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SeaPort Air to Transfer the Wizard Crew

Select crew members of the F/V Wizard, as featured on Discovery Channel's #1 television series "Deadliest Catch", are coming to Astoria

Portland, Ore. – The Pacific Commercial Fishermen's Festival takes place September 19-20 at the Port of Astoria and SeaPort Airlines will be transporting select Wizard Crew members from Seattle. "There is no quicker way to transport the crew other than SeaPort Airlines," says Matt Kyler – Marketing Manager. "No other means of transportation can deliver the crew from Seattle to Astoria in less than 2 hours, and that includes a stop in Portland."

Commercial fishing is a traditional industry of the Columbia-Pacific region and continues to have a significant influence on the lives of people in the region. "We're just thrilled to have these guys participate," says Festival Director Ron Williams. "It's great that they are taking an interest in what we're doing here to celebrate and educate people about the commercial fishing industry."

The F/V Wizard is owned by Keith and Florence Colburn. Keith is a long-time crabber in the Bering Sea who was the Captain of the Wizard for many years prior to purchasing the vessel in 2005. While Captain Colburn has another engagement, he was quick to support and encouraged having members from his crew participate. In addition to appearances by crew from the Wizard, F/V Maverick, which also appeared in episodes of "Deadliest Catch," will be docked at the Festival. This is destined to be the biggest, most informative and fun-filled event celebrating the commercial fishing industry and the people who risk their lives to bring seafood to our tables.

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