

BAYFRONT QUEST

INTRODUCTION

Follow the directions and collect the letter clues to fill the numbered spaces. At the end of your journey, the word will lead you to the hidden Quest Box. When you find the box, please sign the log book and let us know what you thought of this Quest. Stamp your page as proof of accomplishment, and then put the box back in its hiding place for the next person to find. Enjoy!



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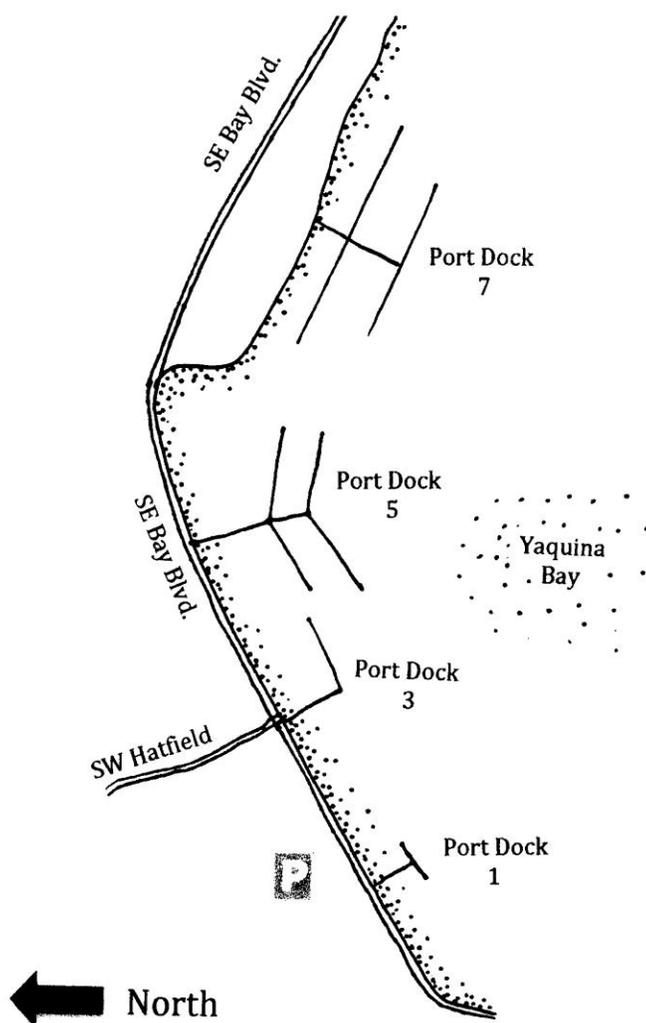
Box Monitor: The Port of Newport

ABOUT THE AREA

This Quest takes place at Newport's historic Bayfront, and it highlights the local commercial fishing industry. It was created by students (ages 10-12) attending a Quest-building day camp at the Hatfield Marine Science Center. The Archer family provided the rhyming verses. We would like to thank the Port of Newport, Local Ocean Seafoods, Oregon Sea Grant Extension, and Schiewe Marine Supply for the tours and interviews they gave that helped us learn about the working waterfront.

The Bayfront Quest traverses over level boardwalks and paved sidewalks, and will take about 45 minutes to complete round trip. To begin, park in the public lot behind the Mariner Square shops, or along Bay Blvd., near Port Dock 1. Follow the directions and collect the letter clues to fill the numbered squares.

Newport's Bayfront



LET'S BEGIN!

Walk through the arch to Port Dock 1;
Here you'll find lots of fun.
Lean over the edge - what do you hear?
Big marine mammals lie under the pier.

What mammals are these,
Trying to soak up the sun?
Read the signs please,
Your Quest has begun.

The first letter of the state
From which they come,
Happens to be your
Clue number one.

Look closely, and you will see,
A forehead bump called the sagittal crest.
It forms on males at least 5 years old,
Younger than that: no bump -- no jest!

DID YOU KNOW?

**Only males of this species
come to Newport's Bayfront.
The females stay in California.**

THE CAPTURE CAGE

In some months of the year, a large metal cage sits on one of the docks near Port Dock One. The capture cage was installed in March 2010 for the purpose of temporarily detaining sea lions entangled with marine debris. When conditions are right and an entangled animal ventures into the cage, biologists close the doors, remove the debris, and then release the animal. Are there sea lions using the cage as a haul-out today?



Photo courtesy of the [Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network](#)

QUESTION FOR THE CURIOUS:

**What's the difference between sea lions
and seals?**

*The answer is located in the **Quest Box**
at the end of your journey.*

Go back to the street
And cross where it's best:
(In the crosswalk, of course!)
Now continue your Quest.

Go towards Waxworks,
Then look up to your right,
High up on the wall
Will be such a sight!

A whale of a tale,
Is painted on the wall,
What is its name?
Can you recall?

The artist signed the painting
As is typical to do,
The first letter of his name
Is clue number two.

Now continue your walk
Past buildings sea-green,
Watch out for the traffic
Make sure you are seen!

Small, mighty vehicles
Carry loads and make tracks
From the buildings to trucks
Awaiting fish packs.

The blue buildings are
Where they process the fish,
Boats bring it to sell
To markets, and then your dish!

Some fish is frozen
Some is bought fresh,
Some is used as bait,
And we eat the rest.

Cross SW Hatfield Drive,
Turn right and cross Bay,
Look down the alley
And what does that sign say?

Dungeness crab



FRESH CRAB, it is here
But what kind do you think?
Newport is famous for
This crab that turns pink.

This tasty crustacean
Is a treat from the sea,
The 3rd letter of its name
Is clue number three.

Walk left on the wood boardwalk.
Look at the boats on your right.
This is a working waterfront,
It's busy all day and all night.

Commercial fishing in Newport
Brings in money at a rate
That surpasses the tourism industry.
It's one of the largest ports in the state.

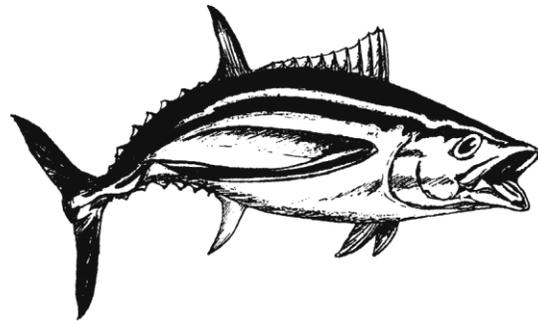
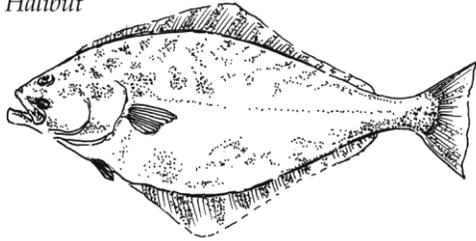
As you walk, look out
At the boats once again.
Can you name some of the catch
These vessels bring in?

Crab, tuna, halibut,
Pink shrimp, and rockfish, too.
Lingcod, Pacific whiting,
Salmon and sablefish, to name a few!

Pacific pink shrimp



Halibut

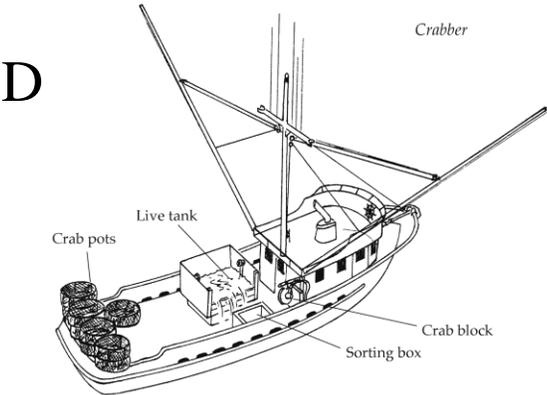
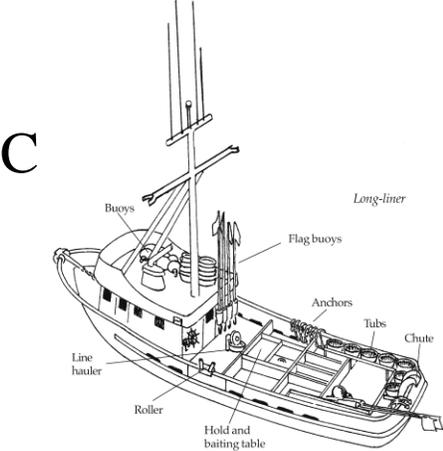
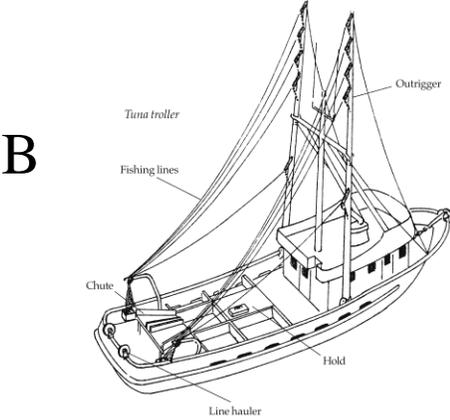
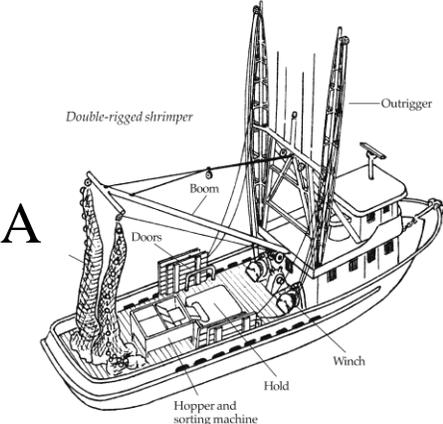


Albacore tuna

Along the bayfront
There are stores and shops,
Fishermen can buy supplies
Or put up their feet for a stop.

Now find the arch
That once said "Port Dock 5".
Use the illustrations below
To ID the boats before your eyes.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF FISHING VESSELS



Can you see a long-liner?
What about a shrimping boat?
Some boats may be rigged for tuna;
Some hold crab pots afloat.

Some vessels may have
More than one type of gear.
This makes it easier
To keep fishing all year.

Look at the drawings above and find
The trawler with wooden "doors".
It also has a big net
That it uses offshore.

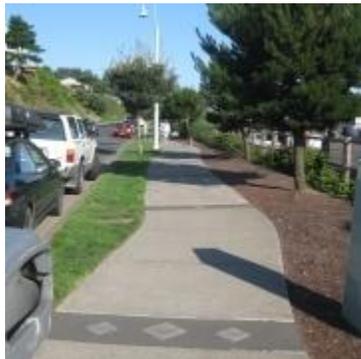
What kind of seafood
Does this boat pursue?
The letter next to this boat picture
Is your number four clue.

QUESTION FOR THE CURIOUS

**What's the difference between a trawler
and a troller?**

*The answer is located in the Quest Box
at the end of your journey.*

Continue heading East
On the wooden boardwalk.
Cross the driveway, look down,
Find the special sidewalk:



Clue number five is painted
Low on the green box
That is closest to the beginning
Of the Memorial Walk.

The life of a fisherman;
It's a dangerous job to do.
Survival suits are on board, just in case.
There's one for each of the crew.

We lose two or three
Fishermen each year,
Engraved in this sidewalk
Are names we hold dear.

Follow the names to the sign
For the 7th dock on the bay.
The most common vowel on the sign
Is clue number six, Hooray!

Take a few steps past the sign;
Turn right into the parking lot.
As you look around you may see,
Stacks and stacks of large crab pots.

These traps are lowered
To the sandy sea floor,
Where unsuspecting crabs
Walk in through a door.

If you look at a crab pot
Find a line and a float,
The markings and colors,
Match up to a certain boat

Crab season begins
Around December 1st.
Crabbers catch them then quickly,
Until their boats almost burst!

At the Port of Newport office,
Stand out in front.
Find the object you've spelled
And next to it, hunt!

When you've found the Quest Box,

Stamp your book; sign your name.
Then re-hide the box
So others can play this game.

**PUT THE LETTER CLUES YOU FIND
IN THE NUMBERED SPACES BELOW**

4: _____ 3: _____ 1: _____ 5: _____ 6: _____ 2: _____

Stamp your page to mark your accomplishment!

Sign the log book with the date, your name, and the number of people in your group, and tell us what you thought of this Quest! Please keep the location of the clues and box a secret, and put the box back in its hiding place when you are through. Thanks for playing.

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