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It was here that the Lewis and Clark Expedition reached the mouth of the Columbia River – and the great Pacific Ocean at last – in November of 1805. Pacific County embraces shallow Willapa Bay, which early pioneer settlers discovered was perfect for growing oysters. Since the 1880s, city folks have traveled to small resort towns on Pacific County beaches to play in the sand and fresh air.



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PACIFIC COUNTY STRETCHES FROM THE FORESTED SLOPES OF THE WILLAPA HILLS TO
THE SALTWATER SLOUGHS AND TIDEFLATS OF PRISTINE WILLAPA BAY. IT WAS HERE THAT
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AND THE GREAT PACIFIC OCEAN AT LAST - IN NOVEMBER OF 1805. LESS THAN A CENTURY
LATER, RAILROADS AND RIVER STEAMERS CARRIED TIMBER, SHELLFISH AND SALMON
FROM THE TOWNS OF PACIFIC COUNTY TO MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD.