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# Mid-Willamette Valley



## Angler's Club

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## Club News

No Board Meeting in October or scheduled for November

- Membership: 9 new members so far this year. Dues are [past] due- forty nine have not paid, 51 did not pay in 2018; not paid up= no ticket in the drawing, no printed newsletter.
- 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, 2019 thru Dec 31. 2019.
- Yaquina Derby, October 12, Cannon Quarry Park
- Sturgeon Derby pending
- Walling Pond cleanup held on 30 Oct- report?

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**“Like they say, you can learn more from a guide in one day than you can in three months fishing alone.”**

**Mario Lopez**

# ODFW Reports (as of Nov 6th)



“Fishing provides time to think, and reason not to. If you have the virtue of patience, an hour or two of casting alone is plenty of time to review all you’ve learned about the grand themes of life. It’s time enough to realize that every generalization stands opposed by a mosaic of exceptions, and that the biggest truths are few indeed.”  
Carl Safina

**When water conditions are low, clear and warm, like they are now, be sure to practice good catch-and-release techniques when releasing fish.**

- Fish early in the day when water and air temperatures are at their coolest.
- Land fish quickly. Playing a fish too long reduces its chances to recover.
- Keep the fish in the water while landing and releasing it.
- If you can’t remove the hook easily, cut the leader near the hook, which will eventually dissolve.
- Revive the fish in moving water before releasing it.

**Oregon Take A Soldier Fishing: Next event July 10th & 11th, 2020. Shelter Cove Resort and Marina, Odell Lake.**



**Shellfish:** As of Nov. 6, the recreational harvest of razor clams is CLOSED from the south jetty of the Siuslaw River to the California border for elevated domoic acid levels. This includes all beaches and all bays.

Clatsop Beach razor clam season opened on Oct. 1. The best low tides have switched to the evenings so harvesters should plan accordingly. Clammers should expect a high abundance of razor clams 3 ½ inches or less. Targeting the largest “show,” greater than a nickel in diameter, will greatly increase the odds of harvesting a larger clam.

Razor clam season starts to slow down at beaches south of Clatsop as the end of good daytime negative low tides approaches.

**Fishing: Willamette Zone:**

Attention anglers – we want your photos! [www.myodfw.com](http://www.myodfw.com)

Whether you’re out after trout or bass, steelhead or salmon, surfperch or rockfish, we’d love to see photos of your adventure. When you submit your photos to ODFW they could appear on our website or signs, or in social or brochures. What a great way to share your experience with others!

Coho are beginning to show up in good numbers on the North Santiam, especially below Stayton.

Coho fishing is in full swing in the Sandy and Clackamas rivers.

Fall can be some of the best trout fishing of the year in the area’s lakes and reservoirs.

It won’t be long before snow will limit access to central Oregon’s high elevation, hike-in lakes. Until then fish will be feeding aggressively as they get ready for the winter, and fishing can be good.

This time of year is great for observing Chinook and coho salmon spawning near the campground at Whittaker Creek (Siuslaw Basin). Please observe, don’t disturb.

A handful of waterbodies are scheduled to be stocked this week, including Walter Wirth Lake, Row River Nature Park Pond, Walling Pond, Alton Baker Canoe Canal, Junction City Pond and Waverly Lake.

**Fishing Notices:**

ALSEA RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing on the Alsea River has slowed down in the river this week with the low and clear conditions. There are still being some fish caught in the estuary as fish start to stage and wait for the next big rain event. With no rain in the 10 day forecast expect more of the same for the next few weeks.

KILCHIS RIVER: Fishing for Chinook and chum salmon will be slow this week. The river is very low and clear. Tidewater may present the best opportunity for holding fish.

NECANICUM RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing is likely to be slow until more rains bring new fish upriver. Concentrate efforts on the bay/tidewater where fish will be staging until we get more rain.

NEHALEM RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing is fair. Few hatchery coho are remaining in the system. The bay and upper tidewater areas are the best bets in the short term. Trolling spinners or herring in the bay, or bobber fishing tidewater areas are most productive. Fishing on the bay has slowed down, but there are still fish being caught. Nehalem River and bay is open for hatchery coho only. There is no retention of wild coho in the river or bay.

NORTH FORK NEHALEM RIVER : Angling for Chinook has slowed as the river dropped and cleared. Expect fishing to remain slow until more rain brings in new fish. Few hatchery coho remain in the system.

NESTUCCA RIVER, LITTLE NESTUCCA RIVER, AND THREE RIVERS: Fall Chinook are available throughout the fishery. "First Bridge" just upstream of the community of Beaver is the upper deadline for fall Chinook, and there are fish throughout the system below that. Angling has slowed as the river drops and clears and fewer fresh fish are entering the river. A few summer steelhead are being caught, but fishing for them also has slowed as the river drops. Small spinners are a good option in the lower flows. Some fish should be available in Three Rivers below the hatchery.

SALMON RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing has slowed down on the Salmon River with the low and clear conditions. Most of the fish have moved up and out of the estuary headed for the spawning grounds and the run is almost done for the year.

SILETZ RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing on the Siletz River has slowed down this week with the low, clear, and cold conditions. Fish will start to stage in the estuary again waiting for the next big rain event. With no rain in the extended forecast, expect more of the same until we get a weather change. Fish are now spread throughout the Siletz River from the estuary up to the deadline located at Illahee boat ramp. Summer steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Siletz and the season is winding down and almost done for the year. There are a few fish being caught in the lower gorge area and fishing pressure continues to be very low. Hatchery fish are released at Twin Bridges and Moonshine Park. Many anglers fish the upper "gorge" area for these hard fighting fish. Bobber fishing with jigs/bait, casting lures, and drift fishing are great techniques to catch a Siletz summer steelhead. The 4.0 mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is open to motorized vehicles, but is only open to public vehicles on the weekend. Anglers can walk/bike in the road during the weekdays. If anglers do walk in they can park at the one mile gate and start from there.

SILTCOOS & TAHKENITCH LAKES: Warmwater fishing is slowing down on Siltcoos and Tahkenitch and is done for the season. Many warmwater fish will go into their winter hibernating behavior as the water temperatures cool down for the winter.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing continues to be fair on the Siuslaw River. The river is low and clear and the fishing has slowed down this week. Fish are still holding in the upper tidewater areas waiting for the next big rain event. Expect more of the same until we get some more rain.

TILLAMOOK BAY: Chinook fishing on Tillamook Bay was fair this past week. The bay should produce better than rivers this week with the dry weather and lower stream flows slowing migration upriver. Bigger tide swings will make for better fishing in the upper bay generally.

TRASK RIVER: Fishing has generally been fair for fall Chinook, but should slow down this week with dropping flows. Concentrate on the lower river. For anglers planning to fish the Trask River at the popular "hatchery hole," be advised the hatchery grounds are currently closed to the public. The hatchery grounds closure does not affect fishing on the river itself, only access through the hatchery grounds. During the hatchery grounds closure, all vehicle and angler access is prohibited until further notice to ensure public safety while the construction is in progress. Parking is available to anglers on Chance Rd. near the entrance to the hatchery, and anglers can continue to access the river on the trail from the parking area but from there must remain on the riverbank without accessing the main hatchery grounds.

WILSON RIVER: The Wilson is dropping and clearing quickly. Angling will slow in the clear, cold low flows. More rain is needed to bring in fresh fish. Concentrate on the lower river in the deeper holes for holding fish. Bobber and bait is a good option under these conditions.

YAQUINA RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing continues to be fair on the Yaquina River. Low and clear conditions this week will have fish staging in the upper tidewater waiting for the next rain event. With no rain in the extended forecast expect more of the same for the next few weeks.

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# ODFW Trout Stocking Snapshot

MORE AT: [HTTPS://MYODFW.COM/FISHING/SPECIES/TROUT/STOCKING-SCHEDULE](https://myodfw.com/fishing/species/trout/stocking-schedule)



**ODFW Remaining 2019  
Free fishing weekend  
Nov 29-30**

Week of	Waterbody	Zone/Office	Legals	Trophy	Brood	Total
Nov. 04, 2019 - Nov. 08, 2019	ANA R	Southeast / Klamath Falls	0	250	0	250
Nov. 11, 2019 - Nov. 15, 2019	ROW R NATURE PK-Fmr. Catt. Grv. Pd	Willamette / Springfield	0	400	0	400
Nov. 11, 2019 - Nov. 15, 2019	WAVERLY LK	Willamette / Corvallis	500	25	0	525
Nov. 11, 2019 - Nov. 15, 2019	WALLING PD	Willamette / Corvallis	0	400	0	400
Nov. 11, 2019 - Nov. 15, 2019	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	0	500	0	500
Nov. 11, 2019 - Nov. 15, 2019	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	0	1,000	0	1,000
Nov. 11, 2019 - Nov. 15, 2019	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	0	1,000	0	1,000
Nov. 25, 2019 - Nov. 29, 2019	TIMBER LINN LK	Willamette / Corvallis	0	500	0	500
Nov. 25, 2019 - Nov. 29, 2019	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	0	1,300	0	1,300
Nov. 25, 2019 - Nov. 29, 2019	ROW R NATURE PK-Fmr. Catt. Grv. Pd	Willamette / Springfield	0	400	0	400
Nov. 25, 2019 - Nov. 29, 2019	WAVERLY LK	Willamette / Corvallis	0	700	0	700
Nov. 25, 2019 - Nov. 29, 2019	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	0	1,000	0	1,000
Nov. 25, 2019 - Nov. 29, 2019	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	0	500	0	500

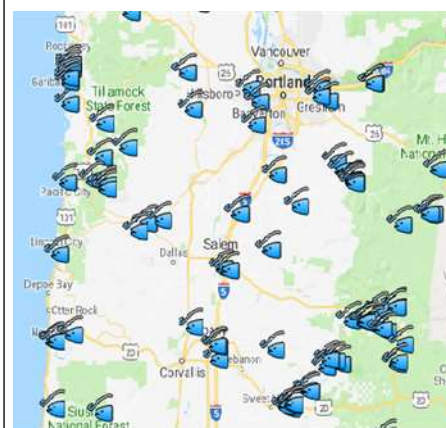
**CRAB:**

Crabbing in the Coos Bay estuary is picking up as we head into the winter months. Crabbing by boat and setting pots near the jetties yields the most crab. Dock crabbing in Coos Bay has been slow. Crabbing in Florence has been slow, with crabbers only getting a few crab off the docks.

Central coast crabbing in Alsea has been moderate to good. Yaquina Bay has seen fair to moderate returns by boat. Crabbers are landing fuller crab.

Crabbing in Tillamook and Netarts bays has been moderate, with higher catches in Netarts Bay.

Another Oregon native present in some of Oregon's estuaries is the red rock crab. Crabbers can retain 24 red rock crabs of any sex or size. There have also been higher numbers of Pacific rock crab in Yaquina Bay this year.



"The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions of hope." - John Buchan

**CRAB (cont'd) :**

Some crabbers in estuaries may encounter non-native European green crab in their catch this year. While they look similar to Oregon's native shore crabs, they can be identified by the three prominent bumps between the eyes and 5 spines down the side of the carapace. They are not always green and color is not a good identifying feature. The daily catch limit for European green crab also falls in the "Other" shellfish category and is 10 in aggregate with other species that fall in this category (see page 82 of the fishing synopsis for more details). European green crab can be any size or sex.

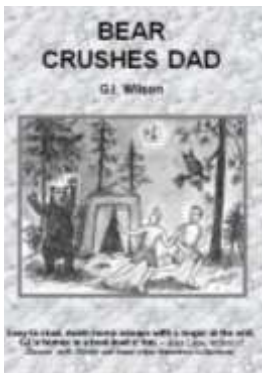
**Non-Club News and opportunities:**



**Send in your fish/ fishing pictures to see if you make the newsletter! MWVACLUB@GMAIL.COM**

What did the sarcastic otter say?

“I think you’ve confused me with someone who builds a dam.”



**Support a Club Member:**

G.I. Wilson, long time MWVA Club member, has published a humor book. It is a collection of magazine and newspaper columns that have been published. A number of the articles have won top awards in the Excellence In Craft competition of the Northwest Outdoor Writers Association. G.I. will have autographed copies available at the next meeting, at his cost of \$8.

**Take a Vet Fishing at Odell Lake:**

We are requesting an earlier commitment from our boat captains so we may be better prepared for the event, our boat captain goals are; a dozen boat captains by the end of the year, and 30 boats committed the first of May. **SPECIAL INCENTIVE FOR THE FIRST 30 BOAT CAPTAINS TO REGISTER - A SPECIAL ONE OF A KIND SURPRISE GIFT FOR BOAT CAPTAINS ONLY.**

Make your arrangement for boat slips and then register as a boat captain. You will not get an email confirmation until after mid April from Bernie Hoene. Register by going to: [www.takeasoldierfishing.org](http://www.takeasoldierfishing.org). Official TAVF site for messages and news is: Take A Veteran Fishing at Odell Lake. Feel to use that FB site to post messages, reach out to others in the group and to view news and group information. Our secretary, Kimberly H, will administer our FB site.

**Nestucca Anglers/ Rhoades Pond:** Next week we will do our final spawning of the Rhoades Pond Fall Chinook for the 2020 release. Cedar Creek Hatchery says " We have spawned a total of 37 pairs = 140,600 eggs." Cedar Creek Hatchery has 3 females holding that should be ready next week to meet our goals of 40 pairs spawned.





**Mid-Willamette Valley Angler's Club**

**MEETS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7 PM  
AT THE 50+ SENIOR CENTER**

**Next meeting: Nov 12, 2019**

**Presenter will be Kelly Short, Kelly Short Outdoors- Guided Sport  
Fishing Trips- <https://kellyshortoutdoors.com/>**

**We're on the Web!**

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