

NEWS from Clatsop County

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OCEAN, FISHERIES FILMS SET FOR DEC. 15 SHOWING

Clatsop County is sponsoring a public showing of two films on fisheries and ocean management Thursday, Dec. 15 in Astoria.

The event begins at 6 p.m. at the Fort George Brewery's Lovell Tap Room, 1483 Duane St. Admission is free.

"Oregon's Ocean Fisheries: A Conservation Story," takes the audience along to watch ocean fishermen harvest seafood. The film illustrates how fishermen and scientists have teamed up to ensure that Oregon's seafood fisheries are sustainable.

"People who have seen the film report the documentary gave them an entirely new perspective on Oregon's ocean," said Onno Husing, executive director of the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association.

The second movie, "Ocean Frontiers," is a new documentary from Green Fire Productions that explores the challenges facing our ocean and chronicles successful strategies being implemented across the country to address them. It examines seaports and watersheds around the United States – including the fishing industry of Port Orford, Oregon – to introduce unlikely allies embarking on new courses of cooperation.

The movie event coincides with the Dec. 15-16 meeting of the Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) and Territorial Sea Plan Working Group in Astoria.

OPAC is a 24-member advisory panel to the Governor representing fishing and conservation interests, local governments, tribes and state agencies with stakes in management of Oregon's marine environment. The council is currently updating the management plan for Oregon's Territorial Sea, which extends three nautical miles from shore.

Go to <u>www.oregon.gov/LCD/OPAC</u> for agendas and more information on the Territorial Sea Plan Working Group and OPAC meetings.

Go to <u>www.oczma.org/themove.php</u> for more information on "Oregon's Ocean Fisheries," and <u>www.ocean-frontiers.org</u> for more on "Ocean Frontiers."

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