

News and Information from **Oregon International Port of Coos Bay**

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Town hall meeting to discuss Eastside Boat Ramp parking expansion

At the request of the South Coast Anglers Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) volunteers, the city of Coos Bay and Oregon International Port of Coos Bay are partnering on a proposal to expand the parking area at the Eastside Boat Ramp. The city and port will host a town hall meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 28, at the Millicoma Intermediate School cafeteria, 260 Second Ave., to discuss the proposed project with Eastside residents and other interested citizens.

Each year during salmon fishing seasons, increased parking lot usage creates overflow traffic and congestion in the neighborhood. STEP volunteers have met with city and port staff to designate a cleared area for more parking spaces to accommodate additional vehicle and boat trailer parking. The proposal is to gravel the new area this year and pave it sometime next year.

In addition, at the meeting, port staff will update residents on property management on the Eastside peninsula. Earlier this year, the port cleared fire breaks adjacent to residential areas to lessen fire danger and replanted the trails with native grasses.

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