



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.
 - o Nestucca- Oct 8
 - o Siletz- Oct 15
- The Season long Steelhead derby runs from Jan 1, 2022 thru Dec 31, 2022.
- Speaker forecast:
 - o Pending for Oct.
 - o Pending for Nov.
 - o Ed Bowles for Dec.
 - o Tentative- Randy Bales (Lured) for Jan.
 - o Pizza at Walleries for Feb.
- Board meeting to be held on Sep 13 @ 6 pm art 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.?

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



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ODFW Fishing Report (As of Oct 6th)

Best bets for weekend fishing:

- Early fall can be a great time of year to target summer steelhead on the Nestucca and Wilson rivers.
- More than 9,400 coho salmon have been counted at Willamette Falls. While the river is still low, these fish will tend to concentrate at the mouths of tributary rivers such as the Yamhill, Mollala, Rickreall, Luckiamute and the Santiam, waiting for the fall rains.
- Trout anglers in Detroit Reservoir should find excellent fishing with little competition from other anglers.
- Anglers report good kokanee and bull trout fishing at Lake Billy Chinook.
- The Williamson River is fishing well for large redband trout moving to spawning grounds.
- Chinook fishing on the Umatilla River has been very good, with anglers averaging one fish per hour of fishing.
- Garibaldi has been the hot spot for crabbing on the coast.
- Trout fishing continues to pick up in waters across the state. Fall offers some of the best trout fishing of the year.
- Don't forget bass and other warmwater fish. With the recent return of warmer weather, these fish will be more active.
- Anglers are catching salmon in bays and estuaries of coastal rivers, while a few fish are being caught in the lower reaches of some rivers like the Chetco.



Jones Creek railroad culvert before improvement



Salmon and Steelhead habitat improvement

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

Fishing Notices:

ALSEA RIVER: fall Chinook, coho, cutthroat trout

Fall Chinook fishing has been good on the Alsea and more fish are moving into the system each day. Fishing should continue to improve through the month of September as more fish move into the tidewater waiting for the fall rain.

NESTUCCA RIVER, THREE RIVERS, AND LITTLE NESTUCCA RIVER:

Fall Chinook fishing is fair to good in Nestucca Bay. The majority of the fishery will be in the estuary until we get a good rain, but there are a few fish poking into the lower river. Last updated 10/5/22.

Coho fishing has been fairly slow thus far. The wild coho fishery for Nestucca Bay opened Saturday, Sept. 10. The season is open Wednesdays and Saturdays Sept. 10 – Oct. 15. Open dates for wild coho are: Sept. 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 and Oct. 1, 5, 8, 12, 15. As part of your 2 adult salmon/steelhead daily bag limit, only 1 can be a wild adult coho. No more than 1 wild adult coho for the season from the Nestucca Basin. No more than 1 wild jack coho may be retained as part of the jack salmon bag limit per day during the open season for adult wild coho. Wild coho open areas are Nestucca Bay from the mouth upstream to the Cloverdale Bridge, and on the Little Nestucca River upstream to the Hwy 130 Bridge (MP 1.2) Last updated 10/5/22.

Summer steelhead fishing continues to be fair. There are fish scattered throughout the fishery and as the fall nights cool water temperatures some of the fish that have been holding may get more active and willing to bite. We continue to get reports of fish being caught on the upper river. Last updated 9/28/22.

SILETZ RIVER: Summer steelhead fishing typically picks up in the fall when the water temperatures cool down and we get small amounts of rain. September and October can be great times to catch summer steelhead with minimal crowds. The peak for summer steelhead is typically June-August.

Fall Chinook fishing continues to be good on the Siletz estuary and there are some nice fish being caught every day. Fishing will continue to improve through September as more fish move into the system on each tide.

Wild coho retention is allowed on the Siletz River from Sept. 15 – Oct. 15. The daily bag limit is one adult wild coho per day and one for the season. This is another “one and done” season for wild coho. Meaning you can only keep one adult wild Coho from the Siletz River for the entire 2022 season.

Cutthroat trout are also abundant and available throughout the Siletz basin, check the regulations for opens areas and bag limits. Trout fishing in streams closes on Oct. 31. Last updated 9/21/22.

TILLAMOOK BAY:

There have been plenty of coho showing in Tillamook Bay, but catching has been sporadic.

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Wild coho open areas are: Tillamook Bay from the jetty tips upstream to Hwy 101 Bridge on the Miami, Kilchis, Wilson and Trask rivers, and to Burton Bridge on Tillamook River. Last updated 9/7/22.

Fishing for fall Chinook has been fair to good throughout the bay. Fishing pressure is down from most years because Tillamook Bay and river basins are closed to the retention of wild Chinook this year. There are a few hatchery Chinook available, but the majority of Chinook will be wild and must be released unharmed. Last updated 10/5/22.

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 around 1,700 cfs at the gauge in Mehama. These flows should hold steady for the next few weeks.

Fishing for Chinook is now closed through Oct.15, but summer steelhead are still available. 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 has begun, and so far they have counted over 9,400 adults at the Willamette Falls fish ladder as of Oct. 1 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. Expectations are for another good run this year.

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 10/5/22.

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.

Summer steelhead returns are improved this year. Best sections to fish are from Waterloo upstream to just below Foster Dam. Over 1,500 summer steelhead have already entered the ladder at Foster

as of Aug. 8. As a reminder, fishing for chinook is closed from Aug. 31 to Oct 15. to protect spawning fish.

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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 10/5/22.

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:

Up in Garibaldi, when boats got out, they were able to get their general marine bag limit (4). There was a good mix of black, deacon and yellowtail rockfishes. There were no lingcod observed for nearshore fishing, but a few came in from deep reef fishing boats.

Depoe Bay boats were able to cross the bar on Friday and through the weekend as the weather got better. Most anglers came back with their general marine bag limit (4). Most of the fish were black rockfish with some deacon, blue, yellowtail and canary rockfishes mixed in. There were a handful of lingcod that came in everyday, but they were a bonus fish.

In Newport, the bottomfish bite was great in the morning but slowed down for boats that went in the afternoon. There were more deacon rockfish that came in this week along with large black rockfish. It was slow lingcod fishing all around. Only a handful were seen for the week.

Down in Brookings last week there was a lot of wind, but some boats got out over the weekend. There were complaints about the fast drift. Luckily, that did not stop the good grade of rockfish that came in. There were mostly black rockfish with some deacon rockfish that came in about 1 to 3 per angler. A few more lingcod came in for the week, but there were no limits.

OCEAN SALMON Current information here: [ODFW Ocean Salmon Management Program \(state.or.us\)](https://www.oregon.gov/ODFW/Pages/Ocean-Salmon-Management-Program.aspx).

PACIFIC HALIBUT

On the central coast, the halibut were 43 inches on average with the largest being 52 inches. A few anglers also brought in some large offshore canary rockfish with their halibut.

On the south coast, the average size was 36 inches.

In the Central Coast subarea (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.), as of Sept. 1, halibut is open daily at all depths until the quota is reached or Oct. 31 with a two-fish daily bag limit. The annual limit of six remains. However, longleader gear fishing cannot be combined with halibut fishing.

DUNGENESS CRAB

Crabbing out of Garibaldi has been great this past week. Depoe Bay and Newport remain hit and miss. Crab quality is increasing as shells harden.

RAZOR CLAMS

Razor clams are CLOSED from Columbia River to Cascade Head 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

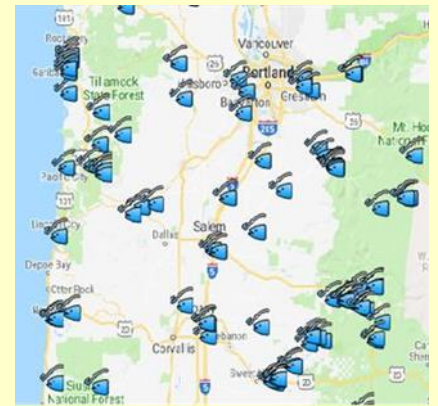
Email TIP@osp.oregon.gov between hours of 8:00AM - 5:00PM, Monday – Friday

ODFW Trout Stocking Schedule: *Just about done for the season*



Week of	Waterbody	Zone/Office	Legals	Trophy	Brood	Total
Oct. 10, 2022 - Oct. 14, 2022	TRILLIUM LK	Willamette / Clackamas	3,000	0	0	3,000
Oct. 10, 2022 - Oct. 14, 2022	DORENA RES	Willamette / Springfield	0	1,270	0	1,270
Oct. 10, 2022 - Oct. 14, 2022	MT HOOD PD (MHCC CAMPUS)	Willamette / Clackamas	266	50	0	316
Oct. 10, 2022 - Oct. 14, 2022	CANBY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	300	0	0	300
Oct. 10, 2022 - Oct. 14, 2022	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	750	0	0	750
Oct. 17, 2022 - Oct. 21, 2022	CANBY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	300	0	0	300
Oct. 17, 2022 - Oct. 21, 2022	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	750	0	0	750
Oct. 17, 2022 - Oct. 21, 2022	HENRY HAGG LK	Willamette / Clackamas	4,000	1,100	0	5,100
Oct. 24, 2022 - Oct. 28, 2022	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	750	0	0	750
Oct. 24, 2022 - Oct. 28, 2022	WAVERLY LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Oct. 24, 2022 - Oct. 28, 2022	WALLING PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000

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



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:

Collecting the broodstock for our 2022-23 offspring in September. [Nestucca Anglers](#) for more information about upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer.

Angler Education Training and Volunteer Opportunities- keep your eyes peeled for emails with information from Amanda Boyles, Angler Education Coordinator for ODFW.

Here is the link to begin the volunteer process: <https://odfwvolunteer.wufoo.com/forms/s1skliq18tu6id/>
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.



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

SALMON WATCH: Volunteer opportunity with youth education on salmon

WHEN- September 14 to October 13, we have 12 field trips scheduled! That's 72 volunteer slots to fill! Help us fill them now! [Sign up here](#). Single-slot sign-ups are fine, based on your schedule and availability.

WHERE- These field trips will all take place at [Packsaddle County Park](#), known spawning grounds of spring Chinook salmon on the Santiam River in Marion County.

WHO- Anyone is welcome [to volunteer for Salmon Watch](#), all you need is a love for salmon and their habitats and a desire to spark that love in students! We require background checks for Salmon Watch volunteers – link coming soon! If you volunteer for Salem Outdoor School, we will waive the additional background check requirement. Questions? Talk [to Heath](#).

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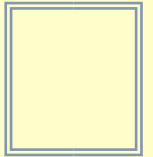
Meets the second Tuesday of the month at Center50+ in Salem at 7 PM

Next meeting: Oct 11, 2022
Speaker is TBD

We're on the Web!

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