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Mid-Willamette Valley



Angler's Club

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Club News

No Board Meeting in February, none planned in March

- Membership: 2 new members so far this year. Dues are [past] due- 30 did not pay in 2019, 47 did not pay in 2018; not paid up= no ticket in the drawing, no printed newsletter, can't win a prize in a derby.
- Speakers for remainder of year/ early next: Jeff Walling and he will talk about Salmon and Steelhead fishing on the North Santiam for March, the rest are to be determined.
- Derby info: The entry fee for derbies (in advance and at a monthly meeting) is \$10 and the payouts are \$100, \$50 and \$25. Dues must be current to participate in a derby.
- The Season long Steelhead derby ran from Jan 1, 2019 thru Dec 31. 2019.
- January Board meeting discussed:
 - Pizza feed meet/ planning
 - Board elections
 - Speakers
 - Funds, raffles, and prizes
 - 2020 Derbies and events

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if you introduce kids to fishing, they become good citizens.

~ Rex Hunt

ODFW Reports (as of Mar 4th)

There's something for almost every angler this weekend – trout are being stocked, steelhead are still around, lingcod catches are good on the south coast and even warmwater fishing is picking up. Here are just a few options, check the zone reports for more.

- Water levels in north coast rivers are a bit low to be “prime,” but there are plenty of steelhead around and still being caught. The Nestucca and Wilson Rivers are angler’s best bets for hatchery fish this time of year. The mainstem Nehalem offers the best opportunity for wild steelhead (catch-and-release only).
- With the continued unseasonably nice weather, local reservoirs such as Emigrant and Selma in the SW Zone would be great places to try for the bass bite. Applegate Reservoir has even produced some bass as of late.
- March can be a great month for trout fishing in the Holy Water, the stretch of the upper Rogue between the hatchery and the Lost Creek Lake spillway.
- Anglers continue to catch some steelhead in the mainstem Umpqua, in spite of unseasonable low water levels.
- Kokanee anglers have reported some early season activity deep in Green Peter Reservoir.
- The Deschutes, Crooked, Fall and Metolius rivers have good spring fishing for native redband trout.
- Fishing in lakes, reservoirs and ponds can be fabulous immediately after ice-off. Holdover trout are hungry and willing to bite. With the onset of warmer spring temperatures, many waterbodies in the SE Zone already are ice-free – see Warm Springs, Pole Creek, Krumbo and Big Rock reservoirs -- and fishing should be good.
- Early spring is a good time of year to target trout on Willow Creek Reservoir.
- Steelhead returns to the Umatilla increased substantially in February, and river conditions are perfect.



Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers.

Herbert Hoover

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

- 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.



Reports

Federal agencies release Columbia River System Operations draft environmental impact statement and preferred alternative. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and Bonneville Power Administration, as co-lead agencies, are preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act on the operations, maintenance and configurations for 14 federal projects in the Columbia River System in the interior Columbia River Basin. Substantive public input will contribute toward a final EIS which further meets the EIS' objectives, and complies with NEPA. Responses to substantive comments will be included in the final EIS, expected in summer 2020. Records of decision documenting final recommended actions will be issued in September 2020.

View online at: crso.info
<https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-ll/public/action/eis/search> (EPA's searchable EIS database)

“Look at where Jesus went to pick people. He didn't go to the colleges; he got guys off the fishing docks.”

Jeff Foxworthy

CCA Banquet- 18 Apr 2020- Spinning Room, Willamette Heritage Center- \$70 ea, \$130 couple, \$500 table. Doors open at 4:30.

Willamette Falls: As of 4 Mar there have been 3,123 steelhead over the falls and 1 spring chinook.

https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/fish_counts/willamette/2020/2020_Monthly_sheet.pdf

John Day Pool closes to sturgeon

The John Day Pool on the Columbia River will close to sturgeon retention on Wednesday, March 11.

Central coast opens to razor clamming

Razor clamming is now open from the Columbia River to the north jetty of the Siuslaw River in Florence.

Harvest opportunities in the Hood River

April 15 through June 30, 2020 sport harvest opportunities allowed for returning hatchery spring Chinook salmon in the Hood River.

Retention of wild Chinook prohibited on Umpqua

Effective Feb 1 through June 30, 2020, retention of hatchery Chinook salmon is allowed on the mainstem Umpqua River. Retention of wild Chinook salmon is prohibited.



ALL BOATS, regardless of propulsion, are required to stop at invasive species inspection stations when stations are open. Failure to stop could result in a \$110 fine. All boats are also required to “pull the plug” to allow water compartments to drain during transit.

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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)



**2020 Free Fishing Days:
June 6-7, August 15-16,
and November 27-28**

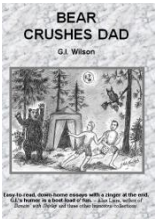
Week of	Waterbody	Zone/Office	Legals	Trophy	Brood	Total
Mar. 09, 2020 - Mar. 13, 2020	COTTAGE GROVE RES	Willamette / Springfield	0	1,917	0	1,917
Mar. 09, 2020 - Mar. 13, 2020	BENSON LK	Willamette / Clackamas	2,000	0	0	2,000
Mar. 09, 2020 - Mar. 13, 2020	HILLS CR RES	Willamette / Springfield	3,200	0	0	3,200
Mar. 09, 2020 - Mar. 13, 2020	FREEWAY LK, EAST	Willamette / Corvallis	600	0	0	600
Mar. 09, 2020 - Mar. 13, 2020	ROW R NATURE PK-Fmr Cott. Grv. Pd	Willamette / Springfield	1,200	0	0	1,200
Mar. 09, 2020 - Mar. 13, 2020	BLUE RIVER RES	Willamette / Springfield	1,400	50	0	1,450
Mar. 09, 2020 - Mar. 13, 2020	DEXTER RES	Willamette / Springfield	0	2,000	0	2,000
Mar. 09, 2020 - Mar. 13, 2020	BLUE LK	Willamette / Clackamas	1,500	0	0	1,500
Mar. 09, 2020 - Mar. 13, 2020	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	0	400	0	400
Mar. 09, 2020 - Mar. 13, 2020	ALTON BAKER CANNAL	Willamette / Springfield	1,500	0	0	1,500
Mar. 16, 2020 - Mar. 20, 2020	WAVERLY LK	Willamette / Corvallis	750	0	0	750
Mar. 16, 2020 - Mar. 20, 2020	EE WILSON PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	425	0	1,425
Mar. 16, 2020 - Mar. 20, 2020	CANBY PD	Willamette / Clackamas	400	50	0	450
Mar. 16, 2020 - Mar. 20, 2020	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,700	425	0	2,125
Mar. 16, 2020 - Mar. 20, 2020	ST LOUIS PD	Willamette / Clackamas	500	200	0	700
Mar. 16, 2020 - Mar. 20, 2020	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	2,000	150	0	2,150

Boat larger than 10ft?
 You need a Waterway Access Permit!
 (Replaces the Aquatic Invasive Species permit)

- One permit per non-motorized boat while in use. Permits are transferrable.
- Required for all non-motorized boats (inc. drift, rafts, SUPs, inflatables, etc.) 10 feet or longer.
- \$5 weekly (valid for 7-days from the date of purchase), \$17 annual, \$30 two-year (plus \$2 ODFW agent fee)
- Purchase where hunting/fishing licenses are sold, ODFW's e-Licensing System or the Oregon Marine Board website's online store at www.boatoregon.com.
- The Waterway Access Permit revenue helps fund paddling access and inspection stations. Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit:
- Non-resident trailered motorboats are required to purchase an Aquatic Invasive Species Permit, regardless of boat size (\$20 permit plus \$2 agent fee, valid for one calendar year).

Non-Club News and opportunities:

Send in your fish/ fishing pictures to see if you make the newsletter!
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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.

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. 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.

ODFW Query: City of Salem has scheduled a Family Fishing Day at Wirth Lake (Cascade Gateway Park) on April 24 from 12 noon to 3 PM. Anyone able to help with angler education or a boat?

Walling Pond Clean-up: Could probably be a monthly activity due to camping and improper waste disposal. From ODFW- There is garbage piled up around the fishing line recycling tube and another collection of garbage starting on the North side of the parking lot.

Fish Dissection Training (Angler Education): Emma Garner, the Springfield STEP Biologist, and I will be hosting a "Learn-to-Dissect" training for everyone who would like to learn how to teach students to dissect trout! Date: Sunday, 15 March 2020 Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm Location: Salem ODFW Headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE Salem, OR 97302. **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER THE TRAINING.** Email or call Amanda Boyles (ODFW Angler Education Coordinator) if interested- amanda.m.boyles@state.or.us 503-947-6081.

Salem Earth Day Event: Apr 18, 10am – 4pm, Salem Convention Center. Backyard Bass and free fishing day information.



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

Next meeting: Mar 10, 2020

Jeff Walling, Salmon and steelhead fishing on the North Santiam

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