

Port of Garfield

Established 1958



Welcome to the Port of Garfield

First Elected Commission sworn into office

January 5, 1959

The first meeting of the Garfield County Port Commissioners was an informal meeting held in part, in the Auditor's office in the Garfield County Court House between 11:30 AM and noon, and in the offices of McCabe & McCabe attorneys for the Port Commission between 1:30 PM and 2:00 PM.

At the Court house the three elected Commissioners were sworn in, in due form, and a one dollar filing fee was paid. An election was held at which time the following were elected: Don Johnson of Dist No. 2 became the first President, Chris Wolf of Dist No. 3 became the first Vice President and Larry Brown of Dist No. 1 was elected Secretary.

Time was taken for lunch with the meeting to resume at the office of Pat McCabe at 1:30 PM. Several points were discussed, and it was found that instead of the Commissioners being elected for terms of 1, 2 & 3 years in Dist.

Current Port of Garfield Commission



Ed Crawford



Larry Scoggin



Matt Herres

Tina Keller, Port Manager

Charleen Jackson, Assistant Manager

In the beginning

In 1969, the Central Ferry Site was purchased by the US Army Corp of Engineers for \$24,000. A total of 86 acres were acquired, several acres of flat with the remaining Port property being hill side.



The creation of the Port of Garfield

In 1970

- 1 Three acres of the 86 were developed for the Pomeroy Grain Growers.
- 2 The Pomeroy Grain Growers co-op built the elevators on the site. At the time requesting 4 pilings and 1 tower base, they were allowed a docking facility.
- 3 In 1978 the Army Corp. authorized the transition from the tie up docking to be replaced by 3 new pilings for barge loading.
- 4 March of 1983 the Grain site was expanded when the Port sold a portion of the hill behind the elevators to Pomeroy Grain Growers for their ground pile location.



Exclusive Barge Service



Approximately 16 million bushel of grain is shipped by barge from this site annually by Shaver Barge Lines.

(120 Barges)

(8,400 Semi tractor-trailers)

Shaver Barge Lines exclusively service the Pomeroy Grain Growers at the Port of Garfield Site.



What may have been an unfortunate purchase

1 3.25-acre location purchased in 1979, ended up being in the Federal Flood Plain.

2 In 2005 this location was approved for a RV Park with a few special conditions like it can not be for residential due to the flood plain. However, was not built until 2012.

3 Currently we have 20 full hook up sites at the Pataha Creek RV Park, great Wi-Fi, and 2 full restrooms and laundry facility. If you are ever recreating in the area, stop in.

Located 23 miles from the Snake River and 15 miles from the Blue Mountains

right off of Highway 12



By 1984 the Port was expanding its properties



1

The Dye Seed Plant was purchased for \$400,000

2

33 acres of manufacturing and warehousing. Prior the acreage was the location of a Green Giant Cannery which was used for green peas.

3

With half of the property containing buildings, soon storage units, contractors and automotive shops moved in.

More expansion into the 90's



1

1984 the Pomeroy Ranger District site was purchased to build a 5,000 sq. ft. USFS Administration Building.

2

The Pomeroy Ranger District spans 3 Washington counties; Asotin, Garfield, Columbia as well as Wallowa County in Oregon.

3

The Ranger District needed to expand in 1996, the Port increased the building another 5,000 sq. ft. the Ranger District also leases a 2-bay shop for fire crews and shop use.

If you build it, they will come. Isn't that what they say?



Our two bay, 4800 square foot Spec Building built in 2008, houses Garfield County Transportation Authority and CPEC Professional Electric.

Trivia to: If you build it they will come. The actual wording is, "If you build it he will come."



Shepherd Fields Complex



1

In 2000 the Shepherd Foundation, City of Pomeroy, Pomeroy School District and the Port of Garfield partnered to build a baseball/softball complex.

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Just this last year the Pomeroy School District received a grant to install stadium light on the complex.

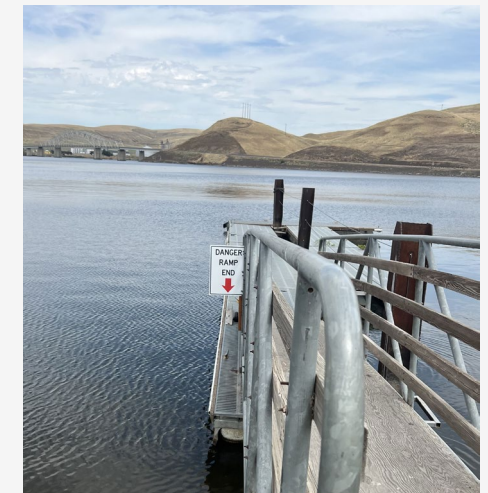


3

Baseball, softball, little league and T-ball all use the facility along with most Sundays There are groups and families utilizing the fields.

Port of Garfield Boat Launch

2025 we were awarded a RCO grant to start the renovation process of the launch and dock that are both in great disrepair. The amount of use the launch receives and the lack of options to access the river for recreational activities and emergencies has created a dire need for the renovation. Ideally a new launch design and bigger dock would be what we would work toward. Due to the unknowns with the dam status, it's more reasonable to repair or renovate rather than replace if possible. No repairs have been made since the 1990's.



Tourism on the Snake and the Port of Garfield Central Ferry Boat Launch and Dock



Tourism on the Snake River has been a part of our lives since the late 1880's. Boat tours of the river while purchasing fruit from the local orchards and fish from the fish camps were common.



Today tour boats travel the Snake River, recreators, sportsmen and guides use the Port of Garfield boat launch and dock.

The tour boats have used the dock for taking tourists off during medical emergencies.

It has also been the staging area for an oil spill a few years ago.

Industry and the future



Palouse Fiber Packaging's current project is a redevelopment initiative designed to establish a scalable circular manufacturing platform that integrates industrial symbiosis, renewable energy, and waste materials. In addition to the environmental and system level impact, this initiative is focused on strengthening our local communities by creating new opportunities for skilled manufacturing and research and development roles. By expanding both production capabilities and innovation capacity in Pomeroy and Starbuck, we are committed to bringing high quality jobs to the region and supporting long term economic growth tied to advanced manufacturing and material science.

Palouse Fiber LLC, brings industry, innovation and opportunity to the Port of Garfield

The future has arrived - Fiber To The Home

- ▶ In 2006 the Port along with the City of Pomeroy, Garfield County and PEDC started trying to bring wireless and DSL to the entire county.
- ▶ This was a long adventure.
- ▶ 2019-2022 with the grants and Port funds we were able to build fiber to the home from Pomeroy to Pataha.
- ▶ Currently we have 479 customers on fiber the home.



We appreciate all of the guidance and support we receive from the Port of Whitman and our partners

First Step Internet, Inland Cellular/Emerge and Pocket iNet for keeping our communities served.

1958 to 2026



From a dream to the reality, we strive to improve where we can and to provide our community with the tools to be successful.

Our future visions:

- Moving our office to the center of our property
- Dog Park adjacent to the Pataha Creek RV Park
- Business area with market, commercial kitchen and entertainment space
- Partnering with the City and adding a splash pad to the pool
- Expanding into our open area with another industrial building
- Building suitable for a brewery or distillery

Our Properties

- ▶ DYE SEED BUILDING- LEASE TO PALOUSE FIBER PACKAGING
- ▶ OFFICE SPACE - PORT OFFICE
- ▶ OFFICE SPACE - INLAND CELLULAR
- ▶ OFFICE SPACE - REP. MARY DYE
- ▶ BROADBAND FIBER CO-LOCATION
- ▶ PATAHA FIBER HUT
- ▶ PATAHA CREEK RV PARK
- ▶ BIKE PATH - FIRST STREET TO BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMPLEX
- ▶ CENTRAL FERRY BOAT LAUNCH, PAVED PARKING AREA AND VAULT TOILET
- ▶ CENTRAL FERRY ACERAGE - POMEROY GRAIN GROWERS LOCATION AND BARGE DOLPHINS
- ▶ US FOREST SERVICE - POMEROY RANGER DISTRICT MAIN FACILITY
- ▶ US FOREST SERVICE - RANGER DISTRICT SHOP
- ▶ SPEC BUILDING A - CONVEYOR TECHNOLOGIES
- ▶ SPEC BUILDING B - CHRIS' PROFESSIONAL ELECTRIC
- ▶ BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMPLEX - LEASE TO CITY OF POMEROY
- ▶ STORAGE UNITS - BOTH LARGE AND SMALL
- ▶ ACREAGE FOR EXPANSION

Thank you,

We hope you visit the Port of Garfield when in the area.

