



Mid-Willamette Valley Angler's Club

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CLUB NEWS

- Board met on Feb 26th, 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 parens)-
 - o Robert M (Ticket Chair)
 - o Tim H (Ticket Asst)
 - o Larry N (Membership & Dues Chair, Prizes Asst)
 - o Ralph N (Prizes Chair)
 - o Dave W (Derby Chair)
 - o Pete F (Derby Asst)
 - o Robert B (Activities Chair)
 - o Vacancy 1 (Recently held by Steve W)
- Honorary members:
 - o Steve A (Past Pres)
 - o Craig N (Past Pres)
- Absent:
 - o Adam F (Social Media Chair)
 - o Norm M (Past President)
- Treasurer report: Balance of \$5989 (rent paid in March, new balance pending)
- Speaker forecast report:
 - o May- Travis Mattoon, Adrift Angling
 - o Jun- TBD

- o July- None, picnic Maud Williamson State Park
- o Aug- None, dark
- o Sep- OSU Extension service (food preservation- smoking, canning, drying)
- o Oct- TBD
- o Nov- TBD
- o Dec- TBD

- Derby report:
 - o Reiterated 1 prize per person (may have caught more than one fish)
 - o Springer Derby- 5 Apr- weigh in at Fred's at 3 pm- Dave W POC
 - o Devil's Lake in May- Craig N for feasibility
 - o Walleye in May- 10-11, Mike N POC
 - o Detroit- Rainbow only in June- feasibility
 - o Willamette- Bass in July- feasibility
 - o Siletz/ Nestucca- deconflicting for 20 Sep
 - o Diamond Lake and Walling Pond are out for derbies

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- Board notes:

- Quarterly Board meeting, not synched to club meeting (rec late Aug, Nov, Feb, May). Next Board meeting **29** May 2025 @ 6:00pm @ Center 50+
- If material support provided by a speaker or host (eg table space at a show, or donated guide seats), then they get mention in newsletters, on the website, on social media, and club membership for a year (Jason's Fishing Adventures, GDF most recent recipients)
- Add/ update board information to website and newsletter
- Need annual budget plan
- Approved \$600 quarterly for raffle prizes (about \$200/ month)
- Pizza feed- need event ticket clarity-
- Jay uploaded derby sign-up sheets to Google drive
- Board had a "No" vote to attend Salem CCA Benefit Auction with a group or sponsor table on 12 Apr 2025
- Membership: New year to pay your dues- please check in with Linda to settle. Larry N is the Board Membership chair.
 - 106 Members NOT current for 2025. 70 Members were not current for 2024.
- 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).
 - 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).
 - The 2025 Derbies are open- sign up and pay.
- Speaker tracker for 2024/2025:
 - January 2024- CCA Oregon Dave Schamp and Pat Hogle
 - February- Pizza Feed, no speaker
 - March- Ron Bird, Nestucca Anglers (Volunteer Program)
 - April- Elise Kelley, ODFW biologist AND Walleye clinic
 - May- Wayne Parker, Good Day Fishing
 - Jun- Randy Bales (Lured) AND ODFW Rep
 - Jul- 28th- Picnic, Maud Williamson State Park
 - August- Dr. Debbie Colbert, ODFW Director
 - September- ODFW Hatchery meeting review, Denny (Club member)
 - October- ~~Bass fishing discussion~~
 - November- Jason Hambly, Pro-Cure Rep
- December- Jay Yelas, BassMaster Champion
- January 2025- Tom Rumreich, ODFW Biologist/ STEP, Bob Spelbrink, ODFW Commissioner
- February- Pizza Feed @ Wallery's, 6 PM,
- Mar- Swap meet- bring something to sell, swap, or trade, ODFW Assistant District Fish Biologist Alex Farrand
- Apr- Mike Nelson, Nelson's Fishing Adventures. Guide raffle- Jason's fishing adventures
- Activities/ outings under dev:
 - Jan- TBD
 - Feb- Pizza feed, Sportsman's Show, Table at Saltwater Sportsman's Show in Salem
 - Mar- Swap meet at meeting, Herring jigging
 - Apr- Surf perch, Walleye, Kokanee
 - May- Teach a kid to fish, Pikeminnow, Walleye
 - Jun- Fin clip, Springer, Walleye, Club brood trout derby, Shad
 - July- Bass, Club Picnic, Take a Vet fishing
 - Aug- Salmon
 - Sep- Siletz, Nestucca
 - Oct- Yaquina
 - Nov- TBD
 - Dec- Crabbing
- In Memorial: Past member Fred VanNatta passed away on Saturday, March 29, 2025, celebration of life was May 12th.



Recent Supporters:

[Jason's Fishing Adventures](#)

[Home - Good Day Fishing](#)

[Pro Cure Baits – Pro-Cure, Inc](#)

ODFW Fishing Report (As of May 9th)



Recent Member Pictures:

NONE 😞

- Spring Chinook are starting to show up on the North Coast with a few fish being caught. Effort is starting to pick up, but thus far fishing has been slow. Tillamook Bay, the Nestucca estuary (Pacific City), Trask River, Nestucca River, and the lower Columbia tributaries (Big Cr., Gnat Cr., and Klaskanine R.) will provide the best opportunities for encountering springers this time of year.
- North Coast lakes continue to be stocked with trout (see the schedule below or online). The fish look good this year and are a great size for catching and eating! Lake Lytle is getting weedy and water quality is dropping off at Loren's Pond but the rest of the lakes are still in good shape for fishing.
- Surplus winter steelhead have been released into Coffenbury Lake, Vernonia Pond and Lost Lake, and surplus summer steelhead were released into Town Lake. Even though they've been in the lakes for a while we are getting reports of fish still being caught and many have brightened back up (mended kelts) and have some fight to them.
- The North Jetty of Tillamook Bay (accessible through Barview County Park) has been picking up for rockfish, kelp greenling, and usually starts to produce some ling cod this time of year.
- Beaches in Lincoln City, Newport, and Siuslaw as well as Tillamook and Clatsop County beaches offer great opportunities for Surf Perch. Spring and early summer are great times to surf perch fish along the midcoast and north coast. If freshwater fisheries are slow, try your line on the shore and cast for schooled up surf perch on an incoming tide.
- Steelhead fishing on the Midcoast continues to be fair in the basins that are still open, as we progress later in the

season most fisheries have slowed down, but there are still fish in the upper basins.

- Several Lakes on the midcoast have been stocked with fish this week and last week. Lake trout are a fun alternative to freshwater angling for Steelhead this time of year when conditions can be less predictable on the rivers.
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- With spring on the way, the Willamette River and other waterbodies are increasing in activity.
- Several waterbodies will be stocked with trout this week.
 - Anglers report excellent spring kokanee fishing at Lake Billy Chinook, Odell Lake, and Wickiup Reservoir. Fish at Lake Billy Chinook and Odell Lake are averaging 13 inches; while 14–17-inch fish can be found at Wickiup.
 - Anglers reported fair trout fishing at Wickiup and Crane Prairie reservoirs on the April 22 season opener and should improve over the next few weeks as water temperatures rise.
 - Crooked River flows below Bowman Dam have finally decreased to a level where the Crooked should be fishable again.
 - Anglers report consistent nymphing opportunities on the Fall River.
 - Salmonfly season is just around the corner on the lower Deschutes
 - No reports of springers caught yet on the Hood River
 - The Prineville Youth Fishing Pond and Pine Nursery Pond in Bend were recently stocked and offer easily accessible fishing.

Fishing Notices:

COLUMBIA RIVER: Closed for Sturgeon.

Dam Count: Bonneville	2025 Total thru 4/6	Chinook 445	Jacks 47	Steelhead 927	Wild Steelhead 664
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Columbia River salmon managers held a teleconference on May 7th, "to consider the following fishery: Mainstem recreational spring Chinook downstream of Bonneville Dam"- approved to remain open through May 22d.

ALSEA RIVER: Steelhead

Steelhead fishing continues to be fair on the Alsea River. A few folks are catching fish either floating lower down in the system or fishing near the hatchery holes. This weekend the water will be low and cold, offering some decent conditions for fishing any later returns.

There's a lot of bank fishing access, and fish have been getting caught, near the hatchery holes. Drift fishing in the lower basin has also been productive for anglers in the Alsea Basin. *Last updated 04/16/25.*

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

The Nestucca gets a run of hatchery spring Chinook and those fish are starting to show up down in the estuary near Pacific City, and in the lower river from Farmer Creek Wayside down to Cloverdale. It's early in the season but we are starting to hear of some fish getting caught. There is also a run of hatchery summer steelhead in the Nestucca and the first one of the season arrived at the Cedar Creek hatchery trap today! Best fishing will be in the lower river from Cloverdale to Three Rivers during the early season. *Last updated 5/6/25.* The upper Nestucca above Moon Creek closed to angling April 1 to protect spawning wild steelhead and out-migrating juveniles and will reopen for trout and summer steelhead on May 22. *Last updated 4/3/25.*

SILETZ RIVER: winter steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing continues to slow down on the Siletz. Like its neighbors, it's been a fair season on the Siletz, with fish seemingly caught in big waves this year. Fish are taking advantage of the warmer weather and moving higher up into the basin. Fish have been caught in the upper gorge area and throughout some of the higher drift floats as we progress later into the season. The upper gorge offers bank access for targeting winter steelhead. With clear conditions going into the weekend, fish are around but seem to be more focused on spawning than biting in the upper reaches. We are seeing a few more early summer steelhead being caught in the past 2 weeks or so. As we move into spring more opportunity will be available on the Siletz! We also have our first reports of Springers being caught in the Siletz. They haven't come in full swing, but they are certainly moving into the system. Most folks fish the lower Siletz for Springers with moderate success. The Siletz is a truly unique system offering multiple opportunities for a variety of species. *Last updated 04/16/25.*

WILSON RIVER: steelhead

The Wilson gets a run of hatchery summer steelhead and those fish should be starting to show up soon. That said, it doesn't sound like there has been much effort or many summers getting caught

yet. There are no spring Chinook releases on the Wilson. Last updated 4/29/25. Wilson River levels and predictions are available [here](#).

DETROIT RESERVOIR: trout

The reservoir is slowly filling up in preparation for the busy summer recreation season. Mongold and several other boat ramps are open and available to launch watercraft. Now that spring has arrived fish are becoming more active in searching for food. 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. The reservoir gets stocked with trout during the late spring and summer with many of these fish still available throughout the fall and winter and into next year. As a reminder, anglers are allowed to keep up to five trout, with an additional five fish kokanee bag limit. Anglers are reporting good success lately. 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. 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](#). 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. *Last updated 3/31/25.*

SANTIAM RIVER (NORTH FORK): Salmon, steelhead

River levels best for fishing are at or below 3,000 cfs, and the river is currently running around 1,800 cfs at the gage in Mahama. Both the summer steelhead and spring chinook runs are beginning to develop, but it is still very early in the process. Just under 1,500 summer steelhead have passed above Willamette Falls as of May 1. The chinook run is also in its early stages, but we are already seeing hundreds cross into the upper Willamette every day. Counts at the falls are about 4,800 so far. These fish will begin to arrive in the North Santiam basin in good numbers starting in May. *Last updated 4/10/25.* 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,

Fishing is generally best when flows are below 3,000 cfs. Flows are currently around 1,600 cfs at the gage in Waterloo. Counts of newly arrived summer steelhead and spring chinook have started to take off at Willamette Falls, but they will not show up in good numbers in the South Santiam until May. As a reminder, bait is not allowed from Nov. 1 to April 21. *Last updated 4/28/25.*

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 will be stocked this week with 2,200 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 4/24/25.*

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

Poor river conditions last week and not much effort.

Preliminary estimates for the week of April 28th – May 4th:

- Boats: 5,303 anglers – Chinook 520 kept, 47 released - Steelhead 1 kept, 6 released
- Bank: 222 anglers – Chinook 0 kept, 0 released - Steelhead 0 kept, 0 released

Fish counts:

- [Willamette Falls Counts as of 5/12/25](#): Chinook-7995, winter steelhead-4536, summer steelhead-1761

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 4/3/25.*

OCEAN:

HALIBUT- Nearshore Season, Central Oregon, Quota = 10,000 lb Open May 1, 7 days per week, inside the 40-fathom line, until October 31 or the quota is caught, 2 fish per day, 6 fish annually.

Garibaldi: A few boats went out for Pacific halibut, but no fish were observed in port.

Depoe Bay: Fishing was good with an average catch just over 1.5 fish per angler.

Newport: Fishing was good last week with just over 1 fish per angler.

Charleston: Anglers had good success with just over 1 fish per angler.

Brookings: Only a small number of boats went out and no fish were observed dockside.

SALMON- The planned ocean Chinook salmon season (all-salmon-except coho) **opened** as scheduled from **Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. from March 15 through May 15**. The bag limit will be two salmon, except closed to retention of coho, with minimum size limits of 24" for Chinook and 20" for steelhead. All Salmon Except Coho Season—Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain: March 15 - June 6. Open seven days per week. Open for all salmon except coho, two salmon per day. Mark-Selective Coho (fin-clipped) Season - Cape Falcon to OR/CA border: June 7 through the earlier of August 24 or 44,000 fin-clipped coho quota. Two salmon per day. When Chinook retention is allowed, no more than one Chinook. All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin-clip.

BOTTOMFISH-

Port by port reports:

Garibaldi: Decent effort landed anglers about 2 rockfish on average, with a mix of black, canary and deacon rockfishes. Lingcod fishing was decent, with about 1 fish per angler.

Depoe Bay: Anglers saw good landings of 3 rockfish per angler, mostly black, deacon, and canary rockfishes. Lingcod landings were around 1 fish per angler.

Newport: Anglers landed close to 3 rockfish each, mainly black rockfish. Lingcod landings were about 0.75 fish per angler.

Charleston: A few anglers made it out and landed close to 3 rockfish, with mostly black and yellowtail rockfishes. Lingcod was slower at about 0.5 fish per angler.

Brookings: Landings were a little slower than the rest of the coast with about 2 rockfish each. Mostly black and blue rockfishes were brought in. Lingcod landings were slow with about 0.5 fish per angler.

DUNGENESS CRAB- OPEN- Crabbing effort in **Newport** and **Waldport** has been low. Crab catch is also low. Crab quality is good as shells have hardened and crabs are full of meat. When there has been a lot of rain, crabbing in bays is typically not good since the surge of fresh water from the rivers forces the crab to retreat to the saltier water of the ocean.

RAZOR CLAMS

- OPEN from the WA border to Cascade Head.

- CLOSED from Cascade Head to the CA border.

MUSSELS and 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.

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

Non-Club News and opportunities:

Nestucca Anglers/ Rhoades Pond:

Collection and spawning was in October. Fin-clipping party June 14, 2025 8-noon or so. BBQ and auction afterwards. 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: 3d Party Hatchery Review: They are currently recommending closing 3 hatcheries. Phase 3: Roll-up- Winter 2024-25- Develop final report for legislature and present to legislature

NW Steelheaders (Salem Chapter): <https://salemnwsteelheaders.org/> for more info. Dues \$40/yr. Next meeting Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00 PM in Keizer City Hall. [2025 Oregon legislature](#)

Mid-Willamette Outreach Group: [Mid-Willamette Outreach Group - Marion SWCD](#) – Our River- the Willamette!

Salmon Watch: World Salmon Council: Want to help kids learn about salmon? Check out this Fall 2025 volunteer opportunity: [New Volunteer Registration | World Salmon Council](#)

Kids Fishing Derby: Saturday May 18th, Timber Linn Park, Albany. Registration opens @ 7:00am Fishing starts 7:30am Awards ceremony to follow. OPEN to all kids Ages 4 to 12. Kids Fishing Derby is back!! The fish have been waiting for kids & their families to return to Timber Linn Park in Albany to enjoy a morning of fishing and fun. Timber Linn Pond will be stocked by Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife with hundreds of rainbow trout. All skill levels are encouraged and there will be “loaner” equipment and volunteers helping out. Ages 4-12 compete in four (4) age brackets for awards & prizes.

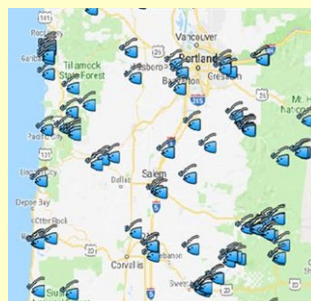
ODFW Trout Stocking Schedule:



Week of	Waterbody	Zone/Office	Legals	Trophy	Brood	Fingerling	Total
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1500	0	0	0	1500
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	MCKENZIE R-2 (above Leaburg Dam)	Willamette / Springfield	7520	0	0	0	7520
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	SALMON CR	Willamette / Springfield	1400	0	0	0	1400
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	2375	0	0	0	2375
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	DETROIT RES	Willamette / Corvallis	0	12000	0	0	12000
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	LEABURG LK	Willamette / Springfield	1250	0	0	0	1250
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	ST LOUIS PD	Willamette / Clackamas	1375	0	0	0	1375
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	SUNNYSIDE PARK PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1100	40	0	0	1140
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	SALISH PD, W	Willamette / Clackamas	1000	0	0	0	1000
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	HUDDLESTON PD (FMR HAMPTON PD)	Willamette / Clackamas	800	0	0	0	800
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	TRILLIUM LK	Willamette / Clackamas	3000	0	60	0	3060
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	TIMOTHY LK	Willamette / Clackamas	2100	550	0	0	2650
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	TIMBER LINN LK	Willamette / Corvallis	2000	0	0	0	2000
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	ESTACADA LK	Willamette / Clackamas	1000	0	0	0	1000
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	NORTH FORK RES	Willamette / Clackamas	6666	0	0	0	6666
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	SMALL FRY LK	Willamette / Clackamas	200	0	0	0	200
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	HENRY HAGG LK	Willamette / Newport	4300	0	0	0	4300
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	FOSTER RES	Willamette / Corvallis	3900	0	0	0	3900
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	GREEN PETER RES	Willamette / Corvallis	2800	0	0	0	2800
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	1000	0	0	0	1000
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	BLUE RIVER RES	Willamette / Springfield	1200	0	0	0	1200
May. 12, 2025 - May. 16, 2025	EE WILSON PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1200	0	0	0	1200

2025 Free Fishing Weekends:

- June 7-8, and
- November 28-29



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: May 13, 2025 @ 7 PM- Center50+ with Travis Mattoon of Adrift Angling.

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.mwvaclub.org

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