Sector Columbia River executes virtually the full range of Coast Guard missions in a uniquely challenging and complex maritime environment. Its command center overlooks the world famous Columbia River Bar and “Graveyard of the Pacific.” The Sector ensures Maritime Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection along 420 miles of coastal Oregon and southern Washington, and for the 33 ports along the 465 miles of the Columbia, Snake, and Willamette River systems extending from the Pacific Ocean to Lewiston, Idaho. This enables 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. In addition to the usual Sector Commander authorities of Captain of the Port, Officer in Charge Marine Inspection, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, and Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator, the Sector Commander also serves as Commanding Officer of the embedded Air Station.

Our primary maritime stakeholders include deep draft shipping, ports and terminals, charter and commercial fishing vessels, the towboat and barge industry, recreational boaters, and all others who benefit from, use, and enjoy our waters.

The Astoria Regional Airport in Warrenton, OR serves as the Sector's Headquarters. Components of the Sector in Warrenton include Air Operations, the Command Center, Emergency Management, Response, and Logistics Departments. Sector Response overseas pollution response, small boat operations, and law enforcement. Sector Logistics provides Supply, Administration, Medical, Work-Life, Naval Engineering, Housing, and Facilities support functions to Sector Columbia River and other area units. The Sector Prevention Department, also known as Marine Safety Unit Portland, Oregon, includes Inspections, Investigations, and Waterways Management divisions and is located two hours by road from the main Sector campus.
Sector Columbia River Personnel:

450 Active Duty, 80 Reserve, 25 Civilian, 270 Auxiliary

Sector Columbia River Units:

Sector Columbia River (Warrenton, OR): 188 Active Duty, 35 Reserve, 13 Civilian; MH-60T Jayhawk Helicopter (3)

Marine Safety Unit Portland, OR: 68 Active Duty, 19 Reserve, 12 Civilian

Station Grays Harbor, WA: Established in 1973; 39 Active Duty; 52 ft Heavy Weather Motor Life Boat INVINCIBLE, 47 ft Motor Life Boat (2), 29 ft Response Boat (1)

Station Cape Disappointment (Ilwaco, WA): Established 1877, relocated in 1967; 54 Active Duty, 10 Reserve; 52 ft Heavy Weather Motor Life Boat TRIUMPH, 47 ft Motor Life Boat (2), 29 ft Response Boat (2)

Station Tillamook Bay, OR: Established 1908, relocated in 1982; 39 Active Duty; 47 ft Motor Life Boat (3), 16 ft Skiff (1)

Station Portland, OR: Established 1997; 27 Active Duty, 15 Reserve; 29 ft Response Boat (3)

Aids to Navigation Team Astoria, OR: Established 1908; 10 Active Duty; 26 ft Trailerable Aids to Navigation Boat (1); 20 ft Small ATON Boat (1)

Aids to Navigation Team Kennewick, WA: Established 1992; 9 Active Duty; 26 ft Trailerable Aids to Navigation Boat (1); 20 ft Small ATON Boat (1)

USCGC BLUEBELL (Portland, OR): Commissioned in 1945; 100ft Inland Buoy Tender; 15 Active Duty; 16 ft Skiff ATON Boat (1).

Other CG Units in the Astoria, OR Area:

National Motor Lifeboat School (Ilwaco, WA): 52 Active Duty

USCGC ALERT (Astoria, OR): Commissioned in 1968; 75 Active Duty

USCGC ELM (Astoria, OR): 53 Active Duty

USCGC STEADFAST (Astoria, OR): Commissioned in 1968; 75 Active Duty

Electronics Support Detachment (Astoria, OR): 10 Active Duty

Advanced Helicopter Rescue School (Astoria, OR): ATC Mobile seasonal school