



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.
- The Season long Steelhead derby runs from Jan 1, 2022 thru Dec 31, 2022.
- Speaker forecast:
 - o Ed Bowles for Dec.
 - o Tentative- Randy Bales (Lured Bead) for Jan (Garmin reps as alternates).
 - o Pizza at Walleries for Feb.
- Board meeting held on Sep 13 @ 6 pm at Center 50+ to discuss fall derbies, speakers, and other information.
 - o Speakers- Discussed new and previous speakers, working on schedule through March
 - 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.?

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



ODFW Fishing Report (As of Dec 2d)

Best bets for weekend fishing:



- Early season winter steelhead are showing up in coastal rivers from the Necanicum to the Chetco. Look for each winter storm to bring in more.
- Anglers are still catching coho in Siltcoos, Tahkenitch and Tenmile Lakes, and in the Sandy and middle/upper Rogue rivers.
- Steelhead are being caught on the Grande Ronde River and throughout Hells Canyon especially downstream of the Salmon River.
- Several central/eastern Oregon rivers are fine destinations for winter trout fishing, including the Crooked, Fall, Metolius, Blitzen and Deschutes – both the lower river and between Lake Billy Chinook and Benham Falls.
- The North Fork Nehalem and Necanicum Rivers, and the Lower Columbia tributaries will offer the best opportunity to catch an early season winter steelhead on the North Coast. These systems all have early-returning hatchery runs that started coming in this month. With some rain falling and a decent bump in river levels there should be a push of fresh fish coming in this week.
- Cedar Creek hatchery continues to release surplus hatchery summer steelhead into Town Lake. These fish are catchable in the lake and can offer a unique fishing experience.
- Winter steelhead are starting to show up on the Siletz and Alsea Rivers. Although still a bit early there are fish around and the popular NF Alsea fishery opens on Dec. 1. Time to get out the winter steelhead gear for the season.
- While it's early in the season, there's a chance to hook into a bright chrome steelhead on the Sandy and Clackamas rivers.
- About 80 broodstock trout are going into Cottage Grove Pond/Row River Nature Park this week.
- About 60 "retired" summer steelhead were put into Junction City Pond last week.
- The coho run in the North Santiam is starting to wind down. But there are still fish around and water levels should be back in shape this week.
- Road access to Breitenbush River has been restored, and this could be a good fall/winter destination for trout anglers targeting resident fish.

- Walter Wirth Lake was stocked this week with 100 brood trout.
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Salmon and Steelhead habitat improvement



Jones Creek railroad culvert before improvement



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

Fishing Notices:**ALSEA RIVER: Winter Steelhead**

Winter steelhead are starting to show up in the Alsea. The popular NF Alsea fishery opened on Dec. 1 and the forecasted rain this weekend will have fish on the move headed for the hatchery.

NESTUCCA RIVER, THREE RIVERS, AND LITTLE NESTUCCA RIVER:

Hatchery winter steelhead on the Nestucca are from wild broodstock; as such they tend to mimic wild steelhead timing and the run really gets going in mid-December. That said, there could be a few early fish around. Last updated 11/30/22.

Most of the Chinook run on the Nestucca is over, but the basin does get a few late fish. There is still opportunity to catch a food quality Chinook, but numbers will be low and success will probably be sporadic. Last updated 11/23/22.

River levels and predictions for the Nestucca are available [here](#).

Three Rivers is between runs right now as most of the fall Chinook are done and the winter steelhead haven't really started showing up yet. That said, there is still the possibility of encountering either, but numbers will be low. Last updated 11/30/22.

The Little Nestucca's fall Chinook run is mostly over. There will be some catch-and-release opportunity for winter steelhead, but that won't really kick off until mid-December. Last updated 11/30/22.

SILETZ RIVER: Winter steelhead are starting to show up in the Siletz River. Multiple fish have been caught by anglers who were fall Chinook fishing. The forecasted rain this week should bring more winter steelhead into the river and things should keep improving through December. January-March is the typical peak for winter steelhead fishing on the Siletz River.

DETROIT RESERVOIR: trout

The reservoir is stocked regularly in the spring and summer with tens of thousands of one-pound hatchery trout. It was last stocked in late June with about 4,000 trout. The water level in reservoir is dropping slowly to provide flood storage during the winter. Mongold State Park will be the only boat ramp available from now through the winter.

For the latest information on water levels at Detroit Reservoir check with the Army Corps of Engineers' website <http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/nwp/wm/teacups.html> for more information.

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 around 2,930 cfs at the gauge in Mehama. Flows will be fairly volatile over the next few weeks with expected high rainfall and reservoir levels continuing to drop.

Summer steelhead counts were much improved over last year with the count now up to 5,900 fish. Counts at Stayton show over 900 summer steelhead have entered the upper river. Some of these fish are still around and are available to anglers.

Fishing for hatchery steelhead is open year-round. Trout season below Big Cliff dam closed on Nov. 1. Bait is not allowed from Nov. 1 through April 21. Any unclipped (wild) steelhead or trout that are caught must be released unharmed. Last updated 11/30/22.

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 11/2/22.

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 5,000 cfs at the Waterloo gauge as of Nov 1, but these conditions are likely to change by the weekend where heavy rain is expected.

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.

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 11/2/22.

WALLING POND: trout, panfish

This pond is usually stocked from Thanksgiving through the winter and spring. The rest of the year, this pond offers warmwater game fish such as bass and bluegill. It was stocked last week with about 600 hatchery trout. As a reminder, the daily trout bag limit is 5 fish per day, only one of which may be greater than 20 inches.

This is an eight-acre privately-owned pond with public access in Salem at the northeast corner of McGilchrist and 16th Streets, S.E. There is no trash service out there so please pack out what you packed in. Last updated 11/2/22.

WALTER WIRTH LAKE: trout, bass, panfish

This urban lake usually gets stocked from about Thanksgiving through May. It was stocked last week with about 1,000 hatchery trout. As a reminder, anglers may keep only one fish over 20-inches as part of their 5 trout bag limit.

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 11/2/22.

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:

Depoe Bay anglers hooked their limit of lingcod (two fish), while the rockfish bite was slower. The species encountered were mostly deacon rockfish with a few black, canary and tiger rockfishes. Anglers that stayed out longer were able to get their general marine bag limit (four fish). The Depoe Bay public boat dock is closed until further notice, but the boat ramp is still available for public use. There is more information on the city of Depoe Bay website.

Anglers in Newport had a few chances to go out last week. There were limits of lingcod as well as limits (or nearly so) of rockfish. The catch was mainly composed of deacon and black rockfishes.

The bar in Charleston was heavily restricted last week, keeping the boats in port.

In Brookings, there was no fishing effort due to the big swells and windy weather.
OCEAN SALMON Closed until March 15.

PACIFIC HALIBUT

Closed

DUNGENESS CRAB

Crabbing in the ocean is closed until Nov 30. Bays and estuaries remain open. The rainy season is here and more fresh water in the bays usually means slower crabbing. Bay crabbing in Newport has dropped off with docks and boats reporting low numbers. However, crabs have hardened and are full of meat.

RAZOR CLAMS

Razor clams are CLOSED from Columbia River to California 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

How to Winterize a Boat: [How to Winterize a Boat | Winterization Guide \(discoverboating.com\)](https://www.discoverboating.com/boat-care/winterization-guide/)

Start by prepping your engine; ensure all water has been drained and removed.

Apply corrosion protection to your engine.

Consult your owner's manual for specific instructions, and complete fogging, if needed.

Add a fuel-stabilizing additive to your fuel system; then run the engine.

Change your engine's fuel filters and any fuel/water separators in the system.

Drain your boat's freshwater plumbing systems (sinks, tanks, and heads).

Add antifreeze to your plumbing systems.

Ensure water is removed from all additional systems (raw water washdowns, livewells, bilge pump, etc.).

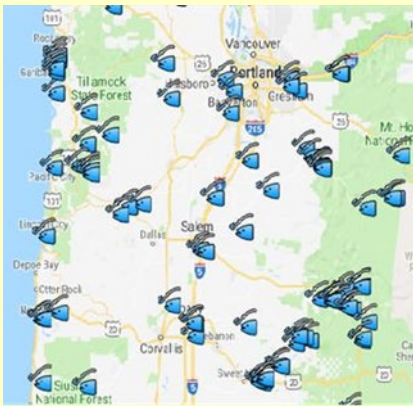
Remove drain plugs.

Cover your boat or place it into winter storage.

ODFW Trout Stocking Schedule:



Week of	Waterbody	Zone/Office	Legal	Trophy	Brood	Total
Dec. 19, 2022 - Dec. 23, 2022	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	700	0	0	700
Dec. 19, 2022 - Dec. 23, 2022	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Dec. 19, 2022 - Dec. 23, 2022	WAVERLY LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Dec. 19, 2022 - Dec. 23, 2022	TIMBER LINN LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Dec. 26, 2022 - Dec. 30, 2022	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	880	0	0	880
Dec. 26, 2022 - Dec. 30, 2022	WALLING PD	Willamette / Corvallis	800	0	0	800
Jan. 09, 2023 - Jan. 13, 2023	HUDDLESTON PD (FMR HAMPTON PD)	Willamette / Clackamas	232	0	0	232



No ODFW Free fishing weekends left for 2022.

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

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Portland Sportsman’s Show: Portland Expo Center, FEBRUARY 15 – 19, 2023

WED – FRI: 11AM – 8PM

SATURDAY: 10AM – 8PM

SUNDAY: 10AM – 6PM

Non-Club News and opportunities:

SOLVE: Beach & Riverside Cleanup locations here: [SOLVE | Beach & Riverside Cleanup \(solveoregon.org\)](#). Club members are cleaning up Walling Pond area on Fridays.

Nestucca Anglers/ Rhoades Pond:

The second Fall Chinook spawn was held Wednesday 11/2/22. Twenty-four pair were spawned, totaling 39 pair spawned for the season. We have hit our egg take target for the year. This years run had a large element of 4 year old returning fish, sizes ranged from 15 to 30 pounds. We will be looking forward to the eggs beginning to hatch around the second week of December.. [Nestucca Anglers](#) for more information about upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer. Recently, volunteers made some screens to aid in the rearing process.

Angler Education Training and Volunteer Opportunities- ODFW Volunteer Instructor Statewide Conference 14-16 July, 2023. information from Amanda Boyles, Angler Education Coordinator for ODFW.

- Friday, July 14th – Optional afternoon training workshops & welcome dinner
- Saturday, July 15th – All day training workshops
- Sunday, July 16th – Morning training workshops
- Location: **Seven Feathers Casino Resort**, 146 Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville, OR 97417

Here is the link to RSVP by Nov 11: [Save the Date 7/14-7/16 2023 Statewide Conference](#)
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 was December 3d. Salem Chapter met Dec 8th at Wallery's and began planning 2023 Banquet for Mar 25th at Willamette Heritage at Mission Mill.

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. Get a hat with an end of year donation. Steelhead 101 Workshop with ODFW on February 11th at Glen Otto Park in Troutdale. Willamette Sportsman's Show in Albany 10-12 February.

THE SALTWATER SPORTSMEN'S SHOW: Salem Fairgrounds

It's been tough sitting out these past couple of years. We plan to pick up where we left off with a robust seminar series and the trade show in the Jackman-Long Building at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. There will be raffle prizes and auction items available and time to visit with old and new friends. Show dates are February 25th & 26th, 2023. [Home - Saltwater Sportsmens Show](#)



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

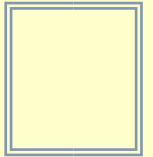
Next meeting: Dec 13, 2022

Speaker is Ed Bowles, Recently retired from ODFW

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