



Mid-Willamette Valley Angler's Club

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Membership: Dues were carried forward for 2020 to 2021. Normal dues began in 2022. Only 59 members are paid up.

- Derby info: The entry fee for derbies (in advance and at a monthly meeting) is \$10 and the payouts are \$100, \$50 and \$25.
- The Season long Steelhead derby runs from Jan 1, 2022 thru Dec 31, 2022.
- Speaker forecast:
 - o Rep from Garmin for Nov.
 - o Ed Bowles for Dec.
 - o Tentative- Randy Bales (Lured) for Jan.
 - o Pizza at Walleries for Feb.
- Board meeting held on Sep 13 @ 6 pm at Center 50+ to discuss fall derbies, speakers, and other information.
 - o Speakers- Discussed new and previous speakers, working on schedule through December
 - o Membership- Bring a friend to a meeting and get extra raffle tickets, improve social media, etc.
 - o Reciprocal agreements with other clubs- CCA, NW Steelheaders, N Santiam River Guides, etc.?

May the holes in your net be no larger than the fish in it. ~ **Irish Saying**



ODFW Fishing Report (As of Nov 2d)

Best bets for weekend fishing:



- This time of year, trout anglers on Detroit Reservoir can find excellent fishing and, with the crowds thinned out, a little solitude as well.
- More than 17,000 coho salmon have been counted at Willamette Falls. Some of these fish are beginning to migrate into their spawning tributaries where salmon fishing is not allowed, but most are still available in the larger rivers like the lower Santiam and the mainstem Yamhill where anglers are allowed to target them.
- Henry Hagg Lake was stocked last week.
- Walter Wirth lake has been stocked for the first time in 1.5 years with one pounders.
- Trout fishing has been excellent on the Deschutes in the Maupin area, and coho numbers in the river are increasing.
- Fly-fishing in the Fall River has been excellent.
- Salmon are on the move in the North Coast Rivers. The Nestucca and Nehalem Rivers will offer the best opportunity for retention of Fall Chinook. The Klaskanine R, Big Creek, North Fork Nehalem, and Trask R are all getting good numbers of hatchery coho, although some of them are dark. The Trask should also have some hatchery Chinook returning (Trask River is closed to the retention of wild Chinook as are the other Tillamook Bay rivers). Heavy rains predicted for Friday this week.

Salmon and Steelhead habitat improvement



Jones Creek railroad culvert before improvement.



Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught. ~ **Anonymous**

Fishing Notices:

ALSEA RIVER: fall Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing should improve this weekend and into next week with the forecasted big rain events. The Alsea will be on the rise over the weekend and will be dropping into shape next week. Conditions will be good for fall Chinook fishing as fish move upstream to the spawning grounds.

NESTUCCA RIVER, THREE RIVERS, AND LITTLE NESTUCCA RIVER:

The majority of the fall Chinook should be in the river at this point and throughout the fishery. A heavy rain event is predicted for Friday which will likely have the Nestucca high and off color for the weekend and possibly into next week, but I would expect Chinook fishing to be good as it drops back into shape next week. Last updated 11/2/22.

The Little Nestucca will have Fall Chinook available throughout the fishery. The best fishing will likely be below Stella Falls this week. Last updated 11/2/22.

There has been plenty of rain to move fish into Three Rivers already, and there is more coming the end of this week. We should see a good push of Fall Chinook available to anglers. Last updated 11/2/22.

River levels and predictions for the Nestucca are available [here](#).

SILETZ RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing continues to be fair on the Siletz but it should improve with the forecasted rain events. The river should be on the rise over the weekend and be dropping into shape next week. Expect the river fishing to pick up over the next couple of weeks.

TILLAMOOK BAY:

Fishing has really dropped off in the bay as most fish have pushed upriver with the recent rains. Last updated 11/2/22.

DETROIT RESERVOIR: trout

The reservoir is stocked regularly in the spring and summer with tens of thousands of one-pound hatchery trout. It was last stocked in late June with about 4,000 trout. The water level in reservoir is dropping slowly to provide flood storage during the winter. Mongold State Park will be the only boat ramp available from now through the winter.

For the latest information on water levels at Detroit Reservoir check with the Army Corps of Engineers' website <http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/nwp/wm/teacups.html> for more information.

SANTIAM RIVER (NORTH FORK):

No recent fishing reports. River levels best for fishing are at or below 3,000 cfs, and the river is currently running at over 7,000 cfs at the gauge in Mehama. Flows will be fairly volatile over the next few weeks with expected high rainfall and reservoir levels continuing to drop.

Summer steelhead counts were much improved over last year with the count now up to 5,900 fish. Counts at Stayton show over 870 summer steelhead have entered the upper river.

The coho salmon run is quite strong again this year, and so far they have counted over 17,000 adults at the Willamette Falls fish ladder as of Oct. 30. Enough of these fish have arrived in the basin that it is worth targeting them. Best opportunities to catch these fish are in the lower sections of the river below Mehama.

Anglers may see salmon actively spawning along the river. Please keep your distance and do not disturb them during this time so they can complete this vital step in their life cycle. Also, please keep your dog away from salmon carcasses as they can make dogs very ill, even fatally so, if they are consumed.

Fishing for hatchery steelhead is open year-round. Trout season opened on May 22, which means that anglers may keep up to five clipped trout per day. Bait is now allowed until Oct. 31. Any unclipped (wild) steelhead or trout that are caught must be released unharmed.

The gate at Green's Bridge is now open. Last updated 11/2/22.

WARNING: There are several large, downed trees in the river creating some dangerous hazards for boaters in the lower river. For more information check out the Oregon State Marine Board website.

SANTIAM RIVER (SOUTH FORK): steelhead, bass, trout, Chinook

Fishing is generally best when flows are below 3,000 cfs. Currently flows are around 1,500 cfs at the Waterloo gauge as of Nov 1, but these conditions are likely to change by the weekend where heavy rain is expected.

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Hatchery trout harvest season reopened on May 22. Fishing with bait is only allowed between April 22 and Oct 31. Anglers are reminded that only fin-clipped trout may be kept. Last updated 11/2/22.

WALLING POND: trout, panfish

This pond is usually stocked from Thanksgiving through the winter and spring. The rest of the year, this pond offers warmwater game fish such as bass and bluegill. As a reminder, the daily trout bag limit is 5 fish per day, only one of which may be greater than 20 inches.

This is an eight-acre privately-owned pond with public access in Salem at the northeast corner of McGilchrist and 16th Streets, S.E. There is no trash service out there so please pack out what you packed in. Last updated 11/2/22.

WALTER WIRTH LAKE: trout, bass, panfish

This urban lake usually gets stocked from about Thanksgiving through May. It was stocked for the first time this fall with about 1,000 averaging greater than 1-pound. Anglers may keep only one fish over 20-inches as part of their 5 trout bag limit.

Walter Wirth is a 20-acre lake located within the City of Salem's Cascades Gateway Park with good access all the way around. Last updated 11/2/22.

WILLAMETTE RIVER:

Coho salmon have arrived and are now available to anglers. As of Oct. 1, over 9,400 adults have been counted at the Willamette Falls fish ladder. While the river is still low, these fish tend to concentrate at the mouths of tributary rivers such as the Yamhill, Mollala, Rickreall, Luckiamute, and the Santiam, waiting for the fall rains. Anglers who can get out on a boat will have the advantage, but they can also be caught from the bank. Daily bag limit is 2 adult fish per day.

The upstream section between Albany and Harrisburg is open year-round for trout fishing, which can be very good when flows are cooperating. Flows are still unusually high at the moment but are dropping daily, and the water is getting clearer. Water temperatures are excellent. Once flows drop and temperatures warm up, fishing will also pick up. Anglers may keep two trout per day. Smallmouth bass also can be a lot of fun to catch and are plentiful between Salem and Corvallis during the spring and summer. From Salem downstream there are plenty of largemouth bass in the deeper, quieter sections.

Notice for Boaters: Buena Vista Park boat ramp between Albany and Independence will be closed to all access starting May 23 and continuing through the end of September. This will affect boaters floating down from Albany, and the I-5 rest stop boat ramp on the Santiam. The next take out downstream is at the city of Independence about 10 miles downstream.

OCEAN:

Rockfish:

In Depoe Bay last week there was only one day that the ocean was fishable, and anglers were able to get their general marine species bag limit (4). Anglers brought in an even mix of black and deacon rockfishes with a few kelp greenling. There were only a few lingcod landed for the day.

The ocean was rough in Newport most of the week, but when anglers could get out, they were able to get their general marine species bag limit. The fish were a mix of black and deacon rockfishes. The lingcod bite was poor.

OCEAN SALMON Closed until March.

PACIFIC HALIBUT

Closed

DUNGENESS CRAB

Crabbing in the ocean is closed until Nov 30. Bays and estuaries remain open. The rainy season is here and more fresh water in the bays usually means slower crabbing. Bay crabbing in Newport has dropped off with docks and boats reporting low numbers. However, crabs have hardened and are full of meat.

RAZOR CLAMS

Razor clams are CLOSED from Columbia River to California due to toxin levels. Always call the ODA shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 or ODA shellfish closures website before harvesting for the most current information about shellfish safety closures.

BAY CLAMS

Bay clam harvest remains open along the entire Oregon coast.

MUSSELS

Mussel harvest remains open along the entire Oregon coast.

EUROPEAN GREEN CRAB This invasive species now has a limit of 35 per day to encourage harvest. While they look similar to Oregon's native shore crabs, they have three prominent bumps between the eyes and 5 spines down the side of the carapace.

Report a Wildlife or Habitat Law Violation or Suspicious Activity

Call 1-800-452-7888 or *OSP (*677) from a mobile phone

Email TIP@osp.oregon.gov between hours of 8:00AM - 5:00PM, Monday – Friday

How to Winterize a Boat: [How to Winterize a Boat | Winterization Guide \(discoverboating.com\)](https://discoverboating.com/guides/how-to-winterize-a-boat/)

Start by prepping your engine; ensure all water has been drained and removed.

Apply corrosion protection to your engine.

Consult your owner's manual for specific instructions, and complete fogging, if needed.

Add a fuel-stabilizing additive to your fuel system; then run the engine.

Change your engine's fuel filters and any fuel/water separators in the system.

Drain your boat's freshwater plumbing systems (sinks, tanks, and heads).

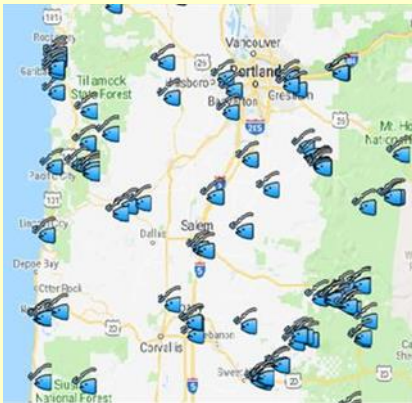
Add antifreeze to your plumbing systems.

Ensure water is removed from all additional systems (raw water washdowns, livewells, bilge pump, etc.).

Remove drain plugs.

Cover your boat or place it into winter storage.

ODFW Trout Stocking Schedule:



ODFW Remaining Free fishing weekends for 2022:
Nov. 25-26 (Friday & Saturday), Thanksgiving Weekend

Week of	Waterbody	Zone/Office	Legals	Trophy	Brood	Total
Nov. 07, 2022 - Nov. 11, 2022	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Conville	1,000	0	0	1,000
Nov. 07, 2022 - Nov. 11, 2022	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	750	0	0	750
Nov. 07, 2022 - Nov. 11, 2022	WALLING PD	Willamette / Conville	1,100	0	0	1,100
Nov. 14, 2022 - Nov. 18, 2022	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	750	0	0	750
Nov. 14, 2022 - Nov. 18, 2022	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Conville	1,000	0	0	1,000
Nov. 21, 2022 - Nov. 25, 2022	TIMBER LINN LK	Willamette / Conville	1,000	0	0	1,000
Nov. 21, 2022 - Nov. 25, 2022	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Conville	1,000	0	0	1,000
Nov. 21, 2022 - Nov. 25, 2022	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	700	0	0	700
Nov. 21, 2022 - Nov. 25, 2022	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Conville	1,300	0	0	1,300
Nov. 21, 2022 - Nov. 25, 2022	WALLING PD	Willamette / Conville	600	0	0	600

Send in your fish/ fishing pictures to see if you make the newsletter!
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Non-Club News and opportunities:

SOLVE: Beach & Riverside Cleanup locations here: [SOLVE | Beach & Riverside Cleanup \(solveoregon.org\)](https://solveoregon.org). Club members are cleaning up Walling Pond area on Fridays.

Nestucca Anglers/ Rhoades Pond:

The second Fall Chinook spawn was held Wednesday 11/2/22. Twenty-four pair were spawned, totaling 39 pair spawned for the season. We have hit our egg take target for the year. This years run had a large element of 4 year old returning fish, sizes ranged from 15 to 30 pounds. We will be looking forward to the eggs beginning to hatch around the second week of December.. [Nestucca Anglers](#) for more information about upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer.

Angler Education Training and Volunteer Opportunities- ODFW Volunteer Instructor Statewide Conference 14-16 July, 2023. information from Amanda Boyles, Angler Education Coordinator for ODFW.

- Friday, July 14th – Optional afternoon training workshops & welcome dinner
- Saturday, July 15th – All day training workshops
- Sunday, July 16th – Morning training workshops
- Location: **Seven Feathers Casino Resort**, 146 Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville, OR 97417

Here is the link to RSVP by Nov 11: [Save the Date 7/14-7/16 2023 Statewide Conference](#)
 Thank you all and please give me a call (503-580-5102) or email Amanda.M.BOYLES@odfw.oregon.gov if you have any questions!

Coastal Conservation Association (CCA): State Banquet is December 3d- see drift boat raffle info.

ODFW: Program to Restore Oregon's Chum Salmon (PROCS) is seeking volunteers to assist with spawning chum salmon at Big Creek Hatchery (near Astoria), which includes measuring fish, collecting biological samples, and recording data. Volunteers would also help with transporting Chum Salmon to nearby streams, which requires the safe handling and release of fish. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to learn more about Chum Salmon life history, their importance to the ecosystem, and how PROCS uses science to manage the species.



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16' x 54" Willie Drift Boat & galvanized trailer
 Available now at **SPORTSMAN'S**

If you don't win the boat, there will be six other cool prizes drawn at CCA Oregon's Statewide Banquet. 8 pm December 3rd Airport Sheraton.

Link for details and to buy tickets in text box above.

Scan to buy tickets now.

Tickets are \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100 and are available at the link above or scan the QR code above or at Sportsman's Warehouses. CCA Chapter Presidents will also have tickets. 3,000 tickets will be sold.

NW Steelheaders (Salem Chapter): <https://salemnwsteelheaders.org/> for more info.



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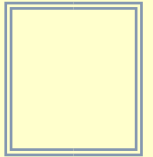
Meets the second Tuesday of the month at Center50+ in Salem at 7 PM

Next meeting: Nov 8, 2022
Speaker is TBD

We're on the Web!

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