or not support this claim. At this point, the only evidence we have would not support the claim, including the initial signup for PERS benefits that was done when the employee became a fulltime City Employee.

- Barb James and I spent some time with City Attorney, Steve Rich, as he was in transit from Seattle to Grants Pass. We discussed the terms of Steve's doctor's release, which would allow Steve to initiate limited work on September 19 at the earliest. We anticipate updating the City Council on this matter at the September 16 Council meeting.
- Met with Mayor Sawyer, and Council President Allen for a quarterly review to discuss work performance issues, and any other evaluation concerns of Mayor Sawyer and Council President Allen. In addition, we discussed the formal evaluation to be conducted by the full Council. It is our intent to discuss the evaluation process with the Council at the October 7 work session, with the evaluation between the City Council and City Manager occurring at executive session on November 4. An annual evaluation is part of my employment agreement with the City. As I indicated to the Mayor and Council President, I will also be obligated to conduct a 360-evaluation process that will involve Council members, Department Heads, and other third party entities, as part of maintaining my ICMA credentialed status. This process is required every five years or so. I did delay the 360, with authorization from ICMA, since we were transitioning with Council members, and I wanted the new Council members to participate in the ICMA evaluation process. The purpose of the ICMA evaluation is to guide development tools for my training and education going forward.
- Met with Judy Mayhew and Kathy Cline on possible provisions for our City/ LCSD agreement on joint use of recreational facilities. We will be meeting with the schools on September 13.
- Met with Mona Linstromberg to discuss her request to have an item on the agenda for the first meeting in January 2020. She would like the Council to request the Short-Term Rental Work Group establish a shorter phase-out time period for vacation rentals located outside of the overlay zone. As you will recall, the current ordinance allows that activity to continue until the property is sold. Furthermore, property can be transferred to family members and retain the ability to continue operating as a vacation rental, provided that activity does not cease for a period of 12 months or more. I appreciate Mona allowing time to deal with possible ordinance changes to allow implementation issues, and to proceed in a timely manner.
- Participated in the employee barbeque at Big Creek Park. I appreciate the efforts of Gloria Tucker, Barb James, Peggy Hawker, Rob Murphy, Melanie Nelson, Jim Salisbury, Derrick Tokos, and Cheryl Atkinson in organizing the picnic.
- Went on a tour of car-charging stations with Councilor Parker. I appreciated learning a little more about charging stations for electrical vehicles. We will be providing a report, as requested by the Council, at one of the two October meetings.

- Met with Frank Geltner, and other members of the Ernest Bloch Committee, regarding signage issues at the Ernest Bloch Wayside. In reviewing the signage, we do seem to have an overabundance of signs for the Lucky Gap Trail. Furthermore, Frank would like to have the Council consider specifically designating the memorial area as Ernest Bloch Place. The group has plans to continue expanding the interpretation of Ernest Bloch's work and life in Agate Beach. In order to pursue a specific naming of this location, Council would need to receive a specific application, schedule a hearing, and make a determination as to naming this location.
- Held bi-monthly meetings with Rob, Jason and Lance to discuss various departmental issues.
- Participated in the monthly luncheon for the Lincoln County Managers in Depoe Bay.
- Derrick Tokos, Jason Malloy and I met to review different ordinances regarding car camping. It is our intent to develop a report for Council's review on different options to address car camping in the City of Newport. This would likely require changes to our ordinances, including some of our zoning provisions. As a result of Federal Court rulings, we will likely need to amend our existing code in order to bring it into compliance with current Federal rulings.
- Along with members of the City Council, Peggy Hawker, Mike Murzynsky, Steve Baugher, and I participated in the first meeting of the Finance Work Group. The work group reviewed the updated financial projections, and outlined specific expectations and information that is desired for the next two scheduled meetings. The second meeting will be in mid-October, and will focus on expenditures, with the final meeting being in November focusing on revenues. The work group may have one final meeting to reconcile a report for presentation to Council.
- Mayor Sawyer and I participated in a tribute show to Cheryl Harle on KCUP radio. Clair Hall emceed the hour and fifteen minute tribute. Overall, there were a lot of fond remembrances and appreciation expressed for the very personal way in which Cheryl brought local issues to the forefront. Cheryl will certainly be missed!
- Met with Mike Cavanaugh, John Johnston, and Tim Gross to discuss the field lighting issues at Betty Wheeler field. The lighting system has deteriorated to a point in which games cannot be played after dark. As a result, Mike Cavanaugh has extended the season in order to get the games in over a longer period of time. Depending upon weather and conditions, it may be necessary to shorten the season for both men and mixed softball. Mike will be preparing a report for consideration by the Council and Budget Committee for next year. Depending on the order time for materials, there could be some complications with the 2020 season, even if funds are appropriated for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year for this work.
- Attended an OCCMA Audit Committee meeting on Wednesday afternoon in Salem.
- Worked on agenda reports for the September 16 work session and City Council meeting.
- Met with Barb James regarding our draft survey on cultural competency of the organization. We hope to clean up our draft survey and have this out to our employees during this next week.

- Mayor Sawyer and I participated in a Newport Rural Fire Protection meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss steps that would need to be taken to determine the feasibility of combining the City and Rural departments to create one new fire district. There are a number of issues that need to be discussed between the City of Newport and the Rural Fire Board. Both the Fire District and the City have appropriated funding to help facilitate the feasibility of proceeding with a new fire district, which would cover the City and the rural district. We will provide a report to the City Council prior to proceeding with the expenditure of any funding to explore the feasibility of this effort.
- Held bi-monthly meetings with Mike Murzynsky and Peggy Hawker.
- Participated in an OCCMA Host Committee conference call.
- Mike Cavanaugh, Kathy Cline and I met with LCSD to discuss the mutual use agreement that we have been working on. We specifically focused on the aquatic center and the main baseball diamond at Frank Wade Park.
- Tim Gross and I met with the new owners of Surfside Village regarding the flooding issues that occur in this mobile home park. The previous owner, Doug Fitts, also participated in this meeting. We indicated that there are some long-term issues to evaluate ways to address this flooding, however, in the short run, there is not much that we can do to address this issue. We also had discussions with the new owners about the development of the lots off of 5<sup>th</sup> Street. I believe the new ownership has a good understanding of the development issues that they will need to focus on for flooding issues, as well as, the infrastructure improvements. These improvements would be necessary to develop the land on the graveled 20 foot right-of-way for 5<sup>th</sup> Street, on the north side of Surfside Village.
- Met with Judy Mayhew, Tim Gross and Jim Guenther regarding the development of a new memorial bench policy. This has been hung up with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for some time. Judy is going to take the lead in redrafting a policy for review by both staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.
- Met with Barb James, Tim Gross, John Johnston and Jim Salisbury regarding development of consistent contracts for all departments for fire suppression, fire alarm and other required testing that we are obligated to do for our City facilities. Previously, we have had a number of contracts by individual departments with different companies. We are trying to streamline this entire process to make sure that everything that requires testing, is tested on a regular and required basis. We have already implemented a fire hydrant testing contract so this will be done on a City-wide basis, as well.
- Barb James, Tim Gross, Justin Scharbrough, Shannon Monroe and I met regarding the possible extension of probation on an employee covered by the Newport Employees Agreement. We are in agreement with the Association to extend the probation, provided the employee concurs with this extension.
- Mayor Sawyer, Councilors Allen, Jacobi, Hall and Botello participated in the ribbon cutting for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Newport's Library. Laura Kimberly, the library crew, and advisory board did a great job in pulling together a full-day celebration of the library. Congratulations to the Newport Library and staff on a successful kickoff to the 100<sup>th</sup> year of operations celebration.

### Upcoming Events:

- September 26-28 is the LOC's Annual Conference in Bend, OR. Councilors Goebel, Allen, Parker, Jacobi, Hall and Mayor Sawyer have been registered, along with Peggy and myself.
- On September 30, the City Council will hold a town meeting at 6 PM. This will be held at the Samaritan Center for Health Education from 6-8 PM.
- I am planning to take a vacation day, Friday, October 4, to spend a long weekend in Portland.
- October 17 at 3 PM a meeting of the elected and appointed officials of Lincoln County will meet to continue discussions on regional housing issues at City Hall.
- I plan on attending the 2019 ICMA Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee October 19-23. I will be leaving Friday, October 18 and I will be taking a few vacation days following the end of the conference, beginning October 23 through October 26, before returning to Newport.
- I plan on attending the OCCMA Board Retreat and Host Committee meeting with ICMA in Portland both during the first week of November. I will be meeting with ICMA Conference on Tuesday evening and Wednesday, November 5 & 6 in Portland. The retreat will begin Thursday, November 7 through Friday at the Silver Falls Lodge. This is the retreat in which we will plan activities for the Association for the year. I will be President of the Oregon City/County Management Association for the 2020 calendar year. OCCMA will be hosting the ICMA International Conference in Portland in October, 2021.
- City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 in observation of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- The only scheduled Council meetings in December will be December 2. There will be no meetings scheduled for December 16.
- I will be taking vacation from December 18 through December 27 to head to Michigan for the holidays.
- City Hall will be closed beginning at noon on December 24 and 25 for the Christmas Holiday.
- City Hall will be closed January 1, 2020 for the New Year's Holiday.

### Attachments:

- ✚ Attached is the Debt Schedule for the SRF loan payment schedule with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The final Debt Schedule is established after the project is completed. The first payment is an interest payment in March of 2020, with principal and interest payments following, with these payments being in budget. The SRF program is a very favorable program for cities in Oregon since the requirement to begin making financial payment, does not begin until project completion. For some of these projects, that can span several years.
- ✚ Attached is a brochure and letter being circulated by Penelope Kaczmarek and Jim Adler. This is regarding the desire to seek regional water solutions for Lincoln County. Specifically, there is an interest in pursuing a Rocky Creek study. As I have indicated in the past, there has not been an appetite by other water entities to invest in regional water solutions. The City of Newport is faced with dams that

are under state mandate to address seismic issues. Rocky Creek would truly take a regional effort to implement as a water source for Lincoln County. Without other financial partners in that process, the City is left with no choice other than to redevelop Big Creek. In the long run, there may still be room to consider a regional development of Rocky Creek. This may be more feasible with Big Creek being part of a regional effort. This is a solution that would not likely happen for several generations.

- ✚ Attached is a letter to Mayor Sawyer from Mayor Miyakawa thanking the City for hosting the student delegation.
- ✚ Attached is letter from Mayor Rod Cross inviting the City of Newport to join Toledo on a moratorium on spreading the biosolids on lands near the Siletz River.
- ✚ Attached is an update for RAIN for your review.
- ✚ Attached is a letter from Georgia-Pacific indicating that through November they will be dredging their treatment ponds, and as a result, there will be an increase in odor from this operation. Georgia-Pacific has notified the properties around Toledo of this work.
- ✚ Attached is an article from the Capital Press on Big Creek Dams.
- ✚ Attached is an article from The Oregonian outlining the top 10 beach towns on the Oregon Coast. Jamie Hale of The Oregonian chose Newport as the best town on the Oregon Coast, Yachats finished second!

I hope everyone enjoys the beginning of the fall season!

Respectfully submitted:



Spencer R. Nebel  
City Manager

cc: Department Heads

## Michael Murzynsky

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**From:** Michael Murzynsky  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 04, 2019 11:26 AM  
**To:** Spencer Nebel  
**Subject:** For your Status Report to Council - SRF Loan payment schedule for loan R68935  
**Attachments:** DEQ Note R68935.pdf

Spencer,

You asked for this schedule so you could add it to your status report to Council, I will drop off a hard copy too. It begins with an interest payment in March 2020....we have included it in a LT Debt Schedule too.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Mike  
Michael A Murzynsky  
Finance Director  
City of Newport  
169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, OR 97365  
Phone: 541-574-0610



**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM  
REPAYMENT SCHEDULE**

<b>BORROWER:</b>	<b>City of Newport</b>	<b>INTEREST RATE:</b>	<b>1.00%</b>
	<b>NON POINT SOURCE S/O</b>	Term in years	<b>20</b>
<b>SRF LOAN NO.:</b>	<b>R68935</b>	<b>PAYMENT AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$ 116,778</b>
<b>LOAN AMOUNT:</b>	<b>\$ 4,128,454</b>	<b>ANNUAL FEE:</b>	<b>0.50%</b>

Due Date	Pmt#	PAYMENT				Principal Balance
		Principal	Interest	Fees	Total	
						4,128,454
3/1/2020	1	0	15,656	0	15,656	4,128,454
9/1/2020	2	96,136	20,642	20,642	137,420	4,032,318
3/1/2021	3	96,616	20,162	0	116,778	3,935,702
9/1/2021	4	97,099	19,679	19,679	136,457	3,838,603
3/1/2022	5	97,585	19,193	0	116,778	3,741,018
9/1/2022	6	98,073	18,705	18,705	135,483	3,642,945
3/1/2023	7	98,563	18,215	0	116,778	3,544,382
9/1/2023	8	99,056	17,722	17,722	134,500	3,445,326
3/1/2024	9	99,551	17,227	0	116,778	3,345,775
9/1/2024	10	100,049	16,729	16,729	133,507	3,245,726
3/1/2025	11	100,549	16,229	0	116,778	3,145,177
9/1/2025	12	101,052	15,726	15,726	132,504	3,044,125
3/1/2026	13	101,557	15,221	0	116,778	2,942,568
9/1/2026	14	102,065	14,713	14,713	131,491	2,840,503
3/1/2027	15	102,575	14,203	0	116,778	2,737,928
9/1/2027	16	103,088	13,690	13,690	130,468	2,634,840
3/1/2028	17	103,604	13,174	0	116,778	2,531,236
9/1/2028	18	104,122	12,656	12,656	129,434	2,427,114
3/1/2029	19	104,642	12,136	0	116,778	2,322,472
9/1/2029	20	105,166	11,612	11,612	128,390	2,217,306
3/1/2030	21	105,691	11,087	0	116,778	2,111,615
9/1/2030	22	106,220	10,558	10,558	127,336	2,005,395
3/1/2031	23	106,751	10,027	0	116,778	1,898,644
9/1/2031	24	107,285	9,493	9,493	126,271	1,791,359
3/1/2032	25	107,821	8,957	0	116,778	1,683,538
9/1/2032	26	108,360	8,418	8,418	125,196	1,575,178
3/1/2033	27	108,902	7,876	0	116,778	1,466,276
9/1/2033	28	109,447	7,331	7,331	124,109	1,356,829
3/1/2034	29	109,994	6,784	0	116,778	1,246,835
9/1/2034	30	110,544	6,234	6,234	123,012	1,136,291
3/1/2035	31	111,097	5,681	0	116,778	1,025,194
9/1/2035	32	111,652	5,126	5,126	121,904	913,542
3/1/2036	33	112,210	4,568	0	116,778	801,332
9/1/2036	34	112,771	4,007	4,007	120,785	688,561
3/1/2037	35	113,335	3,443	0	116,778	575,226
9/1/2037	36	113,902	2,876	2,876	119,654	461,324
3/1/2038	37	114,471	2,307	0	116,778	346,853
9/1/2038	38	115,044	1,734	1,734	118,512	231,809
3/1/2039	39	115,619	1,159	0	116,778	116,190
9/1/2039	40	116,190	581	581	117,352	0

TOTALS 4,128,454 441,537 218,232 4,788,223  
**REQUIRED LOAN RESERVE:** **\$ 114,250**  
8/19/2019

*If you have any questions, please call Kathy Estes at (503) 229-6814.*

## ACTION

**Will you join with the major water suppliers in Lincoln County to analyze the potential solutions and costs for a regionalized system?**

**Reconvene a new Central Coast Water Council (CCWC), with representation from all Lincoln County Cities; major water districts; the County of Lincoln County; the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz; and invited consultants – with the following goals:**

- Update and give high consideration to the Rocky Creek study.
- Analyze other options.
- Pursue funding for the CCWC, planning, and eventual project development.
- Recommend a viable plan for approval by local water suppliers and the Oregon Water Resources Department.

**If we ALL join together,  
long-term water security  
is possible!**

### Proposal presented by:

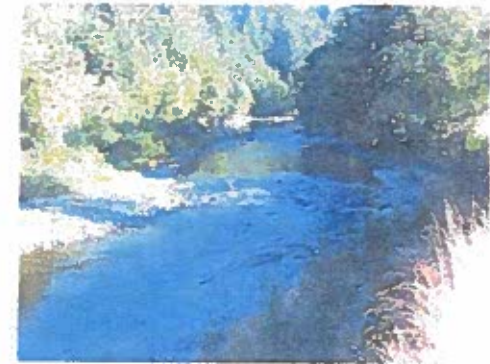
**Jim Adler** has been a practicing artist-blacksmith in Yachats since 1975 and has been actively involved in the community for much of his life here. He served on the County Planning Commission for 13 years and participated in the drafting of the County Comprehensive Plan. He was the Project Manager for a ten-year DEQ water quality monitoring study of the Yachats River, was a founding member of the County's Lincoln Land Legacy Committee, was a founding member of the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, and is Director of the Yachats Valley Landowner's Association.

**Penelope Kaczmarek** is a lifelong Lincoln County resident now living in Siletz. She is a clinical social worker with a thirty year psychotherapy practice in Newport. She has served on the Lincoln County Mental Health Advisory Board, as president of the board for the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, president of the board for the Coast Range Association, as a member of Lincoln County's Land Legacy Committee, president of the board for Willamette Kayak and Canoe Club, and as Co-Editor of Fedora Magazine. She is co-president of the board of the International Association of Constructive Living. She was awarded Oregon's League of Conservation Voters 'Volunteer of the Year' award. She presently serves on the coordinating committee for The Midcoast Water Planning Partnership.

### For more information contact:

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(text messages are fine)

## Central Oregon Coast Regional Water Planning Proposal



Siletz River at Moonshine Park

## Seeking Sustainable Long-term Water Resources

*"Water is drawn out of the Siletz, just below the City of Siletz, by several coastal communities. If we have extremely warm weather in a low-water year, it is very possible we will run out of water. The Endangered Species Act will shut down the water systems on the Coast to protect the Chinook and Silver Salmon, and Steelhead."*

**Terry Thompson**,  
Former Lincoln County Commissioner and  
Oregon State Representative

## CURRENT CONDITIONS

A regional water system should provide long-term water security for our entire County, from Lincoln City to Yachats, while achieving significant protections for the environment.

- Long-term water security should begin with the increased storage of winter water to be used during the high-demand, low flow summer month periods.

The city and district water systems in Lincoln County are already experiencing water shortages and limits during the dry summer months – and this will get worse for all of them.

*Climate change is projected to exacerbate these problems.*

Low water levels and rising water temperatures are:

- Endangering the ecology of our rivers and reservoirs.
- Affecting anadromous fish runs (salmon, steelhead, trout), and
- Supporting the growth of algae, and potentially, toxic blue-green algae.

*These conditions will likely lead to new Federal and State limits on the amount of water available for municipal and domestic use.*

The concept of creating a regional Lincoln County water system has been around for many years.

**In 2001, Lincoln County cities and water districts formed the Central Coast Water Council (CCWC).**

**In 2002, the CCWC submitted the Rocky Creek Regional Water Supply Project – Preliminary Water Management Plan (CH2MHill, et al 2002) to the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD).**

- This plan determined that the Rocky Creek location is ideal for dam construction, and its basalt rock foundation should resist erosion and earthquakes.
- *The water supply and storage would be adequate to provide relief for the entire region during the low water season in the Siletz and the other water sources - meeting peak seasonal demands.*
- Rocky Creek no longer has an anadromous fish run, due to the construction of Hwy 101 in 1952.
- Using Rocky Creek water for regional water supplies during the low-flow/high-demand periods *will restore the water flows in the Siletz and other streams at a time when the fish most need it for their survival.*
- *Although the CCWC supported the Rocky Creek Plan as a viable project, most of our cities put their resources toward the development of new local water sources instead*
- Without widespread investment, the regional plan did not move forward.

## PROPOSAL

### A REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM MUST BE PURSUED

A regional water system would:

- Provide vital long term water security for the entire region.
- Restore flows to the major coastal systems during the low flow/high demand period - essential to the survival of anadromous fish
- **Make unnecessary the diversion of more coastal streams to meet increased demand.**
- Eliminate the ever-increasing problem of obtaining permits for new water or water storage.
- Enable us to meet any new federal and state stream flow regulations, particularly as they relate to the listing of the Chinook Salmon as an endangered species.
- Enhance the resilience of major water systems in the event of an earthquake and/or tsunami.
- Significantly reduce the size and cost of replacing the dams in Newport.

## **MOMBETSU CITY**

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*Phone:0158-24-2111*

September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Mr. Dean Sawyer, Mayor  
City of Newport  
169 SW Coast Hwy  
Newport, Oregon, 97365  
U.S.A.

Dear Mayor Sawyer,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the cordial hospitality you extended to the Mombetsu students and the chaperons who visited Newport this past summer. I especially appreciate the members of your sister city committee and the host families for the excellent arrangement. It's great to know that you all invested so much time and energy into preparing for the visit. Thank you very much for giving our delegation such a great opportunity to getting to know with many Newport people.

I would also like to thank you again for the wonderful gift from your city. I sincerely hope that we will remain committed to support mutual exchanges and that the bond between Mombetsu City and the City of Newport will continue to grow stronger. I look forward to cooperating with you in our mutual endeavors to further friendships and long-lasting relationships between our two communities.

Please accept my sincere wishes for the health and continued success of you and all concerned in the sister city exchanges between Mombetsu and Newport.

Sincerely yours,

  
Yoshikazu Miyakawa

Mayor

City of Mombetsu

September 5th, 2019

Mr. Dean Sawyer, Mayor  
City of Newport  
169 SW Coast Hwy  
Newport, Oregon, 97365  
U.S.A.

Dear Mayor Sawyer,

Thank you very much for the cordial hospitality you extended to the Mombetsu group who visited Newport in August this year.

Each and every one of the students who participated the visit expressed they had such a great time. I heartily acknowledge the careful preparation and the accommodations that you, the members of your sister city committee, and the host families provided them with. Thanks to your leadership, our students were able to have wonderful experiences to last their life time.

I sincerely hope that the bond of our two cities will continue to grow stronger and I look forward to many future exchanges between the citizens of the City of Newport and Mombetsu.

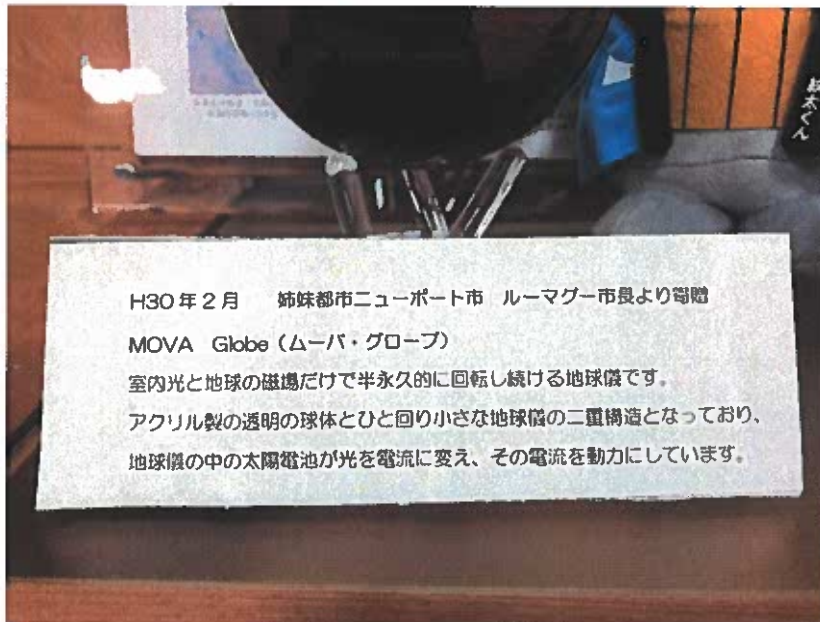
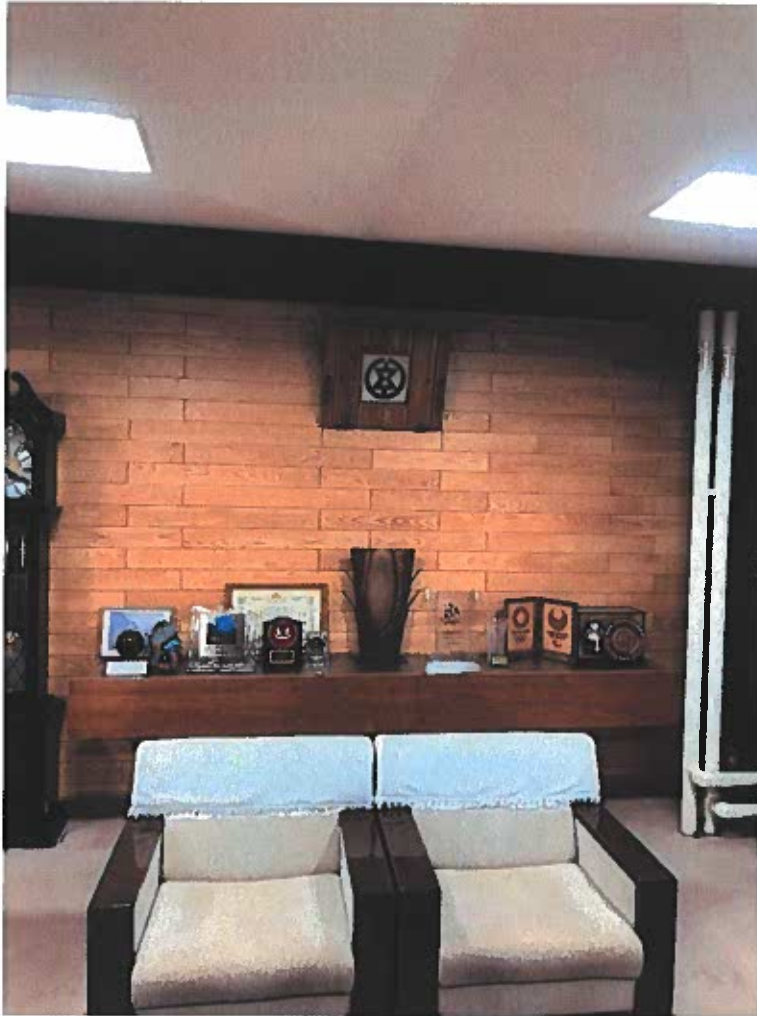
Please accept my sincere wishes for the health and continued success of you and all the members of your sister city committee.

Sincerely yours,

Masao Kobayashi

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Chairman,  
Mombetsu International Exchange Committee



February 2018 from sister city

This is a globe that rotates semi-permanently only with room light and the earth's magnetic field.

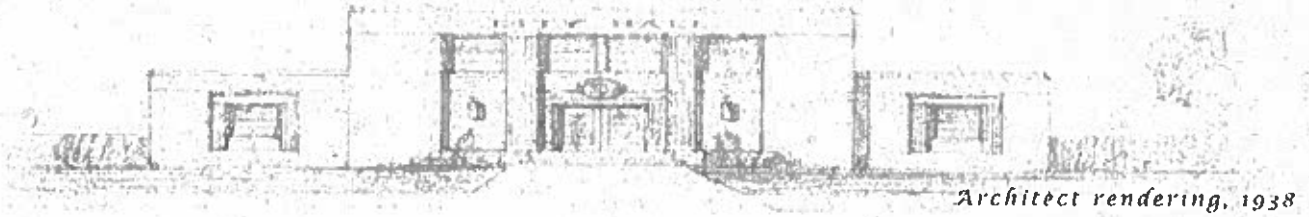
It has a double structure consisting of a transparent sphere made of acryl and a small globe.

Solar cells in the globe change light into electric current, which is another driving force for the rotation.





# CITY OF TOLEDO



8/23/2019

The Honorable Dean Sawyer  
Mayor, City of Newport  
169 SW Coast Hwy  
Newport, Oregon 97365

Dear Mayor Sawyer:

The Toledo City Council has heard the concerns of many citizens and other residents of Lincoln County regarding the health of the Siletz River. The Siletz provides water for the communities of Newport, Toledo, Siletz and Seal Rock, and it is imperative that we work together to preserve this essential resource.

In response to concerns that the spreading of bio-solids on lands adjoining the river may be contributing to the degradation of the river, the Toledo City Council has instructed our Public Works Department to use other sites for land-based application whenever possible.

Even though definitive proof that bio-solids contribute to the obvious decline of the river has not yet been shown, an abundance of caution and a recognition of the importance of this river to our communities dictates that we take action to prevent potential future harm.

Therefore, the City of Toledo invites the City of Newport to join us in a moratorium on bio-solids spreading on lands near the river. We recognize the potential negative economic impact of securing alternative disposal sites, which is one reason we are pursuing the possibility of a bio-solids processing installation that would be a regional resource. If our communities and the County work together, we could make this a reality, to the benefit of all the citizens of the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod Cross".

Rod Cross, Mayor  
City of Toledo

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## Lincoln County Board of Commissioners Update (2016 – 2019)

### ACTIVITIES

<b>2016 Event Summary</b>	<b>EVENTS (PUBTALKS, MEETUPS, &amp; PRE-ACCELERATOR)</b>	<b>8 events</b>
<b>2017 Event Summary</b>	<b>EVENTS (PUBTALKS &amp; MEETUPS)</b>	<b>12 events</b>
MARCH - JUNE	12-WEEK PRE-ACCELERATOR (COHORT #1)	5 attendees
JUNE 21	COASTAL DEMO DAY	120 attendees
<b>2018 Event Summary</b>	<b>EVENTS (MEETUPS, PRESENTATIONS, &amp; PRE-ACCELERATOR)</b>	<b>15 events</b>
JULY 13-14	START-UP WEEKEND	50 attendees
AUGUST - DECEMBER	10-WEEK PRE-ACCELERATOR (COHORT #2)	5 entrepreneurs
OCTOBER 31	MEETUP	8 attendees
NOVEMBER 20	MEETUP	8 attendees
DECEMBER 4	MEETUP	7 attendees
DECEMBER 19	PRESENTATION TO NEWPORT CHAMBER	40 attendees
<b>2019 Event Summary (Jan - April)</b>	<b>EVENTS (PUBTALKS &amp; MEETUPS)</b>	<b>2 events</b>
JAN 30	MEETUP	4 attendees
MARCH 7	MEETUP	5 attendees
JANUARY - MARCH	MENTOR HOURS	50+ mentor hours
<b>2016 - APRIL 2019</b>	<b>TOTAL EVENTS</b>	<b>37</b>

### SERVICES

- **Ecosystem Building** | Partnering with regional stakeholders to build a “culture of possibilities”
- **Identify Entrepreneurs** | Raising awareness, identifying entrepreneurs, and providing one-to-one assistance through outreach
- **Pre-Accelerators** | Conducted 2 Pre-Accelerators (5 Lincoln County entrepreneurs in 2017, 6 Lincoln County entrepreneurs in 2018)
- **Expert Mentors** | Connecting entrepreneurs to expert mentors
- **“Next Steps”** | Helping entrepreneurs determine “next steps” for growing their startups

## ENTREPRENEURS ASSISTED IN LINCOLN COUNTY (since 2016)

1. **Lucinda Whitacre** | Great Life by Lucinda
2. **Riley Hoagland** | Trezur Bags
3. **Andre Casey** | Andre Casey Design
4. **Carol Nolte** | BC Orchards
5. **Jesse Dolin** | Stoney River Sinkers
6. **Bob Frenock** | Oregon Truffle Tryst
7. **Sara & Walt Maguire** | SmartCatBox.com
8. **John Forse** | Big Wave Challenge & Behemoth, LLC
9. **Dylan McCarthy** | SailStream.tv
10. **Brian Ahlers** | FishTrax Systems, Inc.
11. **John Monroe** | GoPro Camera Cover
12. **Kathryn Ariel** | The EarthWise Institute
13. **Dave Plath** | Clean Gold
14. **Carla Perry** | Dancing Moon Press
15. **Calvin Lacedra** | Sacred Brewing
16. **John Lavrakas** | Advanced Research
17. **Marry Zegman** | Vegan Chocolate Pudding
18. **Sue Bridge** | Waldport Coffee Shop
19. **DebOrAh Baker** | HeartSpa, Inc.
20. **Kiera Morgan** | Pacific NW News and Entertainment
21. **Daniel Burch** | Boat So Fresh
22. **Ron Andrews** | Adair Technologies
23. **Brendan Mathews** | Surf Town Coffee Company
24. **Daniel Seemiller** | Tone Command, Inc.
25. **Christine Lacedra** | Reset My Weight
26. **Walt Maguire** | Providence House Manufacturing, Inc.
27. **Bob Barter** | Bee Certain, LLC

## METRICS\*

- **Jobs Created** | 33.25
- **Revenue Generated** | \$797,400
- **Funding (Equity, Grants, & Loans)** | \$827,100
- **Capital Needed** | \$1.27M
- **Additional Jobs Created if Capital Needed Raised** | 41
- **Pre-Accelerator Graduates** | 11
- **Mentors Engaged** | 41
- **Gender of Entrepreneurs** | 26% Female & 74% Male
- **Ethnicity of Entrepreneurs** | 5% Hispanic/Latino & 95% White
- **Average Age of Entrepreneurs** | 53 years old

\* Entrepreneurs self-report metrics to Oregon RAIN. 19 of the 27 Lincoln County entrepreneurs served by Oregon RAIN reported their metrics, 8 entrepreneurs did not.

## FUNDING UPDATE

- **Funding Received from Lincoln County since Jul 2016 – Jun 2019** | \$30,000
- **Lincoln County Funding Leveraged (\$3.36 raised for every \$1.00 from Lincoln County)** | Oregon RAIN leveraged funding from Lincoln County to raise an **additional \$101,000** to serve Lincoln County entrepreneurs: *Oregon Community Foundation \$21,000, The Ford Family Foundation \$50,000, USDA \$20,000, City of Newport \$5,000, City of Lincoln City \$2,500, & City of Toledo \$2,500*
- **Pending Funding Requests** | Kauffman Foundation, Cities of Yachats, Toledo, Waldport, Newport, Depoe Bay, and Lincoln City

"We were thrilled by the support and participation at Startup Weekend Oregon Coast. These events are usually held in bigger cities. The fact that we had 50 people attend our event is yet another indication that rural communities, especially here on the Oregon Coast, are eager to launch startups and participate in the innovation economy," said David Youngentab, Oregon RAIN's Coastal Venture Catalyst.



Coastal entrepreneurs attend the 1st ever 2-day Startup Weekend!

## WHAT'S NEXT...

- **2019 2nd Annual Coastal Startup Showcase |** Collaborating with regional ecosystem partners to organize the **May 22nd event**, which will highlight the coastal entrepreneurial ecosystem (**@Rogue in Newport, 5:30-8:30PM**)
- **Ongoing Mentoring |** Ongoing weekly mentoring sessions with all Pre-Accelerator graduates (*market strategy, branding, marketing, technical assistance with websites, & funding*).
- **Monthly Programming |** Collaborating with Chambers and Oregon Coast Community College/SBDC to organize monthly entrepreneur workshops, meetups, and pitch events.



✧ THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT LINCOLN COUNTY ENTREPRENEURS! ✧

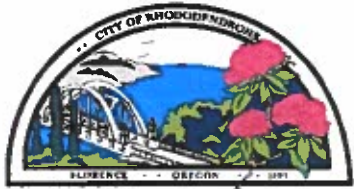
*"RAIN systematically levels the start-up playing field by providing resources and contacts to help fashion almost any conceivable idea into a business. RAIN has given me the concepts, tools, mentors and contacts to change vague product ideas into a plan that I can systematically track, analyze and expand to market." -Bob Frenock (Toledo entrepreneur)*



# Florence Entrepreneur Program Calendar: *Jan-June 2020*

<b>WS</b>	Workshop	<b>FC</b>	Fireside Chat
<b>PT</b>	Pubtalk	<b>MH</b>	Mentor Hours

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<b>Schedule</b>				<b>SHOWCASE</b> <b>MH</b>	<b>PT</b> <b>MH</b>	<b>WS</b> <b>MH</b>
	<b>PreX workshops - open to the public</b>			<b>PreX ongoing mentoring</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Jan 8th &amp; 22nd</b> Workshop open to community followed by prex	<b>Feb 5th &amp; 19th</b> Workshop open to community followed by prex	<b>March 4th &amp; 18th</b> Workshop open to community followed by prex	<b>April 22nd</b> Showcase hosted in Florence	<b>May 20th</b> Pub Talk	<b>June 17th</b> Workshop on Innovation
	<b>PreX - cohort meeting</b>					



# Florence Entrepreneur Program Calendar: *July-Dec 2019*

WS	Workshop	FC	Fireside Chat
PT	Pubtalk	MH	Mentor Hours

	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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<b>Description</b>	July 24th Workshop: How to Utilize Public Funds	Surveying and metric gathering	Sept 11th Fireside Chat with Marianne (hopefully)	Oct 16th Community Activation Showcase Event	Nov 13th Workshop: Angel Investing 101	Dec 11th/18th? Pub Talk - ?



August 26, 2019

Dear Toledo resident,

In our efforts to be a good neighbor, we want to inform you of an upcoming activity that has the potential to generate increased levels of odors from the treatment ponds south of the mill.

Periodically, we must remove the solids that have settled to the bottom of the ponds, which treat the mill's post-production wastewater before it is sent to the effluent line. Removing the solids is needed to maintain the treatment efficiency of the ponds.

The solids are removed by dredging, which is allowed under the mill's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. We have also notified the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the city of Toledo about this activity.

The dredging has the potential to increase the non-hazardous odors that occasionally are generated by the ponds. Depending on weather conditions, such as wind, the odors may be detected in various parts of the community at various times.

The dredging will begin Tuesday, September 3 and continue through November. After the dredging is complete, any increased odors should be reduced considerably. Improving the efficiency of the ponds will also reduce odors long term.

We will work closely with the dredging contractor to ensure the work is done properly and in full compliance with all rules, regulations and professional best practices.

We apologize if you happen to detect any odors from this activity. If you or any member of the public has questions about this project or any aspect of Toledo mill operations, please call the mill security office 24 hours a day at **541-336-8364**. The person answering the phone will record your question or concern and the appropriate action will be taken.

Thank you in advance for your patience, understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

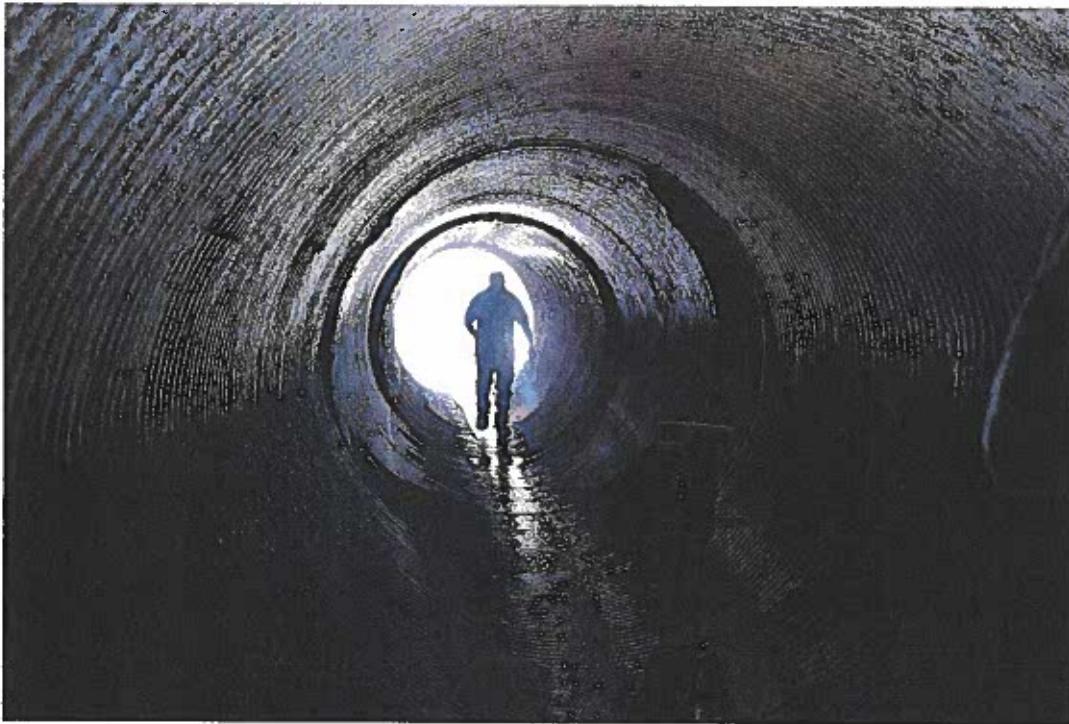
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TOP STORY

## Many of Oregon's dams in dangerous condition

By SIERRA DAWN McCLAIN Capital Press Aug 14, 2019



Rep. David Gomberg, D-Central Coast, walks through the dam intake tunnel.

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NEWPORT, Ore. — People in blazers and strapped-on booties waded through the dark intake tunnel of a dam, flashlights in hand, stirring rust-colored silt into the water. Spiders and large black crickets scurried across the wet walls. And water trickled from seepage holes — vulnerable breakage points inside the tunnel.

“This is the stuff nightmares are made of,” said Jenny Dresler, grassroots director of the Public Affairs Council.

The City of Newport's engineer was leading about a dozen politicians, community leaders and water experts underground into the intake of Oregon's second most dangerous dam — Big Creek Dam No. 2 — on Tuesday in Newport, Ore.

Gov. Kate Brown approved \$4 million for Newport's dam project Aug. 9, but the money won't be available until 2021 and the danger is far from over.

Across Oregon, water infrastructure is crumbling, funding is scarce and the disconnect between bureaucrats and communities has exacerbated tensions over water. But small Oregon communities like Newport are showing that citizen activism can make a difference.

The two Newport reservoirs, behind Big Creek Dam No. 1 (Lower) and Big Creek Dam No. 2 (Upper), are the city's sole water supply, and the secondary water source for surrounding areas.

According to Tim Gross, the City of Newport's public works director and city engineer, when these dams collapse, they'll kill everyone and destroy everything in their path. Imagine rushing water at a rate of 285 average-sized swimming pools per second — and that's just from the upper dam.

The Oregon Coast lies near the Cascadia Subduction Zone, but Gross said it wouldn't require the Big One for these dams to collapse. To fail, the dams need an earthquake of only 3.0 or greater on the Richter Scale.

Constructed in 1951 and 1968, respectively, the lower and upper dams are crumbling, and the soil underneath is at risk of liquefying.

Although Gross has been pushing for a decade for removal of the old dams and construction of a new one, the soils under the dams reached dangerous levels this year.

Oregon has 75 high-hazard dams, which means if the dams fail, they will result in significant damage and loss of life. Of that number, nine are in poor condition and seven in unsatisfactory condition, according to Stephanie Prybyl, water policy analyst at Oregon Water Resources Department.

Funding is scarce. Getting a federal dam grant is highly competitive, and the pool of money is meager. According to Tia Cavender, Newport's grants consultant of record, the dam project in Newport alone will cost up to \$80 million. But for the current fiscal year, FEMA's National Dam Rehabilitation Program has a grant pool of only \$10 million — for the entire U.S.

Cavender said dam owners must apply for small grants — local, state and federal — to raise the money that's needed, and even then, it won't be enough.

To build the dams in Newport, said Gross, the city will ultimately have to tax its residents to make up for whatever portion isn't funded.

"This small community can't afford much," said Gross. "If the tax is too high, they'll leave."

The timeline, said Cavender, also poses a challenge. Grant money often comes with strings attached and specific timeline requirements, and the grants can conflict with one another.

Funding is even more limited for private dam owners, such as farmers who own small reservoirs, according to April Snell, executive director of the Water Resources Congress.

But communities are rallying together to make change happen.

After the 2019 legislative session, Brown said Aug. 4 she might veto the \$4 million appropriation in House Bill 5050 to pay for the Big Creek Dams project.

Newport rallied to fight for its water supply.

“Coastal Oregonians are tough people,” said Sen. Arnie Roblan, D-Coos Bay. “They usually get ignored in the legislature, and it’s their resilience that’s made the difference. It’s the rural folks, the fishermen’s wives and the local groups that have banded together to fight for this dam project.”

Community members flooded Brown’s office with calls, emails and letters. Roblan, Rep. David Gonberg, D-Central Coast, and others met with the governor, attempting to change her mind.

On Aug. 9, Brown did an about-face and decided not to veto the funding.

Mike Harryman, resiliency officer for Brown’s office, was on the tour at Big Creek Dam No. 2 Tuesday.

“It’s a good thing the governor didn’t veto the funding,” said Harryman, “or else you’d all be stringing me upside-down by my boots inside the dam.”

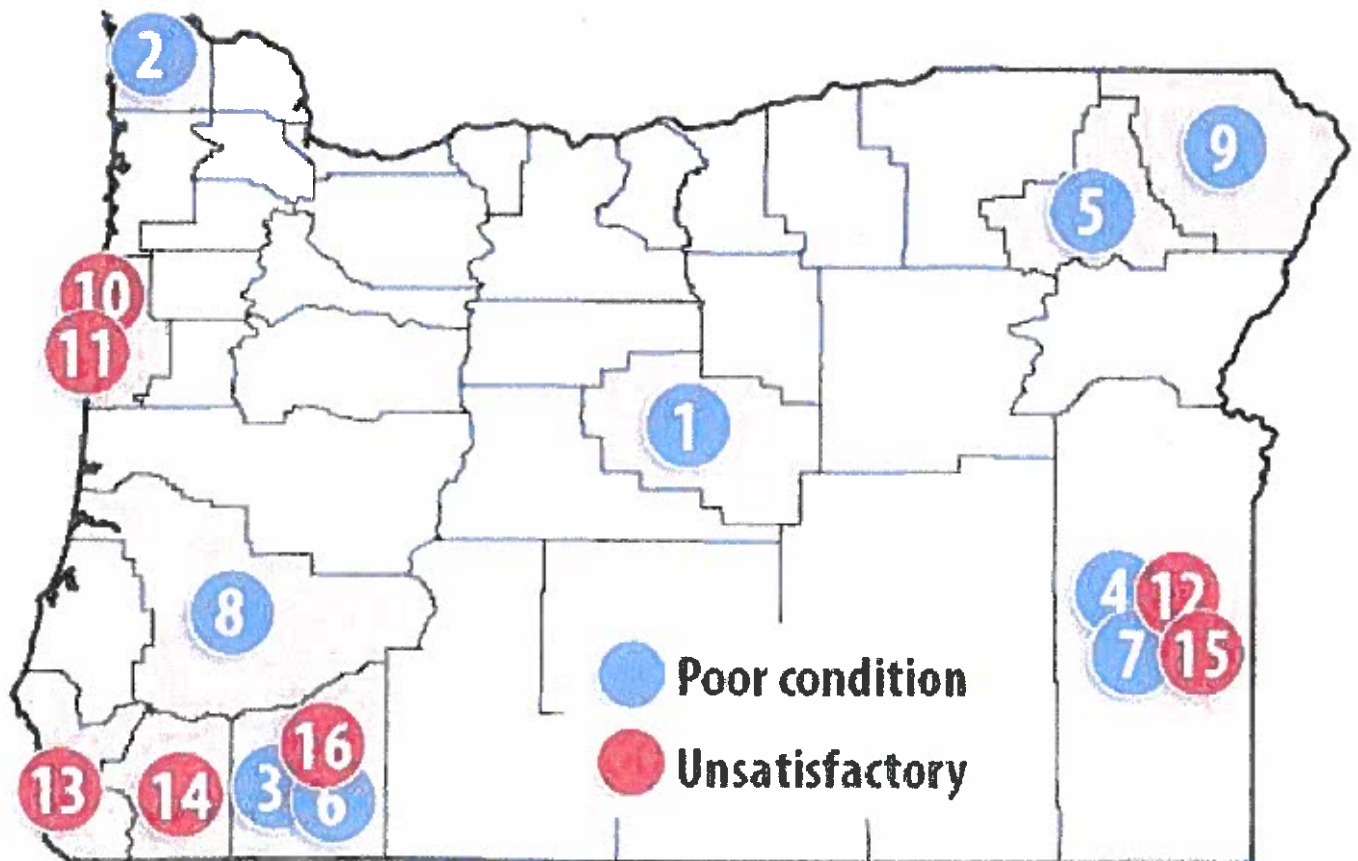
Racquel Rancier, water policy analyst at the Oregon Water Resources Department, said the funding is a victory for Newport, but Oregon’s water infrastructure still has a long way to go.

“We’ve got to celebrate the little victories,” she said.

As the group slogged out of the wet dam intake tunnel, they joked about which of them should get left behind to cover up the constantly-flowing seepage holes, like the fable of the little Dutch boy who put his finger in a dike to save Holland.

“It’s too bad it’s not that simple,” said Roblan. He glanced sideways at the dam, an uneasy expression on his face. “Let’s get out of here.”

# Dangerous high-hazard dams in Oregon



Dam	County	Dam	County
1. Barnes Butte	Crook	9. Wallowa Lake	Wallowa
2. Bear Creek	Clatsop	10. Big Creek #1	Lincoln
3. Duggan	Jackson	11. Big Creek #2	Lincoln
4. Lonesome Lake	Malheur	12. Crowley	Malheur
5. Morgan Lake	Union	13. Ferry Creek	Curry
6. Osborne Creek	Jackson	14. McMullen Creek	Josephine
7. Pole Creek	Malheur	15. Willow Creek 3	Malheur
8. Wageman	Douglas	16. Woodrat Knob	Jackson

Source: Oregon Water Resources Dept.

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# The 10 best beach towns on the Oregon coast

By Jamie Hale | The Oregonian/OregonLive

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What makes a perfect beach town?

Access to the beach helps, of course, but there should also be a good variety of other activities and <https://www.oregonlive.com/life-and-culture/g66i-2019/08/005aabe0387736/the-10-best-beach-towns-on-the-oregon-coast.html>

attractions. Are hiking trails nearby? Natural wonders? Good food is important, as is local lodging. How are the crowds? What's the vibe?

After many years of traveling U.S. Route 101, we've dared to rank the very best towns on the Oregon coast. Our perspective is of tourists on a day trip or longer stay, considering all that goes into a good vacation.

This list doesn't aim to play favorites. Growing up, my family always vacationed in Neskowin, and for that reason it will always hold a special place in my heart. But there's no way Neskowin could make this list. It's a perfectly lovely place to stay, but there's just not enough there.

The perfect beach town should balance a number of diverse attractions, accommodations and access to natural beauty, with both retro charm and modern amenities.

With those factors in mind, we've winnowed all the towns along the coast to 10, with representatives from the north, central and southern stretches. Some beloved beach towns were left off the list (sincerest apologies to Lincoln City and Manzanita), but not every beach town can be perfect.



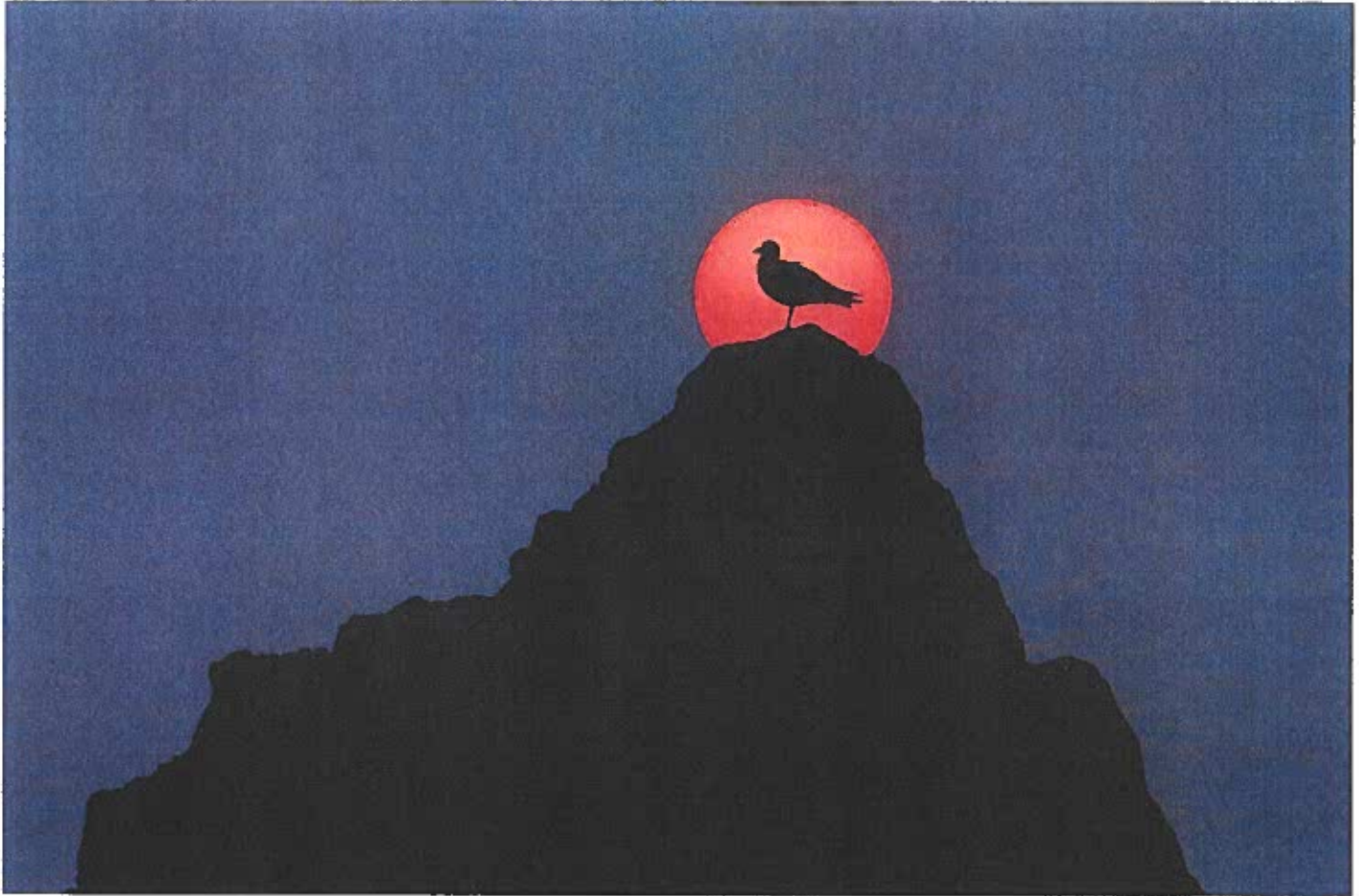
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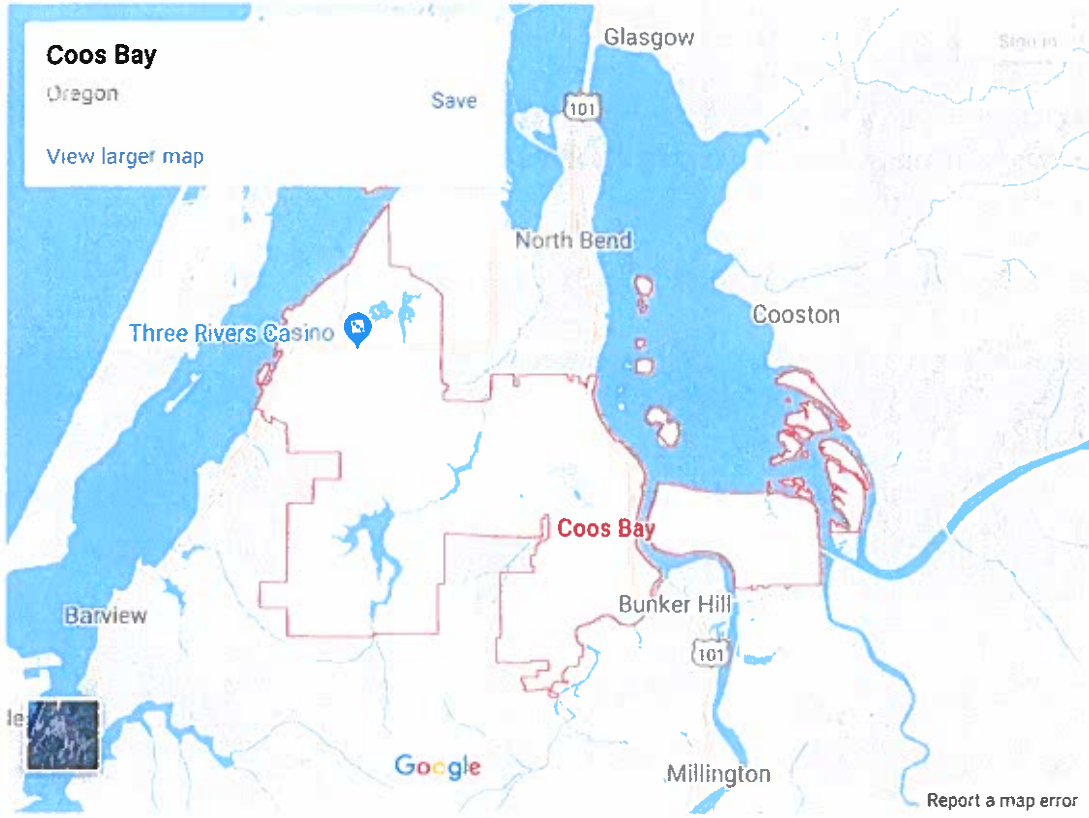
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It might seem unfair to join Coos Bay, North Bend and Charleston into one place, but it feels even more unfair to separate the three adjacent towns. Collectively, the bay area has the highest population (an estimated 26,495 in 2018) on the Oregon coast, home to charming downtown streets full of restaurants and shops. A trio of gorgeous state parks nearby – Sunset Bay, Shore Acres and Cape Arago – provide much of the tourism and natural beauty.

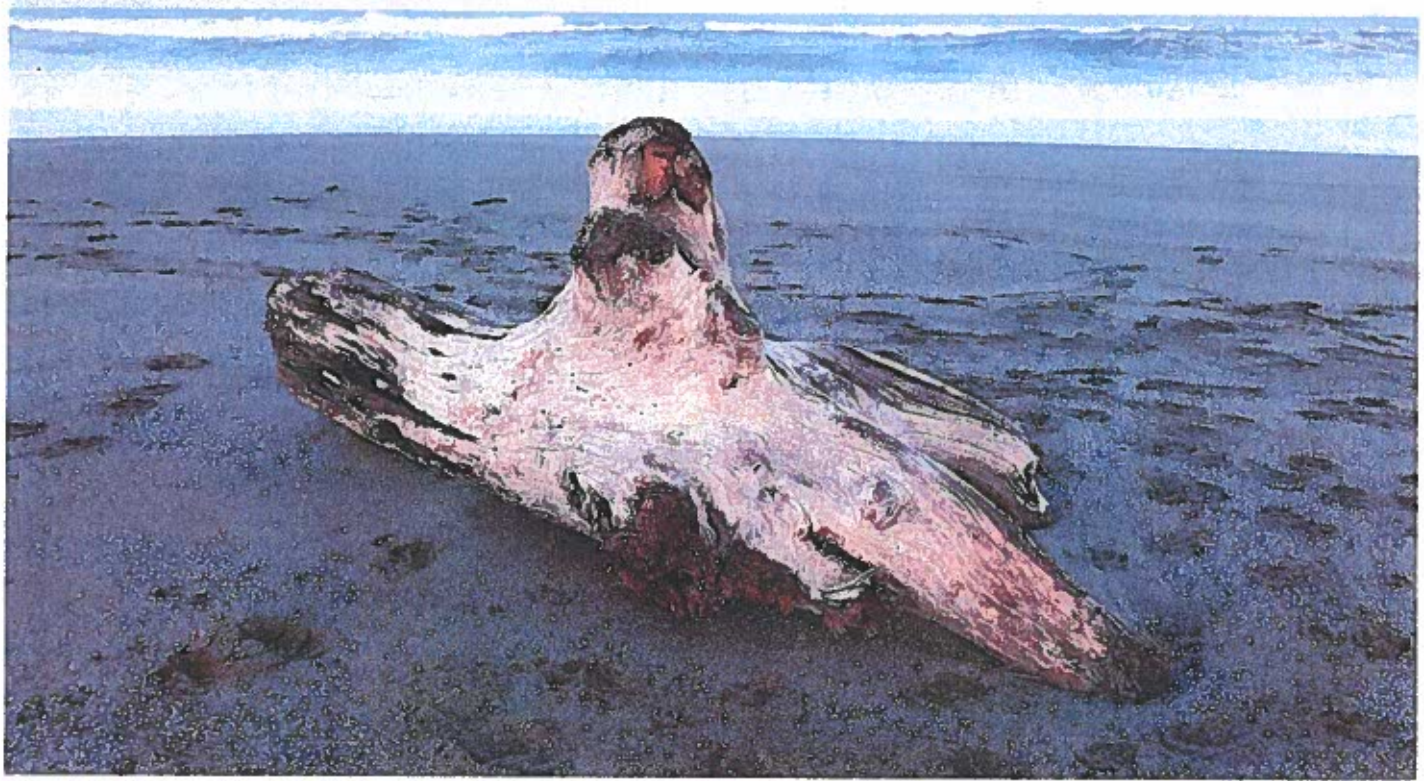
**FIND OUT MORE:** [Shore Acres is an Oregon treasure; City of Coos Bay](#)



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## **9. Gold Beach**

At the confluence of the Pacific Ocean and the Rogue River, [Gold Beach](#) is the perfect base camp for adventures either along the coast or upriver. It's home to stunning sea stacks and beautiful views, as well as sandy beaches and the largest bookstore on the coast. Good food can be found at Barnacle Bistro, with great beer courtesy of nearby Arch Rock Brewing.

**FIND OUT MORE: [20 reasons to love Gold Beach; Visit Gold Beach](#)**

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# Gold Beach

Oregon 97444

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## **8. Seaside**

Crowds keep some tourists away from Seaside, but those who stop by for vacation are rewarded with a wealth of family-friendly attractions and accommodations, all linked by the iconic beachside promenade and sidewalks throughout town. The beach in Seaside is massive, allowing plenty of space to spread out in the sand. In town you can stop by Funland for a game of Fascination, Zingers for ice cream and the Seaside Aquarium to feed the seals.

**FIND OUT MORE: [Take a hike on Tillamook Head](#); [Seaside Visitors Bureau](#)**



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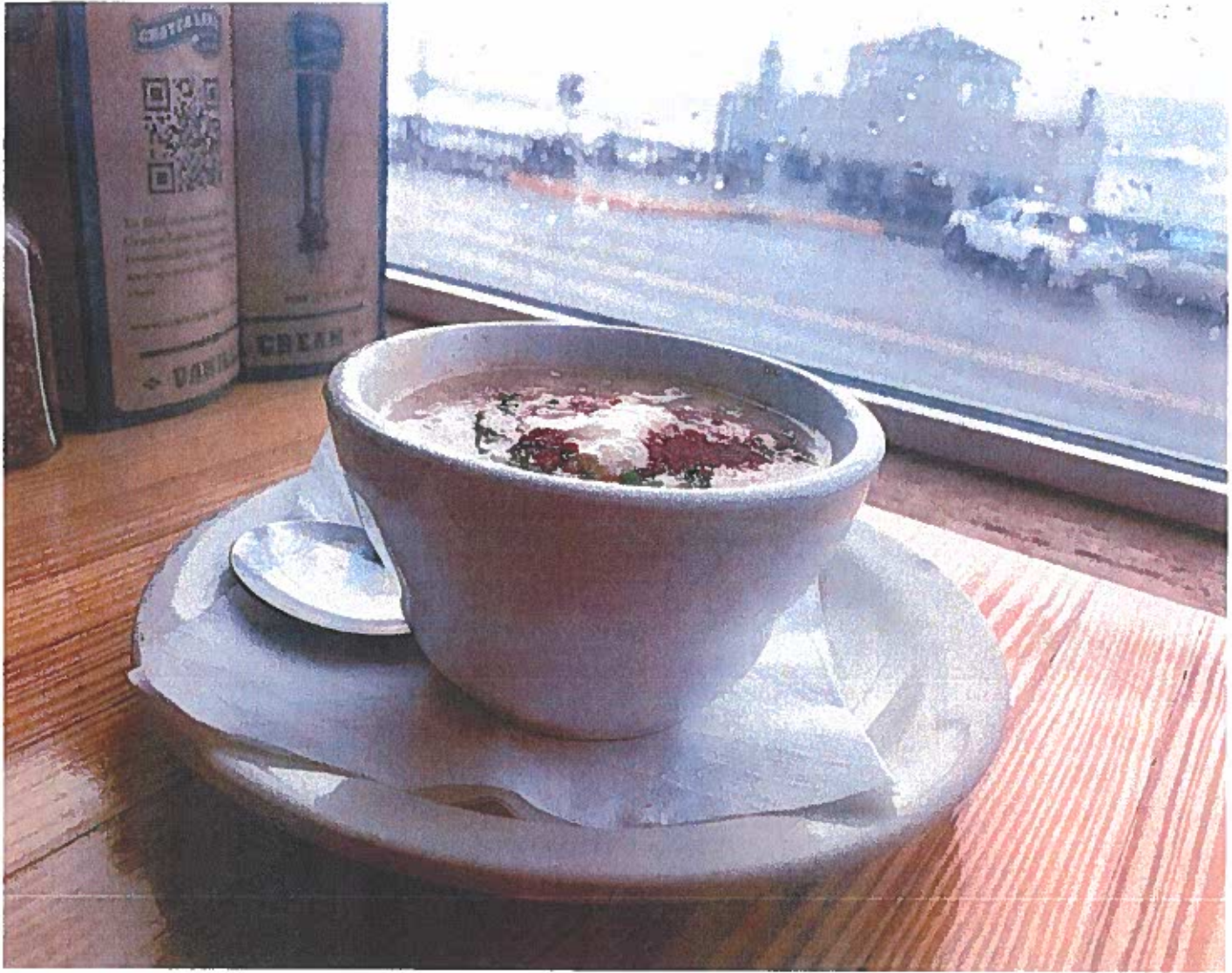
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## **7. Depoe Bay**

Depoe Bay might be small, but it makes up for its size with a number of big attractions, accommodations and some of the best seafood in Oregon. See resident gray whales from the shore at Boiler Bay or on a whale watching tour. Eat at Gracie's Sea Hag, The Horn or Restaurant Beck. Stay at upscale hotels like the Channel House and Whale Cove Inn, or book one of the many condos and beach houses in town. Depoe Bay is designed for visitors in both the sunny and rainy months, which gives it a big leg up over other coastal towns.

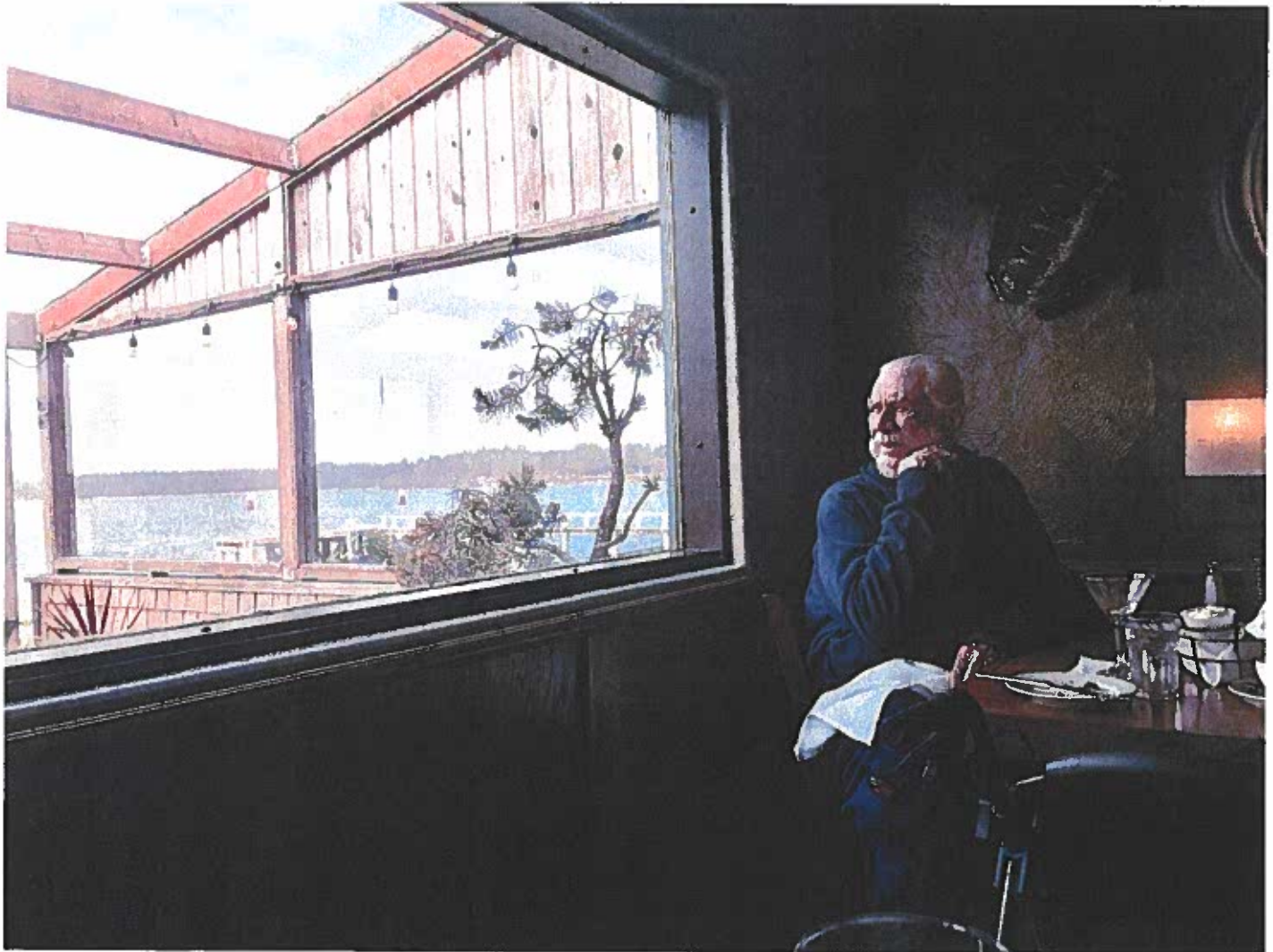
**FIND OUT MORE: [10 storm watching spots on the coast](#); [Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce](#)**

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## **6. Bandon**

The people of Bandon seem to have no shortage of creativity, and that has in turn led to a thriving town for tourism. A day could easily be spent walking the sand labyrinths of Circles in the Sand, eating at three neighboring seafood shacks and strolling up Bullards Beach to the Coquille River Lighthouse. But Bandon also has enough restaurants and attractions – including the famed Bandon Dunes Golf Resort – to spend several days in the southern coast town.

**FIND OUT MORE: [20 reasons to love Bandon](#); [Bandon Chamber of Commerce](#)**



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**Bandon**

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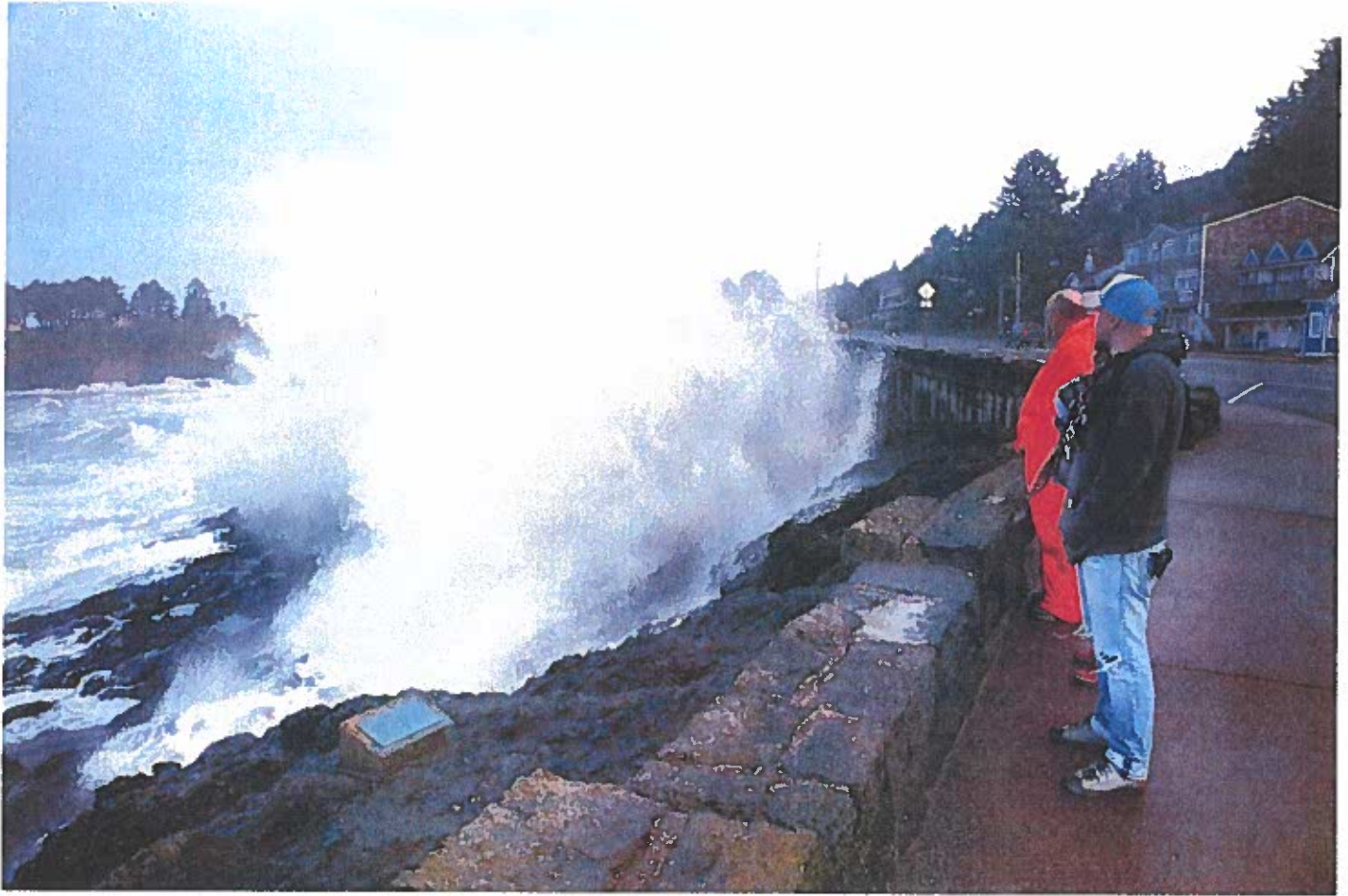
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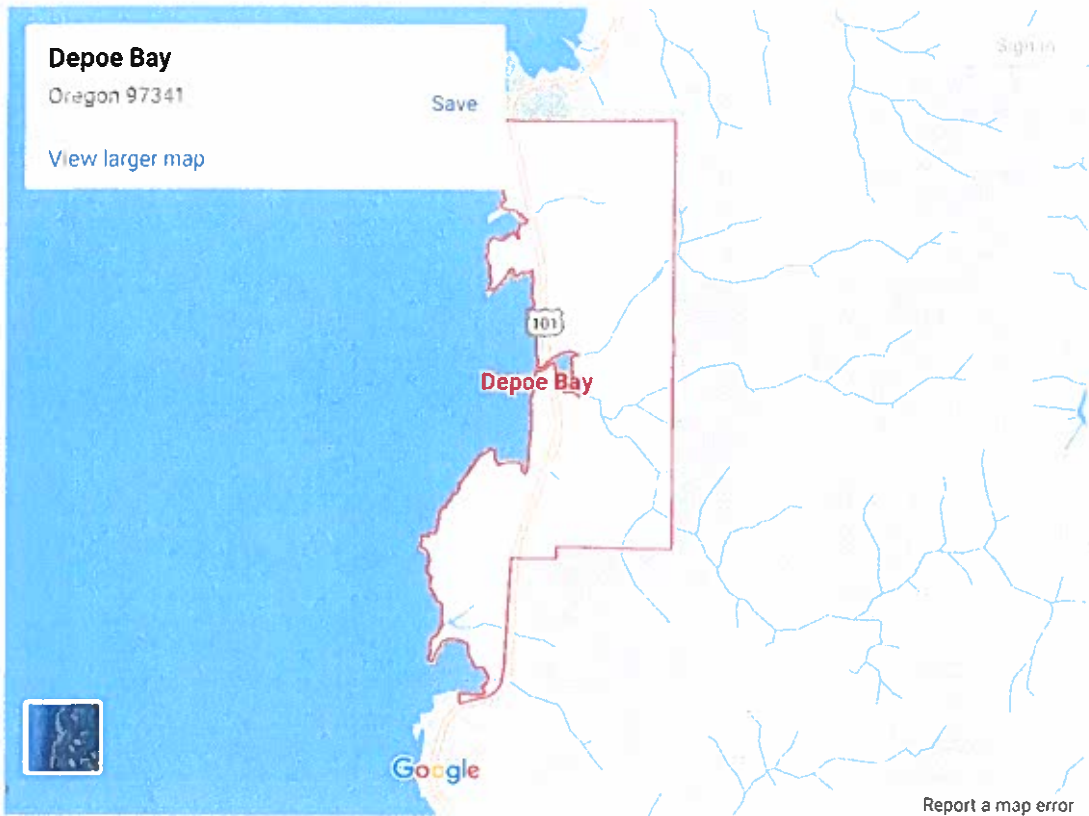


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## **5. Florence**

Not to be confused with the city in Italy, Florence is a perfectly beautiful town on the central Oregon coast, where the Siuslaw River cuts through towering sand dunes to the ocean. The businesses on Bay Street get all the attention – small storefronts and a series of restaurants and bars – but don't miss the natural beauty nearby. A trip to Florence is incomplete without a stop to see the Sea Lion Caves, Oregon Dunes and the carnivorous *Darlingtonia* plants.

**FIND OUT MORE: [Dunes and lakes at Honeyman State Park](#); [Florence Chamber of Commerce](#)**

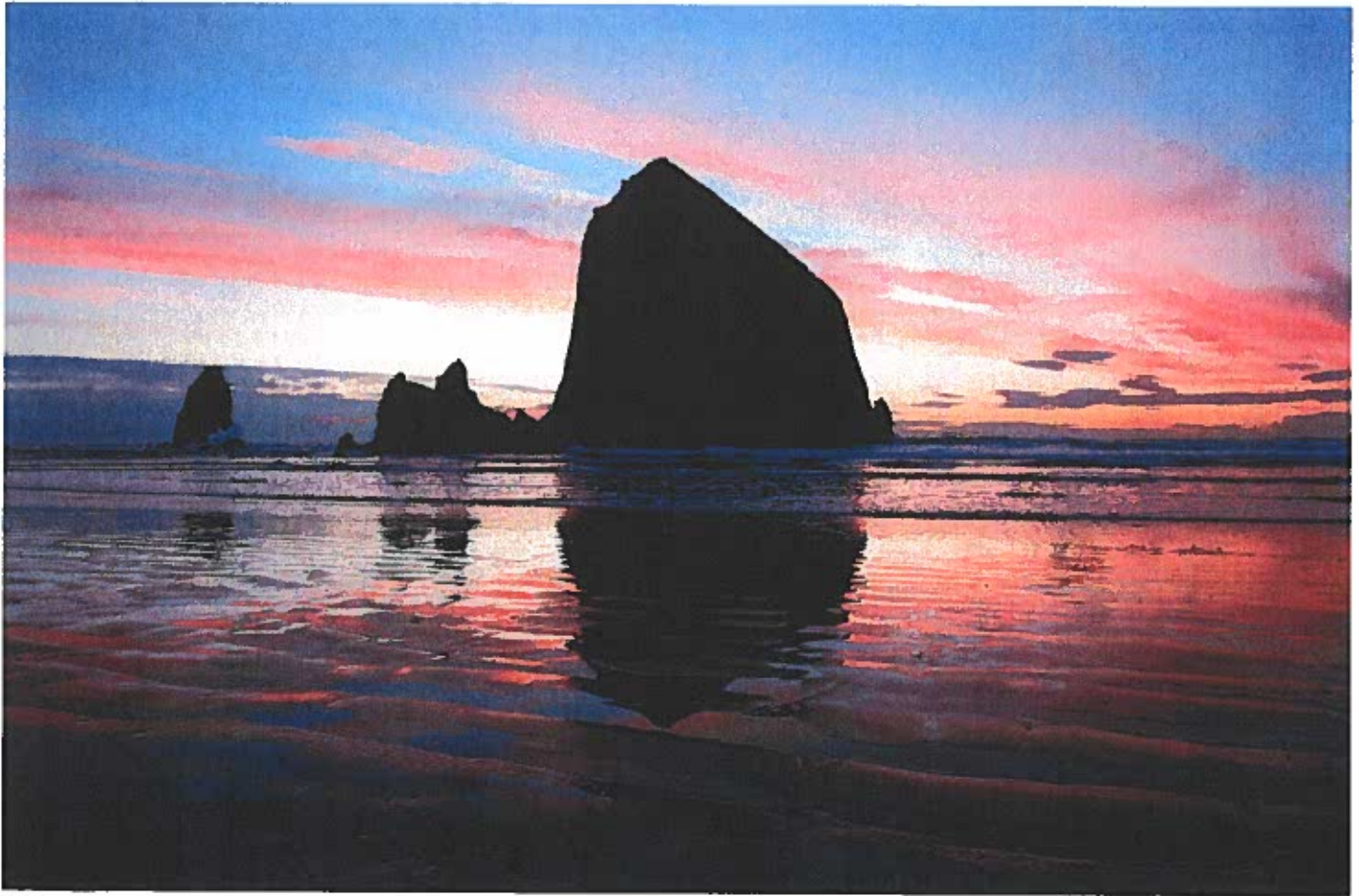


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## Florence

Oregon 97439

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#### 4. Cannon Beach

Cannon Beach might be the best-known beach town in Oregon, thanks to its proximity to Portland and the photogenic Haystack Rock. The town can get overcrowded quickly, turning some visitors away. But crowds and food prices are the only strikes against a town that otherwise has a lot to offer.

Great food is seemingly tucked into every nook and cranny, including the Lazy Susan Cafe, Ecola Seafoods and Sea Level Bakery. There are hotels and beach houses aplenty. The town is also flanked by stunning natural attractions at Ecola, Arcadia and Hug Point state parks, making up one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline in Oregon.

**FIND OUT MORE: [See a glorious sunset at Cannon Beach; Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce](#)**



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# Cannon Beach

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### **3. Astoria**

Astoria isn't technically a "beach town," as it sits not on the ocean but at the mouth of the Columbia River, but that technicality isn't enough to unseat it as one of the very best towns on the Oregon coast. Beachgoers can head to nearby Fort Stevens State Park (which topped our ranking of Oregon's best state parks) but there's more than enough to do in town.

The mouth of the massive river is an attraction all its own, best seen atop the Astoria Column or at the foot of the Astoria-Megler Bridge. Grab fish and chips at the Bowpicker, or sit down for a meal at Fort George and Buoy, two of the best brew pubs on the coast. The Norblad and Commodore Hotels offer reasonably priced rooms in the heart of downtown, a godsend for thrifty travelers.

**FIND OUT MORE: [Norblad offers affordable minimalist rooms](#); [Travel Astoria](#)**



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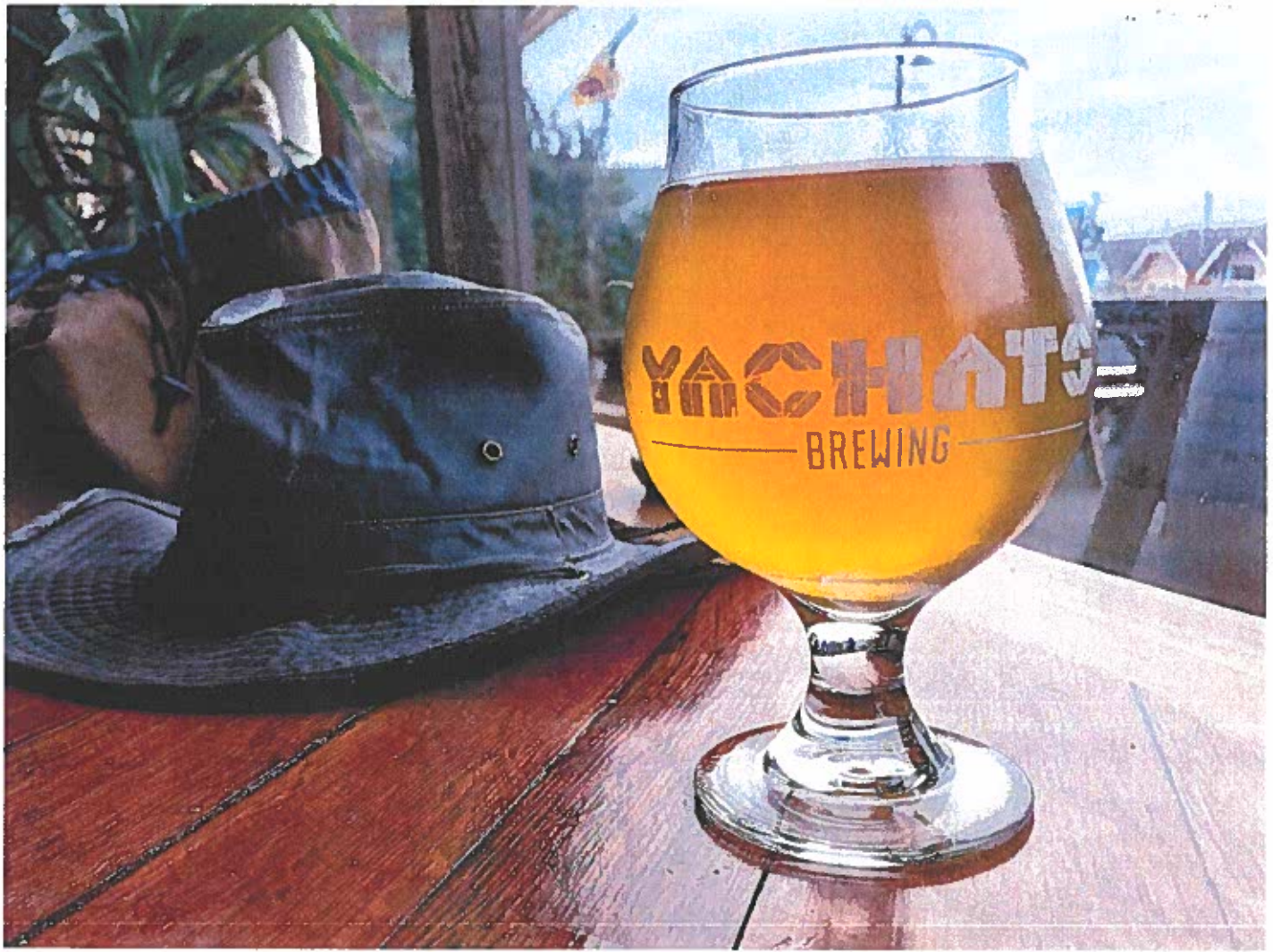
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## **2. Yachats**

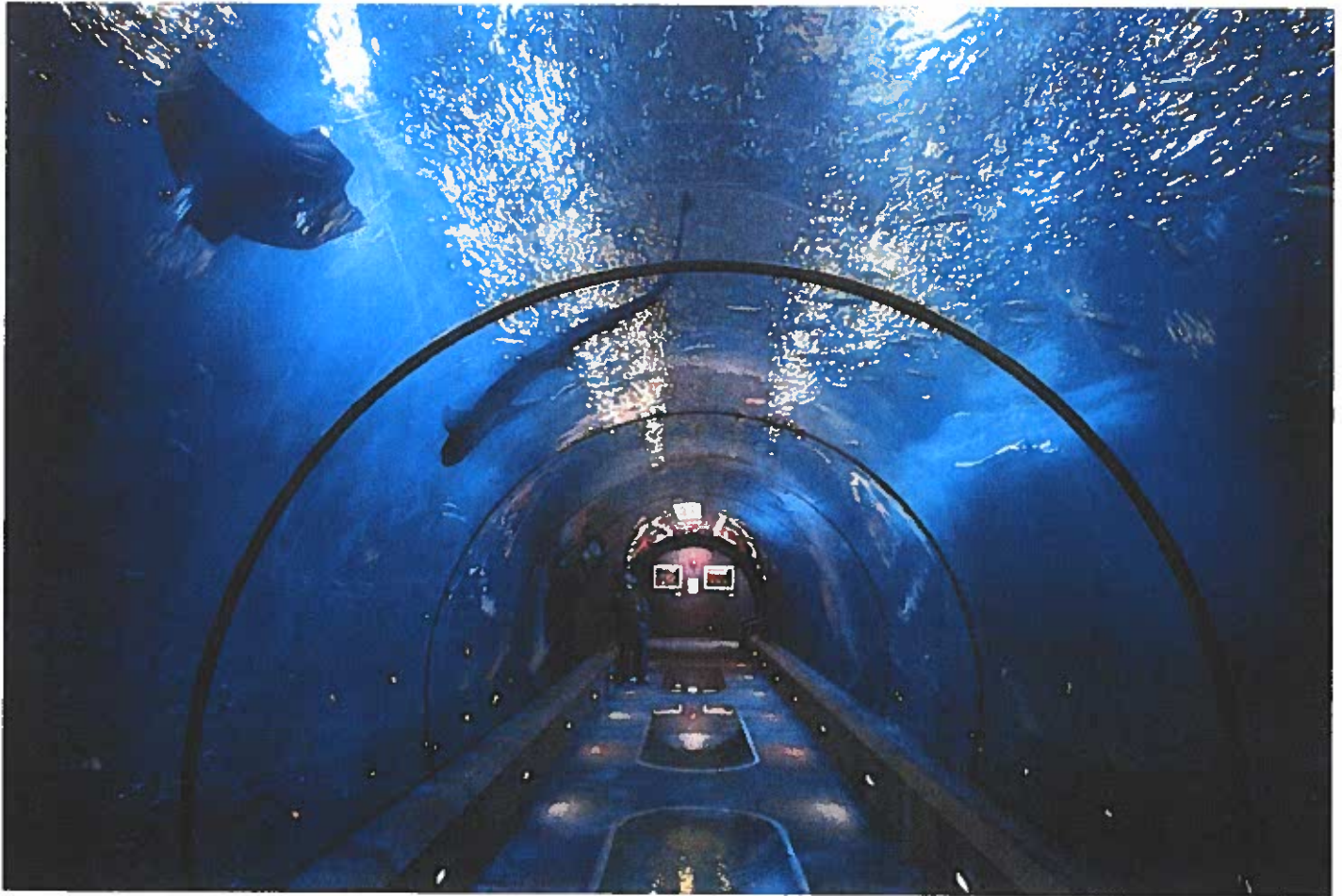
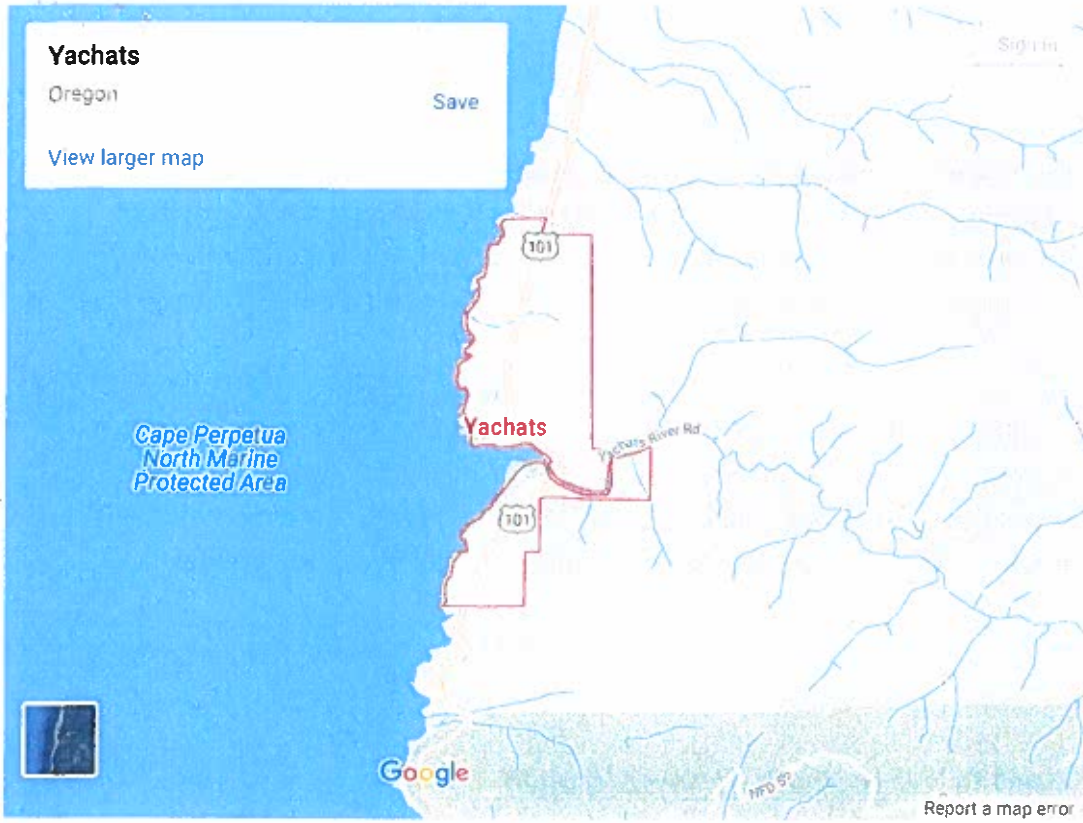
There's perhaps no better small town in Oregon than [Yachats](#), known as "the gem of the Oregon coast." The central-coast destination has a little bit of everything, and friendly locals seem to have a knack for growing and evolving the town in just the right way.

The natural splendor on forested trails, in downtown tide pools and at nearby Cape Perpetua is a huge draw in Yachats, but local restaurants quietly form the backbone of the town. Luna Sea has some of the [best fish and chips](#) on the coast, Yachats Brewing thrives with modern foodies, Ona offers upscale dining, Green Salmon serves great breakfast and coffee, and Bread & Roses is one of the best bakeries around. There's little in the way of repetition or competition for cuisine, mirroring an overarching sense of thoughtfulness that can be found in the very lifeblood of Yachats.

**FIND OUT MORE: [20 reasons to love Yachats](#); [Yachats Chamber of Commerce](#)**



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## 1. Newport

Newport is one of the biggest cities on the Oregon coast (population 10,125), and it also happens to be the best. Size isn't the reason Newport tops this list, but it certainly helps – the sheer number of local restaurants and attractions allow for days, if not weeks of exploration. Toss in the fact that it's located smack in the middle of the coastline, and Newport can easily be crowned the capital of the Oregon coast.

The Historic Bayfront is the focal point in Newport, where visitors can eat Oregon's best seafood at Local Ocean, get creeped out at the Wax Works and watch sea lions bark on the docks. Just up the highway is Nye Beach, a neighborhood that's home to a beautiful beach, literary-themed Sylvia Beach Hotel, and several great places to eat, including amazing Italian restaurant Sorella. That's not to mention the Oregon Coast Aquarium, Yaquina Head Lighthouse, South Beach and the headquarters of Rogue Ales.

With all there is to see and do, with places to eat and stay, there's really no debate: When it comes to beach towns on the Oregon coast, Newport reigns supreme.

**FIND OUT MORE: [20 reasons to love Newport](#); [Discover Newport](#)**

