

OREGON Beer Beat

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Coastal Growth

The Oregon coast is not just one of the most beautiful places on earth- it's also recently been making its claim as a venerated beer destination for any true beer devotee. **Pelican Brewery** in Pacific City has gained national notoriety for a number of its creations, and since opening in 1996 has become a favorite stop for tourists on the remarkable 101 highway passage. Their bourbon barrel-aged barleywine, *Mother of All Storms*, was first released in 2009, and has been named one of RateBeer's Top 100 Beers in the World. Expanding on that success, Pelican has now launched a quarterly barrel-aged series. The first offering of the program is the *Captain of the Coast*, a Scottish style Wee Heavy aged in wheat whiskey barrels from Washington. Get them while you can!

Down a short coastal ramble on 101, an exciting new brewery is set to open beginning in December in Depoe Bay. **The Horn Public House and Brewery** is the brainchild of Jerome Grant, owner of the popular Gracie's Sea Hag seafood restaurant and lounge, and will certainly be a welcome addition to the ever-expanding coastal brew scene. The 10-barrel brewhouse will soon supply a majority of their 12 tap setup, split between two levels offering mesmerizing Pacific views. Grant is ecstatic about the opening, but also admittedly worn out, describing all the work that has gone into renovating the 100 year old building in order to make everything just right. In addition to the arduous labor involved, all efforts were made to ensure a top notch brewing system. Grant contracted Marc Martin from NW Brewery Advisors as a consultant to help create a quality brewery, which included a custom brewhouse fabricated by Practical Fusion from Canby. Marc's exacting process for selecting a brewer involves a rigorous test of prospective applicants to test their worth. Chris Jennings from **Alameda Brewing and Three Mugs Brewing** blew him away, with what Marc claims is the 2nd highest score on all the tests he's given. All the best to Jerome and Chris at The Horn Public House!

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