Launching through the Surf Traveling Exhibit Panel 13: Blessing of the Fleet

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Like most fishing communities, Pacific City dory fishers, families, friends, and other residents gather annually to honor the fleet, including fishers both past and present. They also ask for bountiful fishing and protection for those who venture forth on the ocean. Although a blessing has been incorporated into other events throughout the years, the PC Blessing of the Fleet in its current format began in 1999. Weather permitting, the blessing concludes with the fishers launching towards Haystack Rock where they form a circle with their dories and place flowers in the water in memory of those who have passed away. In inclement weather the flowers are scattered in the surf.