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Angler's Club

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Club News

Board Meeting scheduled for 7 March

Will discuss the following:

- Speaker scheduling for the year
- Reviewed derby dates, locations, rules, and assigned lead coordinators
- June 22 Rhodes Pond fin clipping (<http://orstep-re.com/rhoades-pond-fishery/>)
- Dues are due- 66 have not paid, 51 did not pay in 2018, not paid up= no ticket in the drawing
- CCA banquet- March 30- interested?
- Social media (Facebook)?
- How to submit Good ideas? Add List of good ideas and guidance at the beginning of the meeting, turn cell phones off, please don't talk during presentation, etc.

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ODFW Fishing Report (as of March 3rd)

Look for water conditions and winter steelhead fishing to be good on the Nestucca, Alsea and Siuslaw this weekend.

Recycled hatchery steelhead have been stocked in Town, Coffenbury, Lost lakes and Vernonia Pond in the NW Zone.

Winter steelhead season is in full swing on the lower Rogue, Chetco, Elk and Sixes rivers.

We've been getting reports of good ice fishing for trout and/or yellow perch at several waterbodies including Lake of the Woods, Gerber Reservoir, Phillips Reservoir, Malheur Reservoir, Pilcher Reservoir and Wolf Creek Reservoir. While ice fishing, anglers with a two-rod endorsement may use up to five rods.

There's a full complement of trout stocking scheduled for the Willamette Valley this week, including Cottage Grove Pond, Sheridan Pond, Junction City Pond, Cottage Grove Reservoir, Freeway Lake-East, EE Wilson Pond, Huddleston Pond, Sunnyside Park Pond, Alton Baker Canal, Henry Hagg Lake, St. Louis Ponds, and Dexter Reservoir.

The bag limit on trout has been lifted at Faraday Lake near Estacada through the end of March while PGE prepares to close the reservoir at the end of March.

More at: <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/willamette-zone>



Oregon Take A Soldier Fishing Events:

- 1. Henry Hagg Lake June 15, 2019**
- 2. 8th Annual Take a Veteran Fishing, Shelter Cove Resort on Odell Lake July 12-13, 2019**

To sign up: Go to www.takeasoldierfishing.org and sign up as a Veteran or a Volunteer



“There's a fine line between fishing and standing on the shore [or in a boat?] like an idiot.” -Steven Wright

Fishing Notices:

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) announce recreational razor clamming is open on our north coast. ODFW has lifted the conservation closure of razor clams on the Clatsop Beaches (between the mouth of the Columbia River and Tillamook Head). This closure was in place because of the small size of the clams and was not related to biotoxins. Recreational razor clamming is now OPEN from the Columbia River to Cape Blanco. Recreational razor clamming is CLOSED from Cape Blanco to the California border for elevated levels of domoic acid toxin.

Recreational crabbing is OPEN from the Columbia River to Bandon. Recreational crabbing is CLOSED from Bandon to the California border due to elevated levels of domoic acid toxin. It is always recommended you eviscerate (gut) the crab prior to cooking them and do not eat the viscera (or guts) of the crab.

Domoic acid or amnesic shellfish poisoning can cause minor to severe illness or death. Moderate poisoning can result in vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness and headaches. Severe poisoning can result in permanent short term memory loss, seizures and death. Shellfish toxins are produced by algae and originate in the ocean. Toxins cannot be removed by cooking, freezing or any other treatment.

Mussels and bay clams are OPEN for recreational harvesting along the entire coast.

The first hatchery spring Chinook has been caught on the Willamette River, marking the beginning of this popular fishery. As of Feb. 27, the use of two rods on the Willamette River is NOT allowed.

From Ocean Salmon Industry Group (OSIG): <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/salmon/index.asp>

| 2018 Ocean Abundance Estimates for Select Salmon Stocks Preseason vs. Postseason | | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Coho | Preseason Expectations | Postseason | Post - Pre |
| Oregon Production Index (OPI) | | | |
| Hatchery | 294,198 | 149,400 | -144,799 |
| Oregon Coast Natural | 54,920 | 81,300 | 26,400 |
| Lower Columbia Natural | 21,950 | 29,700 | 7,800 |
| Chinook | | | |
| Sacramento Index (corrected on 3/1/19) (Fall Chinook) | 229,498 | 223,960 | -5,509 |
| Klamath | age 3 - 330,000 | 397,600 | 67,600 |
| | age 4 - 28,495 | 11,800 | -17,400 |
| Rogue Fall Index - 482,800 | | NA | |
| Oregon Coast North Migrating | Poor Returns | Lower survey results and returns. | |
| Columbia River Chinook ¹⁾ | | | |
| Tules | 112,598 | 79,300 | -33,200 |
| Fall Brights | 253,108 | 211,700 | -41,400 |
| Lower River Wild | 7,609 | 8,398 | 780 |
| Upriver Spring | 166,795 | 115,100 | -51,600 |
| Willamette Spring | 53,850 | 37,400 | -16,400 |

¹⁾ Preseason expectations to the mouth of the Columbia River.

| Preliminary 2019 Ocean Abundance Forecasts for Select Salmon Stocks | | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Coho | Preseason Expectations | Comments |
| Oregon Production Index (OPI) | | |
| Hatchery | 933,500 | 639,400 more than 2018 Forecast |
| Oregon Coast Natural | 76,100 | 21,200 more than 2018 Forecast |
| Lower Columbia Natural | 36,900 | 15,000 more than 2018 Forecast |
| Chinook | | |
| Sacramento Index (Fall Chinook) | 379,600 | 150,200 more than 2018 Forecast |
| Klamath | age 3 - 167,500 | 162,500 less than 2018 Forecast |
| | age 4 - 106,100 | 77,700 more than 2018 Forecast |
| Rogue Fall Index - 383,500 | | 79,300 less than 2018 Forecast |
| Oregon Coast North Migrating | Below recent year average | Decreasing spawner counts |
| Columbia River Chinook ¹⁾ | | |
| Tules | 100,500 | 12,000 less than 2018 Forecast |
| Fall Brights | 239,900 | 13,200 less than 2018 Forecast |
| Lower River Wild | 13,700 | 5,100 more than 2018 Forecast |
| Upriver Spring | 99,300 | 67,400 less than 2018 Forecast |
| Willamette Spring | 40,200 | 13,600 less than 2018 Forecast |

¹⁾ Preseason expectations to the mouth of the Columbia River.

ODFW Trout Stocking Snapshot

MORE AT: [HTTPS://MYODFW.COM/FISHING/SPECIES/TROUT/STOCKING-SCHEDULE?FIELD_ZONE_VALUE=6&FIELD_WATERBODY_NAME_VALUE_1=&FIELD_PLANNED_STOCKING_DATE_VALUE%5BDATE%5D=2019-01-25&FIELD_PLANNED_STOCKING_DATE_END_VALUE%5BDATE%5D=2019-03-04](https://myodfw.com/fishing/species/trout/stocking-schedule?field_zone_value=6&field_waterbody_name_value_1=&field_planned_stocking_date_value%5Bdate%5D=2019-01-25&field_planned_stocking_date_end_value%5Bdate%5D=2019-03-04)

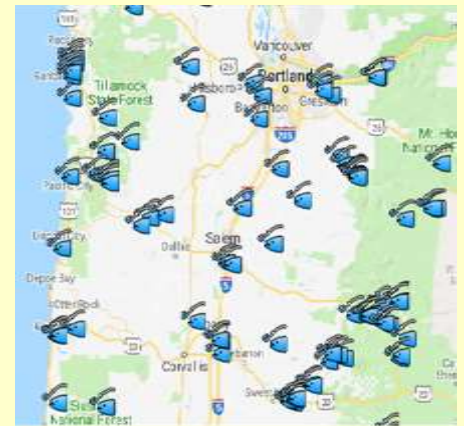
**ODFW Remaining
Free fishing weekends**

**June 1-2, Aug 17-18, and
Nov 29-30**

| Week Of | Waterbody | Legal | Trophy | Brood | Totals | Office |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | ALTON BAKER CNL | 950 | 25 | 0 | 975 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | GALESVILLE RES | 0 | 2,500 | 0 | 2,500 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | ROW R NATURE PK- | 1,600 | 0 | 0 | 1,600 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | GARRISON LAKE | 0 | 200 | 0 | 200 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | COOPER CR RES | 2,500 | 0 | 0 | 2,500 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | REINHART PARK PD | 300 | 0 | 0 | 300 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | WALLING PD | 0 | 800 | 0 | 800 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | BEN IRVING RES | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | DORENA RES | 0 | 1,500 | 0 | 1,500 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | LOON LK | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | SHERIDAN PD | 0 | 300 | 0 | 300 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | EE WILSON PD | 0 | 900 | 0 | 900 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | WALTER WIRTH LK | 1,134 | 100 | 0 | 1,234 | |
| Mar 4-8, 2019 | EXPO POND 1 | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | 1,500 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | BLUE LK | 1,500 | 0 | 0 | 1,500 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | ALTON BAKER CANAL | 0 | 1,500 | 0 | 1,500 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | THISSEL PD | 0 | 540 | 0 | 540 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | EE WILSON PD | 734 | 292 | 0 | 1,026 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | DEXTER RES | 0 | 1,500 | 0 | 1,500 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | SHERIDAN PD | 200 | 400 | 0 | 600 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | BUCK LK | 566 | 136 | 0 | 702 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | CARTER LK | 0 | 750 | 0 | 750 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | ELBOW LK | 0 | 1,400 | 0 | 1,400 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | CANBY PD | 400 | 50 | 0 | 450 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | HILLS CR RES | 3,200 | 0 | 0 | 3,200 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | BLUE RIVER RES | 1,467 | 50 | 0 | 1,517 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | MT HOOD PD (MHCC) | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | SILTCOOS LAGOON | 0 | 106 | 0 | 106 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | SILTCOOS LK | 0 | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | ECKMAN LK | 666 | 0 | 0 | 666 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | BENSON LAKE | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | |
| Mar 11-15, 2019 | WALTER WIRTH LK | 1,467 | 100 | 0 | 1,567 | |

Legals

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2019 Club Derbies and Events

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FROM THE BOARD

The entry fee for derbies (in advance and at a monthly meeting) is \$10 and the payouts are \$100, \$50 and \$25.

The SPRING Chinook Derby is underway and runs from Jan 1, 2019 thru July 31, 2019

The Season long Steelhead derby runs from Jan 1, 2019 thru Dec 31, 2019.

SILETZ SALMON DERBY, September 13th & 14th
This is a 2 day event. Potluck on Friday night. Steve Austin is the coordinator.

Nestucca Salmon Derby, September 28
Held in Pacific City. Pete is the coordinator, with Norm assisting.

DEVIL'S LAKE, MAY 11th, 2019
South lake boat ramp. Art is the coordinator, with Doug assisting.

NESTUCCA CHINOOK, November 28

Other Derbies with dates to be set:
Olalla Lake Trout- Doug and Art are coordinating.
Kokanee Derby
Shad Derby
Spring Chinook 1 day derby
Yaquina Chinook
Columbia Walleye- Steve Austin is coordinating with Portland Walleye Club.

Club Picnic and Fish Fry. July 28th
Maude Williamson State Park



TREAD Lightly! Promoting responsible recreation through stewardship, education and communication.

TREAD Principle Focus:

RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

Respect the rights of others on land including private property owners, recreational trail users, campers and others so they can enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed. On water, respect anglers, swimmers, skiers, boaters, divers and others so they can enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

- Be considerate to all recreationists on and around waterways and on the roads and trails to fishing spots.
- Be a sportsman; practice catch and release and keep only what you need.
- Be courteous to other boaters while in boat ramp areas. Launch and retrieve your watercraft as quickly as possible.
- Leave ample room for other anglers, so you don't disturb their fishing experience.
- If fishing by boat, don't crowd other anglers or watercrafts.
- Keep the noise down especially around shore and other anglers.
- Be considerate of others on the road or trail. On roads and trails, horses always have the right of way and when driving yield to hikers and bikers as well.

Update: Columbia Gillnetting

On Feb 26, 2019 a joint-state committee of Oregon and Washington fish and wildlife commissioners voted 4-2 to recommend a return to non-tribal gillnetting in the lower mainstem Columbia River during the spring and summer seasons and an increase in mainstem gillnetting during the fall season.

The recommendation to undo the 2012 bi-state Columbia River gillnet reforms comes as Columbia River salmon and steelhead returns have plummeted in recent years – leading to recreational fishing closures throughout the Columbia River basin. The vote also comes at the same time WDFW and ODFW are asking their respective legislatures to reauthorize the Columbia River Basin Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement paid for by recreational anglers. WDFW is also seeking a recreational license fee increase.

The recommendation will now go to each state’s fish and wildlife commission, which would have to modify their policies/rules to reverse the Columbia River reforms, return gillnets to the mainstem, and reduce recreational fishing opportunity.

The Washington Commission will be meeting in Spokane on March 1-2 where we expect Washington Commissioner Don McIsaac (Hockinson) to push for their adoption – hundreds of miles away from most of the fisheries affected by the decision. The recommendation would also make barbless hooks “voluntary” in Columbia River recreational fisheries – a clear effort to distract anglers from the vote to undo the bi-state fishery reforms and harm our fisheries.

With the 2019 spring chinook run projected to be below 50% of the ten-year average, and summer chinook forecasted to barely meet escapement, a non-tribal gill net fishery on the lower mainstem Columbia River would be extraordinarily reckless. The fall chinook forecast is equally poor, and with record low returns of wild steelhead over the past two years, mainstem gillnetting could further erode many struggling ESA-listed stocks.

CCA will be sending out more details and action alerts shortly, so stay tuned for more updates.

The votes were as follows:

Yes – McIsaac (WA), Kehoe (WA), Buckmaster (OR), Akenson (OR)
No – Graybill (WA), Webber (OR)



Summary: Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Oregon has had meaningful positive influence on issues impacting the Willamette Basin and remains committed to continuing its work with Oregon legislators and agencies to ensure the Army Corps of Engineers meets its obligations to protect Endangered Species Act listed upper Willamette salmon and steelhead while providing robust recreational fisheries.

CCA Oregon supports current efforts to develop passage and establishment of new “wild” fish surrogates as an effort to increase fitness and bio-diversity of naturally spawning salmon where none currently exist.

CCA Oregon does not support any action that would reduce mitigation, or other hatchery augmentation, in the Willamette River system until such time as it is demonstrated that natural in-basin production can sustain robust consumptive fisheries.

CCA Banquet:

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Willamette Heritage Center

Spinning Room

1313 Mill Street SE, Salem

Doors open at 4:30PM

Non-Club News and opportunities:

- Craig Noffsinger, Chris Pascual and Richard Harrison will be spending Sunday June 23rd thru Thursday June 27th at Crane Prairie. We will be staying in Cabin #1 located near the Resort store. Everyone's welcome to drop by and hear how the fishing is going.

- Rhoades Pond Cleanup: We are getting Rhoades Pond ready Saturday March 23rd at 9 am to receive our Fall Chinook Smolts on Tuesday March 26th. Rhoades Pond is 5 1/2 miles east of Hebo on Hwy 22. If you would like to help, bring a weedeater, Flat shovel, and/ or a push broom. The more, the merrier!

- SOLVE Oregon Spring Beach cleanup day: March 23rd from 10 AM to 1 PM. Join SOLVE and thousands of volunteers this March as we clean up litter and marine debris from the entire Oregon coast! Since 1986, this home-grown tradition of twice-yearly beach cleanups has benefited people and wildlife alike, supporting clean seas and healthy communities. This is a family-friendly event and SOLVE invites all Oregonians to participate. Choose from one of 45 beach cleanup sites from Fort Stevens State Park near Astoria to Harris Beach in Brookings. Pick your favorite beach or head somewhere new! Contact SOLVE (503-844-9571 x332) or the Project Leader if you have any site-specific questions.

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



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“My Biggest worry is that when I'm dead and gone, my wife will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it.” - Koos Brandt



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

Next meeting: March 12th, 2019

"The Kokanee Kid", Jeremy Jahn. He will have a presentation on the big screen about catching Kokanee. He will also have Kokanee catching tackle for sale at a discounted price.

We're on the Web!

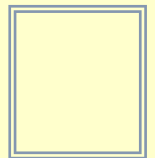
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