

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Gets Weyerhaeuser Property in Aberdeen

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority and Weyerhaeuser Company have announced the transfer of the former Weyerhaeuser sawmill property in south Aberdeen to GHSA. The approximately 24-acre site, appraised at \$2.34 million, will be re-developed into a public waterfront facility called Seaport Landing. Specific plans call for the eventual creation of a new tourism destination and home port for the tall ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain, which are owned and operated by GHSA. The transaction closed today. "This is a major step toward achieving a long-held dream in Aberdeen, improved public access to the Chehalis River and a tangible connection to our maritime past," said GHSA Executive Director Les Bolton. "Today's announcement allows for the former sawmill property to be put back into productive use and will help the Seaport meet its long-term vision of creating a world-class public waterfront facility. We congratulate the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority and wish them well with this new venture," said Anthony Chavez, government and community relations manager for Weyerhaeuser. Weyerhaeuser will retain ownership of approximately 200 acres, which includes the former Bay City Log Export Yard. The company is still evaluating options for that property. The Historical Seaport will now begin development of a detailed comprehensive master plan for Seaport Landing, which will lay out development and fundraising activities over the next several years. If all goes well, the Historical Seaport will bring Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain to Seaport Landing for Aberdeen SPLASH on July 4 and invite the public to visit the ships at Seaport Landing. The project includes 14 acres leased from the Department of Natural Resources, bringing the total size of the site to 38 acres.