



# Mid-Willamette Valley Angler's Club

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## Club News

### Board Meeting held Dec 3:

- Membership: Dues were carried forward for 2020 to 2021. Normal dues begin in 2022.
- Derby info: The entry fee for derbies (in advance and at a monthly meeting) is \$10 and the payouts are \$100, \$50 and \$25. Derbies "normalize" in 2022- reviewing walleye, shad, sturgeon derbies.
- The Season long Steelhead derby runs from Jan 1, 2021 thru Dec 31, 2021.
- Will hold Pizza Feed at Feb meeting.
- Discussed supporting the NW Steelheaders.
- Discussed supporting the new fishing club at McKay HS in Salem.
- Resumed in person meetings at Center 50+ on Sep 14. Attendees need to register with Center 50+ for contact tracing.

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

# ODFW Fishing Report

(As of Dec 9th)

## Best bets for weekend fishing:

- On the north coast hatchery winter steelhead are being caught on the North Fork Nehalem, Necanicum, and the Lower Columbia Tribs (Klaskanine R, Big Creek, and Gnat Creek).
- Nehalem hatchery released 60 surplus winter steelhead into Coffenbury Lake this week. These fish will bite in the lake and catching a winter steelhead in still water can be a fun and unique experience.
- Winter steelhead have started showing up in the Alsea, and a few have been caught in the North Fork.
- Cooper Creek Reservoir is devoid of the summer crowds, giving the occasional angler plenty of room to chase holdover trout.
- Summer steelhead fishing continues to be very good in the middle and upper Rogue.
- Steelhead anglers are starting to catch an occasional fish in the lower portions of the Coos Basin.
- The first winter steelhead have arrived in the Clackamas and Sandy rivers. And there should be some in Eagle Creek before you know it.
- Trout fishing has been good in the Crooked, Fall and Metolius rivers.
- Bikini Pond was stocked twice in November and there should still be trout swimming around.
- Fishing in Upper Klamath and Agency Lakes has improved with warmer weather and improved water clarity. This will change soon so get out there before the cold storms hit later this week.



Jones Creek railroad culvert before improvement.



Salmon and Steelhead habitat improvement.

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

**Fishing Notices (12/8):**

Wild coho fisheries on the Alsea, Nestucca, Salmon, and Tillamook Bay is closed. There is NO retention of wild coho (including jacks) in North coast bays or rivers for the remainder of 2021.

ALSEA RIVER: Winter steelhead are starting to show up on the Alsea. A few fish are being caught up on the NF Alsea but the water is low and clear making things tough. There are now fish throughout the system and numbers will continue to increase through December and into January. The next big rain event should stir things up and get more fish on the move headed to the hatchery. Time to get the gear out for winter steelheading.

KILCHIS RIVER: The Kilchis is known for late season runs; and as such still has a small number of Chinook in decent shape coming through. It's early for winter steelhead on the Kilchis as it is mostly a wild fish river, but there could be a few around, especially as the river drops back into shape after the storm predicted for Saturday. Last updated 12/8/21.

LOWER COLUMBIA TRIBUTARIES (BIG CR, GNAT CR, KLASKANINE R): There are hatchery winter steelhead available in the Lower Columbia Tributaries. Harvest has been sporadic, but there are definitely some fish around. There is heavy rain predicted for Saturday which will likely blow things out for a day or two, but that should bring more fish in as well. Last updated 12/8/21.

MIAMI RIVER: Fishing is slow on the Miami River. Fall Chinook are all but done and numbers of fish in decent shape will be low. It's still early for steelhead, but there could be a few around, especially as the river drops after this Saturday's predicted storm. Last updated 12/8/21.

NECANICUM RIVER: There are hatchery winter steelhead available on the Necanicum, and some fish are being caught. Angling effort was moderately heavy this past weekend. There is heavy rain predicted for Saturday which will probably blow the river out, but there should be more steelhead coming in as it drops back into shape. Last updated 12/8/21.

NOTE: There are some new trees down across the Necanicum and could be more after this weekends storm. Boaters should use caution and be prepared to portage around downed wood. Last updated 12/8/21.

NEHALEM RIVER: The mainstem Nehalem doesn't have a lot to offer this time of year. The Chinook run is all but over and what fish remain are likely spawning upstream of the salmon fishing deadline. As a mostly wild steelhead river it's still early for that species, but there could be a few around as it drops back into shape after this weekend's storm. Last updated 12/8/21.

NORTH FORK NEHALEM RIVER: There are hatchery winter steelhead available in the North Fork and fish are being caught. Fishing was good last weekend. It has slowed a little since and fishing pressure has been heavy, but there are still fish being caught. Heavy rain predicted for this Saturday will likely blow the river out, but as it drops back into shape there should be more fish coming in and more opportunity to catch them. Last updated 12/8/21.

NESTUCCA RIVER, THREE RIVERS, AND LITTLE NESTUCCA RIVER: Chinook  
The wild coho fishery on the Nestucca and Little Nestucca Bay closed after Oct. 13. There is NO retention of wild coho (including jacks) in North coast bays or rivers for the remainder of 2021.

It's a bit early for winter steelhead in the Nestucca basin. All of our hatchery steelhead on the Nestucca are from wild broodstock, and as such this run doesn't really get going strong until we are into December. That said, there should be a few showing up especially as it drops back into shape after the storm predicted for Saturday. The Chinook run on the Nestucca is definitely winding down; a few bright fish will still come through this month, but numbers will be low. Last updated 12/8/21.

Three Rivers has the same broodstock hatchery fish as the mainstem, so it's still a little early there as well. But there should be a few fish coming in, especially after this weekend's storm. Last updated 12/8/21.

Fishing is slow on the Little Nestucca. The Chinook run is all but over, and it's early for steelhead, which will be mostly wild on the Little River. Last updated 12/8/21.

**SALMON RIVER:** Winter steelhead will start to show up in December on the Salmon River and peak from January through March.

**SILTCOOS AND TAHKENITCH LAKES:** Fishing remains steady in the lakes for coho and will continue to kick out some fish through the month of December. Typically, the lake coho fisheries peak in November and fish well into December. Check the regulations for bag limits and open areas within these lakes. Last updated 11/24/21.

**SILETZ RIVER:** Winter steelhead typically start to show up in early December on the Siletz. Although it can be a bit slow there are usually some fish around in December. Then things start to pick up in January and peak from Jan-March. Time to get geared up for winter steelheading.

**SIUSLAW RIVER:** Winter steelhead typically start showing up in the Siuslaw system in early December. The majority of the hatchery fish in the basin are headed to Whitaker Creek and this area provides the best opportunity to catch an early returning winter steelhead. There is also a small hatchery release in Lake Creek (located at Green Creek) which provides some opportunity to catch winter steelhead from Dec-March.

#### **DUNGENESS CRAB**

Recreational crabbing remains open in bays and estuaries, and on beaches, docks, piers, and jetties along the entire Oregon coast from the Columbia River to the California border.

#### **RAZOR CLAMS**

Razor clamming is now **CLOSED** from Cape Blanco, north of Port Orford, to the California border because domoic acid toxin levels are above the closure limit.

Razor clamming remains **OPEN** from the Washington border to Cape Blanco.

#### **MUSSELS**

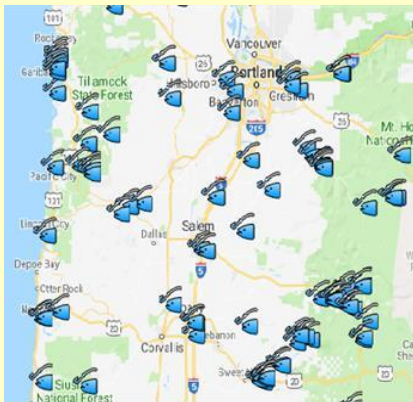
Mussel harvest is now open along the entire Oregon coast.



# ODFW Trout Stocking Schedule:



Week of	Waterbody	Zone/Office	Legals	Trophy	Brood	Total
Dec. 20, 2021 - Dec. 24, 2021	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	700	0	0	700
Dec. 20, 2021 - Dec. 24, 2021	HUDDLESTON PD (FMR HAMPTON PD)	Willamette / Clackamas	0	350	0	350
Dec. 20, 2021 - Dec. 24, 2021	WALLING PD	Willamette / Corvallis	0	500	0	500
Dec. 20, 2021 - Dec. 24, 2021	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	0	1,000	0	1,000
Jan. 10, 2022 - Jan. 14, 2022	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Roaring River Hatchery	1,500	0	0	1,500
Jan. 10, 2022 - Jan. 14, 2022	TIMBER LINN LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Jan. 10, 2022 - Jan. 14, 2022	HUDDLESTON PD (FMR HAMPTON PD)	Willamette / Clackamas	232	0	0	232
Jan. 10, 2022 - Jan. 14, 2022	WALLING PD	Willamette / Roaring River Hatchery	1,550	0	0	1,550



**ODFW Remaining Free fishing weekends for 2021:**  
**None**

Send in your fish/ fishing pictures to see if you make the newsletter!  
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Congrats on the November fishing to Mike Gordon- Wow!:



### Non-Club News and opportunities:

**SOLVE:** Beach & Riverside Cleanup locations here: [SOLVE | Beach & Riverside Cleanup \(solveoregon.org\)](https://solveoregon.org)

### Nestucca Anglers/ Rhoades Pond:

Thank you to those that provided brood stock for the program. See updates here:

### SalmonWatch volunteer events:

<https://worldsalmoncouncil.org/our-programs/> Salmonwatch Volunteers have the chance to educate Middle & High School students about our regional natural resources and the amazing journey of salmon!

### Angler Education Training available:

Amanda Boyles is the Statewide Angler Education Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Her number is 503-947-6081. Training is available.

### Coastal Conservation Association (CCA):

Salem Chapter Banquet Date is Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the Willamette Heritage Center (aka Mission Mill).

### Sportsmen's Show:

The Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show presented by Leupold returns to the Portland Expo Center in Portland, February 16th – 20th, 2022.

**NW Steelheaders:** Chapter Christmas Party 21 Dec at 7 pm, \$30, Local guide Michael Ferris is the speaker. <https://salemnwsteelheaders.org/> for more info.



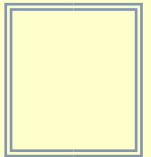
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Meets the second Tuesday of the month at Center50+ in Salem at 7 PM

**Next meeting: Dec 13, 2021**  
**Amanda Boyles, ODFW Angler Ed, is the speaker**

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