

Unit Fact Sheet

Coast Guard Sector Columbia River

“Guardians of the Pacific Northwest”



Missions:

Sector Columbia River is responsible for the execution of all CG missions throughout our Area of Responsibility. We ensure the safety, security, environmental protection and efficient flow of commerce affecting a \$20B maritime transportation system, 8.5M ton grain export, 1500 foreign vessel arrivals, 50K cruise passengers, 290K recreational boats, 2K commercial fishing vessels, and 52 Maritime Transportation Safety Act facilities. Our Sector Commander is the Captain of the Port, Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, and Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator.

Sector Columbia River Response Missions (search and rescue, law enforcement, environmental protection, and support for other units) are carried out from Warrenton, OR.

Sector Columbia River Prevention Missions (marine safety, vessel inspection, aids to navigation support, and waterways management) are managed by Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Portland located in Portland, OR.

Area of Responsibility:

420 NM of Washington and Oregon coastline, 33 ports, 465 miles of navigable rivers throughout WA, OR, and ID, including the Columbia River, Salmon & Snake Rivers in the east (Idaho).

Sector Columbia River Personnel:

498 Active Duty, 105 Reserve, 29 Civilian, 891 Auxiliary

Sector Columbia River Assets:

(3) HH-60 Jayhawk Helicopters, (2) 52' Heavy Weather Vessels, (8) 47' Motor Life Boats, (7) 25' Response Boats, (1) 18' Response Skiff, (1) 26' TANB, (1) 17' Utility Boat

Sector Columbia River Units:

Sector Columbia River/ Air Station (Warrenton): 210 Active Duty, 50 Reserve, 14 Civilian

Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Portland Personnel: 72 Active Duty, 20 Reserve, 15 Civilian

Station Grays Harbor (Established in 1973; 44 Active Duty personnel)

Station Cape Disappointment (Established 1877; relocated in 1967; 60 Active Duty personnel)

Station Tillamook Bay (Established 1908; relocated in 1982; 44 Active Duty personnel)

Station Portland (Established 1997; 28 Active Duty & 24 Reserve personnel)

Aid to Navigation Team Astoria (Established 1908; 12 Active Duty & 3 Reserve personnel)

Aid to Navigation Team Kennewick (Established 1992; 9 Active Duty & 8 Reserve personnel)

CGC BLUEBELL (100ft Buoy Tender; 19 member crew)

Other CG Units in the Astoria, OR Area:

National Motor Lifeboat School, Ilwaco, WA (54 Active Duty personnel)

Coast Guard Cutter ALERT, Homeport Astoria City Pier (Commissioned in 1968; 75 Active Duty personnel)

Coast Guard Cutter STEADFAST, Homeport Astoria City Pier (Commissioned in 1968; 75 Active Duty personnel)

Coast Guard Cutter FIR, Homeport at Tongue Point (Commissioned in 2003; 47 Active Duty personnel)

CGC BLUEBELL (100ft Buoy Tender; 15 member crew)

Electronics Support Detachment Astoria, located at Tongue Point (10 Active Duty personnel)

Advanced Helicopter Rescue School