

Mid-Willamette Valley Angler's Club

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CLUB NEWS

- Board met on Nov 25th, 6 pm, at GDF- results as follows:
- Attending were:
 - o Jay W- President
 - o Dick W- Vice President
 - o Linda C- Treasurer
 - o Vacant- Secretary
- Board members (with duty specialty in parenst)
 - o Robert M (Ticket Chair)
 - o Tim H (Ticket Asst)
 - o Larry N (Membership & Dues Chair, Prizes Asst)
 - o Vacancy 1 (Recently held by Steve W)
 - o Ralph N (Prizes Chair)
 - o Dave W (Derby Chair)
 - o Pete F (Derby Asst)
 - o Robert B (Activities Chair)
- Honorary members:
 - o Steve A (Past Pres)
 - o Norm M (Past President)
- Absent:
 - o Craig N (Past Pres)
 - o Adam F (Social Media Chair)

Notes:

Speakers-

- o ALL Club members and guests are welcome to attend pre-meeting dinner at Lum Yuens at 5:30. Club pays for speaker (only, not +1), everyone else pays for their own meal.

- o Jan '26- Chicken Little Guide, Commission Report
- o Feb '26- Pizza Feed 6pm @ Wallery's
- o Mar '26- OSU Extension service (food preservation- smoking, canning, drying
- o Apr '26- TBD Vendor, annual swap meet (member in good standing to participate)
- o May '26- TBD Guide
- o Jun '26- TBD ODFW biologist/ hatchery rep
- o Jul '26- TBD Guide
- o Aug '26-TBD, OSP Fish and Game rep
- o Sep '26- TBD Guide
- o Oct '26- TBD, OSMB Rep
- o Nov '26- TBD Guide
- o Dec '26- TBD, ODFW Fisheries rep



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- Derby plan/report:
 - o Picked date for 2026 Siletz Derby, asking about blocking out Coyote Rock campground
 - o Sturgeon retention, 1 Jan 2026, Norm M Cancelled due to ODFW decision
 - o Nestucca Steelhead, Feb 2026, Tim H POC
- Board notes:
 - o Quarterly Board meeting, not synched to club meeting (rec late Aug, Nov, Feb, May). **Next Board meeting Tuesday, 24 Feb 2026 @ 6:00pm @ GDF.**
 - o Add/ update board information to website and newsletter
 - o Reviewing annual budget plan at Jan meeting
 - o Approved budget allocation of \$2500/yr for prizes (may be spent at prize buyers' discretion, based on sales/ deals)
 - o Pizza feed- members may bring a non-member guest, immediate families are included in membership, members must be in good standing.
 - o Membership: Pay your dues- please check in with Linda to settle. Larry N is the Board Membership chair and provides reminders at meetings.
 - **83** Members NOT current for 2025. 70 Members were not current for 2024.
 - Club to attend Albany Sportsman's Show and Salem Saltwater show to recruit new members- Dick is leading this effort (based on support from GDF).
 - o Discussed membership drive for 2026
 - o Need open social media: Instagram and Facebook
 - o Stickers and caps for members
 - o Derby winner stickers
 - o Dick W investigating embroidery options for insulated coats (with and without hoods), zip up jacket/ hoodie, ball caps and beanies, and t-shirts. Current pricing

- o indicates \$40 for jackets, \$25 for caps, and \$60 for hoodies.
- 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 win).
 - o Reminder that any club member can be in a derby, even if they are a guide, but you can't hire a guide for a daily derby (seasonal is OK).
 - o The 2025 Derbies are open- sign up and pay.
- Speaker tracker for 2025:
 - o January 2025- Tom Rumreich, ODFW Biologist/ STEP, Bob Spelbrink, ODFW Commissioner
 - o February- Pizza Feed @ Wallery's, 6 PM,
 - o Mar- Swap meet- bring something to sell, swap, or trade, ODFW Assistant District Fish Biologist Alex Farrand
 - o Apr- Mike Nelson, Nelson's Fishing Adventures. Guide raffle- Jason's fishing adventures
 - o May- Travis Mattoon, Adrift Angling. Guide Raffle. DD Spinners.
 - o Jun- Ed Chin, Talon Rods
 - o Jul- Picnic/ No speaker
 - o Aug- ODFW Newport District Biologist John Spangler and Asst District Biologist Dylan O'Keefe. GDF tabled newest Salmon and Kokanee gear.
 - o Sep- Mike Ferris, North Santiam River Guides Association and Fisherman Mike's Guide Service.
 - o Oct- None (last minute speaker cancellation)
 - o Nov- Kayla Thompson, Oregon Emergency Management
 - o Dec- None
- Activities/ outings under dev:
 - o Jan- Sturgeon Derby- Norm M POC
 - o Feb- Pizza feed, Sportsman's Show, Saltwater Sportsman's Show in Salem. Nestucca Derby
 - o Mar- Herring jigging
 - o Apr- Swap meet at meeting, Surf perch, Walleye, Kokanee
 - o May- Teach a kid to fish, Pikeminnow, Walleye
 - o Jun- Fin clip, Springer, Walleye, Club brood trout derby, Shad
 - o July- Bass Derby, Club Picnic, Take a Vet fishing
 - o Aug- Salmon
 - o Sep- Siletz, Nestucca
 - o Oct- Yaquina
 - o Nov- TBD
 - o Dec- Crabbing?

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ODFW Fishing Report (As of Dec 5th)

Northwest zone

- Winter steelhead are starting to show up in the North Fork Nehalem, Necanicum River, and Lower Columbia tributaries. These streams get early returning hatchery steelhead and will provide the best opportunity for catching winter steelhead in early December.
- Hatchery coho are still coming in on the Trask River and North Fork Nehalem River. Many fish are getting past prime, but there are still some in good condition available and will be throughout the month of December. (There is no retention of wild coho allowed.)
- There are still hold over trout from last spring's stockings that are available to catch in some of the lakes. Hebo

Lake, South Lake, Town Lake, Cape Meares Lake, Lake Tahoe, and Lost Lake should provide the best opportunity.

- Fall Chinook remains fair on most of our midcoast basins. As we progress towards the end of our season, the bite has generally slowed down for Fall chinook and as we move into the close of the season it will get slower as fish move on to their spawning grounds!
- Wild coho retention is now closed on the Siletz, Yaquina, and Alsea Rivers!
- Wild coho retention is open on both Siltcoos and Takenitch lakes. This time of year is usually when the fishery starts to really pick up and the bite has been fair so far. Fish are able to access both lakes via the fish ladders and have been coming in over the past few weeks!

Willamette zone

- The Willamette River and other water bodies are increasing in activity.
- Several waterbodies will be stocked with trout this week. Cascade Hike-in Lakes offer beauty, serenity, and the potential for untrammled fishing opportunities.

Central Zone

- Steelhead anglers have been doing well on the lower Deschutes all the way up to Mecca Flat
- Fall is great time to fish the Crooked and Metolius Rivers.
- Anglers report excellent dry fly and nymphing opportunities on Fall River.
- Anglers report good bank fishing opportunities for trout at Haystack Reservoir
- Anglers report excellent kokanee fishing at Lake Billy Chinook.

Fishing Notices:

COLUMBIA RIVER: Bonneville and Dalles pools closed for Sturgeon. John Day pool open 1 Jan.

ALSEA RIVER: Fall Chinook, hatchery winter steelhead

Wild coho retention is now **closed** on the Alsea River! Fall Chinook is still open on the Alsea River. The bite continues to be fair though most fish have moved up and out of tidewater! There are likely fish still lower in the system but for best bets try higher this weekend for the opportunity to fight a Chinook! There are some bright fish coming into the system still even this late into the season,

November 1st hatchery steelhead opened on the Alsea River. Though its early in the season it isn't unheard of to catch an early winter steelhead this time of year. The early bite is starting to pick up for winter steelhead. The Alsea river does have a hatchery component to its winter steelhead run offering additional opportunities for harvest!

Last updated 12/02/25.

NESTUCCA BASIN (Nestucca, Three Rivers, and Little Nestucca): salmon, steelhead, cutthroat

No retention of wild coho allowed. The wild coho fishery closed on October 27.

Fall Chinook season closed December 1st. There is no retention or angling for Chinook salmon allowed the rest of the year. Winter steelhead should start showing up this month, but numbers will be low this early in the season. The run on the Nestucca peaks January through March.

Cutthroat trout season closed November 1. *Last updated 12/2/25.*

SILETZ RIVER: chinook, steelhead

Fall Chinook continues to be fair on the Siletz, though like its neighbors is slowing down as we progress towards the end of the season. Folks have been fishing higher up in the system down through the town loop, and chinook are still around but more than likely starting to get skunked! Wild Coho retention on the Siletz is now closed! If you hook into wild coho, please remember to practice good catch and release tactics!

Winter steelhead are also entering into the Siletz! Though still early in the season, some early fish are being caught throughout the system!

As a general reminder for Anglers: Help to protect boating opportunities by maximizing distance from bank anglers and other boats. Safely row or motor around anglers and other boats and avoid motoring nearshore and in shallow areas!

Last updated 12/02/25.

WILSON RIVER: Chinook, steelhead

No retention of wild coho is allowed.

Fall Chinook season closed December 1st. There is no retention or angling for Chinook salmon allowed the rest of the year. Winter steelhead should start showing up on the Wilson River this month and a few have already been caught. Numbers will be low this early in the season as the run on the Wilson peaks January through March. *Last updated 12/2/25.*

Wilson River levels and predictions are available [here](#).

DETROIT RESERVOIR: trout

Water elevation has now reached its low, winter level for storage purposes and there are no longer any usable boat ramps. Refilling the reservoir for the summer will begin on February 1. The crowds

are mostly gone this time of year, especially during the week, so anglers can find fish as well as solitude. Pretty much any technique will catch fish, but it might take some experimenting to find out what is most effective on the day you're out there. As a reminder, anglers are allowed to keep up to five trout, with an additional five fish kokanee bag limit.

It's always a good idea to check the water levels at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website before using the boat ramps. For the latest information on water levels at Detroit Reservoir check with the Army Corps of Engineers' [website for more information](#). Also, as a reminder to anglers, fishing for and harvesting Chinook in the lake and the rivers above is prohibited. Any Chinook caught in Detroit must be released unharmed. Make sure you can tell the difference between a Chinook and a kokanee before you get out on the water. Anglers are encouraged to report their catch on an [on-line form](#). Remember to indicate whether the fish you catch have their adipose fin or not. This information will allow ODFW to manage the fishery for the benefit of both recreational anglers and the resource.

SANTIAM RIVER (NORTH FORK): Salmon, steelhead

River levels best for fishing are at or below 3,000 cfs, and the river is currently running at around 3,650 cfs at the gage in Mahama. The coho run is now complete with the majority of the fish now spawning in their tributaries and no longer accessible to anglers. There are a few holdover summer steelhead, however. A bobber and jig set-up or drifting a cluster of eggs is the usual technique, but spin casting with lures or swinging large streamer flies through the pools can also work.

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](#).

Fishing for hatchery steelhead is open year-round, but the use of bait is not allowed between Nov. 1 and April 21. *Last updated 12/01/25.*

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

Fishing is generally best when flows are below 3,000 cfs. Flows are currently at around 1,140 cfs at the gage in Waterloo. Fishing for spring Chinook is now closed. Fishing for summer steelhead is open year-round although there are few adults left in the basin. At this time of year, the majority of these are in the upper sections above Waterloo, from below the deadline at Wiley Creek to Pleasant Valley boat ramp. *Last updated 11/25/25.*

WALLING POND: trout, panfish

This eight-acre privately-owned pond has been **closed** since 11/8/23. No stocking scheduled due to potential changes in public access.

WALTER WIRTH LAKE: trout, bass, panfish.

This urban lake usually gets stocked from about Thanksgiving through May. The rest of the year anglers can target bluegill and bass. It was stocked last week with 1,500 trout. Only one fish out a 5-fish bag limit may be longer than 20 inches.

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 12/01/25.*

WILLAMETTE RIVER: sturgeon, steelhead, spring Chinook, coho, small and largemouth bass

Smallmouth bass can be a lot of fun to catch and are plentiful between Salem and Corvallis during the spring and summer. Trout prefer the cooler temperatures upstream of Corvallis. From Salem downstream there are plenty of largemouth bass in the deeper, quieter sections. *Last updated 11/25/25.*

OCEAN: The Ocean Endorsement cost is in addition to a fishing license and Combined Angling Tag, if required.

- Anglers can purchase an annual Ocean Endorsement that is valid through the calendar year or a daily endorsement that is valid for a single day.
- The cost is the same for residents and non-residents:
 - Annual Endorsement: \$9
 - Daily Endorsement: \$4

HALIBUT- CLOSED. Season options for 2026 will be proposed in mid-February.

SALMON- CLOSED. Season options for 2026 will be proposed in March.

BOTTOMFISH- Limit changed to 3 fish a day

Depoe Bay: Rockfish catches were near limits for most anglers. Lingcod catches were good with 1.25 fish on average.

Newport: The average catch was just over 2 rockfish per angler. Mainly black and deacon rockfishes were caught. Some anglers landed lingcod limits.

Charleston: Anglers saw near limits of rockfish. Lingcod was good with around 1.25 fish per angler.

Brookings: Anglers landed near limits of rockfish. Mostly black and deacon rockfishes. Lingcod catch was around 0.75 fish per angler.

DUNGENESS CRAB- OPEN- Crabbing in **Newport** has been fair and **Waldport** has been good. Crab quality is good as shells have hardened and are full of meat.

RAZOR CLAMS

- OPEN from WA border to Cape Blanco.
- CLOSED Cape Blanco to the CA border.

MUSSELS

- OPEN from WA border to Cape Blanco.
- CLOSED Cape Blanco to the CA border.

Bay Clams are OPEN

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

CHINESE MITTEN CRAB- Invasive and now found in the Columbia and the Willamette. It is important to [correctly identify](#) this species and report it to the Oregon Invasive Species hotline [online](#) or by calling 1-866-INVADER or to [your local ODFW office](#) with the location found. ODFW encourages the public to keep an eye out for mitten crab.

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**

Seal and Sea Lion Reporter: The Seal and Sea Lion Reporter is an ESRI Survey123 form that can be used by anyone to report pinniped sightings to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) Marine Mammal Program. Sightings can be reported using either a web browser or a mobile app, real-time or after-the-fact, and in the field or back at one's home or office. This crowd-sourced data will be used to identify potential pinniped "hot spots" in the basin for future research or management.

Note that no personal information is asked for or collected by the form and there are no usernames or passwords needed. The form is quite easy to use, and hopefully self-explanatory, but detailed instructions are given below for reference. For more information contact bryan.e.wright@odfw.oregon.gov. Download the app (**ArcGIS Survey123**) on your phone to submit.



Non-Club News and opportunities:

Nestucca Anglers/ Rhoades Pond:

Collection and spawning was in October. See [Nestucca Anglers](#) for more information about upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer.

SOLVE: Beach & Riverside Cleanup locations here: [SOLVE | Beach & Riverside Cleanup \(solveoregon.org\)](#). Club members were cleaning up Walling Pond area on Fridays, but looking for a new venue.

Angler Education Training and Volunteer Opportunities- ODFW Volunteer Instructor Amanda Boyles, Angler Education Coordinator for ODFW. 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): CCA Oregon Executive Director Pat Hoglund [Who we are | CCA OREGON](#).

ODFW: Commission Meeting on Dec 12th

NW Steelheaders (Salem Chapter):

<https://salemnwsteelheaders.org/> for more info. Dues \$40/yr. Next meeting Christmas Potluck, Tuesday, Dec 16th at 7:00 PM in Keizer City Hall. [2025 Oregon legislature](#).

Columbia River barbless hook study petition. You are invited to sign a petition urging the Oregon Wildlife Commission to update hook regulations for Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Fisheries, considering the impacts on ESA listed species.

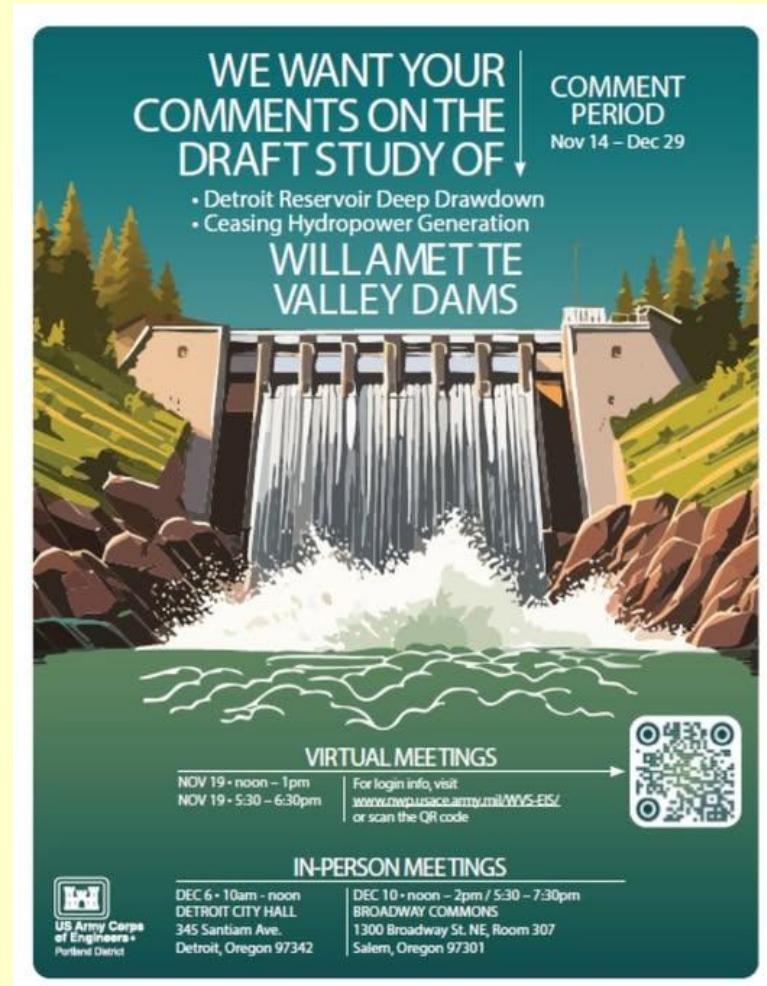
Note: Sign the petition for ODFW to complete the specified policy changes [here](#)

Mid-Willamette Outreach

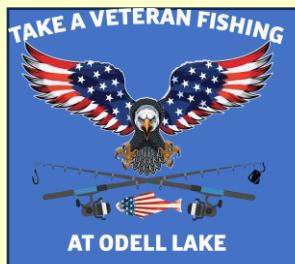
Group: [Mid-Willamette Outreach Group - Marion SWCD](#) – Our River- the Willamette! Learn to fish event at Keizer Rapids in May.

Salmon Watch: World Salmon Council:

Want to help kids learn about salmon? Check out this Fall 2026 volunteer opportunity: [New Volunteer Registration | World Salmon Council](#)



Week of	Waterbody	Zone/Office	Legals	Trophy	Brood	Fingerling	Total
Dec. 22, 2025 - Dec. 26, 2025	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,300	0	0	0	1,300
Dec. 22, 2025 - Dec. 26, 2025	TIMBER LINN LK	Willamette / Corvallis	900	0	0	0	900
Dec. 22, 2025 - Dec. 26, 2025	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,500	0	0	0	1,500
Dec. 22, 2025 - Dec. 26, 2025	WAVERLY LK	Willamette / Corvallis	800	0	0	0	800
Jan. 05, 2026 - Jan. 09, 2026	HUDDLESTON PD (FMR HAMPTON PD)	Willamette / N Willamette Watershed District	200	0	0	0	200
Jan. 26, 2026 - Jan. 30, 2026	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,500	0	0	0	1,500
Jan. 26, 2026 - Jan. 30, 2026	SHERIDAN PD	Willamette / N Willamette Watershed District	200	0	0	0	200
Jan. 26, 2026 - Jan. 30, 2026	EE WILSON PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,300	0	0	0	1,300
Jan. 26, 2026 - Jan. 30, 2026	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,455	0	0	0	1,455
Feb. 02, 2026 - Feb. 06, 2026	EE WILSON PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,400	0	0	0	1,400
Feb. 02, 2026 - Feb. 06, 2026	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,875	0	0	0	1,875



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



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

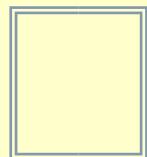
Next meeting: Dec 9, 2025 @ 7 PM- Center50+

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