



# NORTH COAST FOOD WEB

Dear friends, foodies, farmies and fishers,

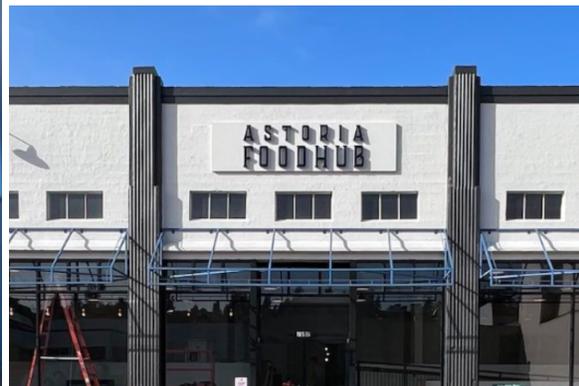
**We are excited to announce that we are officially moving to Astoria Food Hub! We are very much looking forward to this next chapter, doing our part to grow a more robust and healthy food system with the resources this incredible space has to offer.**

The short version:

- We see deeper potential for collaboration with other organizations and businesses by locating in a space designed to foster that collaboration.
- We have developed a great working relationship with the current AFH management, and are excited to contribute to the design and implementation of the Food Hub's mission.
- Our new office space is beautiful, our new kitchen is bigger and has updated equipment, and there is room for us to grow.
- The Online Farmers Market will be up and running in our new space before the Astoria Sunday Market winds down: our goal is to make sure our community has access to local foods throughout this transition. (Calendar below.)
- We will soon be able to offer more robust storage to our producers.
- Look for more communications for how you can help us make this transition.



## ASTORIA FOODHUB



## **The long version for folks who want more:**

**We see deeper potential for collaboration with other organizations and businesses by locating in a space designed to foster that collaboration.** Astoria Food Hub is a space designed to nurture the transition to an equitable, economically and ecologically resilient food system in and around Astoria OR. That's right up our alley.

We have already started working with Buoy Beer, AFH staff and the Oregon Coast Visitors Association to start planning some joint programming. Buoy is likely to remain in AFH for the next year as their space is being built back out, and they are excited to work together to help pilot Local Food Fridays, which will highlight local food producers in local restaurants.

We are also excited to keep working with existing partners, which includes all of our current producers and our sister organization, Food Roots in Tillamook. We are hopeful that more businesses will feel drawn to the space in part because of the intention to foster a strong local food system and economy.

**We have developed a great working relationship with the current AFH management, and are excited to contribute to the design and implementation of the Food Hub's mission.** The original visionary and driving force behind the space, Jared Gardner, is still a critical part of our local food system, focusing on his ranch in Nehalem. This spring, [Steward](#), a regenerative agriculture lender and food systems advocate, stepped in and became the majority owner after concerns arose about the financial viability of the project. Steward's longtime staff member, Ryan Anderson (himself a farmer and former organizer of other farmers) has become the project manager for AFH.

Ryan has been great to work with, and Steward has gone out of their way to make sure we are being taken care of as the finances have gotten shored up, and has joined us in our insistence that the original intention of the space be held up. While it has taken our new Director some time to renegotiate agreements, we now feel solid about our obligations and expectations, and that we are well met in this new partnership.

**Our new office space is beautiful, our new kitchen is bigger and has updated equipment, and there is room for us to grow.** Our plan is for the new office to open at AFH on Oct 3. Kitchen rentals will continue without interruption. We have blocked off September 19-23 (when no one is currently signed up to be using the space) for us to make that part of the move. If you are a kitchen user, stay tuned! We will send you specifics as they unfold.

The Online Farmers Market will be up and running in our new space before the Astoria Sunday Market winds down: our goal is to make sure our community has access to local foods throughout this transition. Calendar attached. We recognize that this spring was rough

for everyone. What was originally supposed to be a short market closure turned into a two-month hiatus. The good news is that we learned a lot and are now much more clear on our moving logistics. **We will do everything we can to minimize the closure this time.**

## WE ARE MOVING



into the  
Astoria  
Food Hub  
(AFH)



### Move Calendar

#### Market

- Sept 15 last market in current space (577 18th St)
- Sept 22 & 29 no market (see pop-ups section!)
- Oct 6 first market at AFH (order Oct 2-4)

#### Pop-Up Vendors

- Sept 15th Barking Dog Farm at our current space
- Sept 29th Pop-Up at current space, with:
  - Lazy Creek Farm (pickles, jam & more)
  - Linda Perkins baked goods
  - Food Roots "Seafood Stock-Up" pick-up

#### CSAs (Spring Up and Glory B)

- Sept 29 Last pick up at current space (577 18th St)
- Oct 6 Start pick up at AFH (1152 Marine Dr.)

#### Kitchen / Office

- Sept 19-23 No kitchen rentals, reopening at AFH
- Sept 26-30 Office closed, moving to AFH

September 15th will be our final market in our old space. On the 29th we will have a Seafood Stock Up pop up with Food Roots in our current parking lot. The next week on October 6, we will re-open the market at AFH.

**We will soon be able to offer more robust storage to our producers.** While it will take a couple months to get settled into our new space and figure out a good system for storage rentals, we anticipate being able to offer considerably more dry goods and cold storage at an affordable rate. We are also working on being able

to offer frozen storage once we have enough producers interested in that for it to make sense to turn on a very large freezer in the space. If you are interested in storage space, please reach out to Caitlin: [caitlin@northcoastfoodweb.org](mailto:caitlin@northcoastfoodweb.org).

**Look for more communications for how you can help us make this transition.** We are going to need our community to pull this off! As we map out a plan over the next couple weeks, we will let you know what we need when in terms of volunteers, donations and trucks. Kitchen users, producers and volunteers should expect to hear from us about an orientation to the new space in October, which will include parking information, a tour of the space, and the logistics you need to know to participate.

**Right now you can help by sharing our excitement and letting folks in your life who have been curious know that, Yes! The North Coast Food Web will soon be an integral part of Astoria Food Hub.**

Thanks for all the ways you have helped the Food Web be a strong part of our local food system. We look forward to working together to build on our foundation together.

In community,

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