



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: ODFW Rep for Sep
 - o Thank you to Don New for Aug discussion on Hatchery & Wild.
- Board meeting to be held on Sep 13 @ 6 pm art Center 50+th 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.?

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



<https://thefallenoutdoors.com/oregon/>

ODFW Fishing Report (As of Sep 10th)

Best bets for weekend fishing:

- Fall salmon fisheries closed from Buoy 10 upstream to the Bonneville. See regulation updates for details on open season dates, daily bag limits, and other regulations.
- Anglers are picking up some early fall Chinook in the Chetco River estuary.
- The non-selective ocean coho season from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain opened Sept. 3.
- Summer steelhead and spring Chinook can now be found throughout the Clackamas River, and spring Chinook fishing has been decent as of late.
- Late summer can be a great time of year to target bass at Hagg Lake.
- Bass fishing on the upper Willamette can be dandy during the summer. Smallmouth bass are plentiful between Salem and Corvallis and look for largemouth bass in deeper, quieter sections of the river downstream of Salem.
- Summer steelhead fishing is fair on the North Coast this year with summers available throughout the fisheries on the Nestucca and Wilson.
- “Summer” Chinook (actually an early component of the fall run) fishing in Nehalem Bay has been fair to good and is still going strong. The majority of the continues to come from the Hwy 101 crossing and upstream. This is a trolling fishery for the most part, with most anglers using flashers and spinners.
- Fall Chinook fishing is starting to pick up on the mid-coast estuaries including the Yaquina, Alsea and Siletz. Fishing will continue to improve through September as more fish move into the tidewater to stage until significant rain moves them upstream.
- Wild coho retention will be starting on Sept. 15 for many of the mid-coast rivers including the Alsea, Yaquina and Siletz.
- Summer steelhead fishing on the Siletz has been slow with the low water and warm weather. Things will pick up with some cooler weather and rain.
- Retention sturgeon on Columbia (Wauna to Bonneville): Saturday, Sept. 10, Wednesday, Sept. 14 and Saturday, Sept. 17. Daily bag limit is one white sturgeon, 44-50 inches fork length.



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.

Wild coho retention will be allowed on the Alsea River from Sept. 15 - 30. The daily bag limit is one adult wild coho per day and one adult wild coho for the season. This is a "one and done season," meaning you can only keep one adult wild coho from the Alsea for the entire 2022 season.

NESTUCCA RIVER, THREE RIVERS, AND LITTLE NESTUCCA RIVER:

Fall Chinook fishing in the Nestucca is slow and numbers are low as expected this time of year, but there are a few fish getting caught in the estuary. Last updated 8/31/22.

The wild coho fishery for Nestucca Bay starts this 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 9/7/22.

ATTENTION: Three Rivers from the Cedar Creek Hatchery weir to the mouth is closed to fishing from July 16 – Sept. 30.

SILETZ RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing has picked up 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 9/7/22.

TILLAMOOK BAY:

he wild coho fishery for Tillamook Bay starts this 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 Tillamook 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: 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.

The Tillamook basins are closed to the retention of wild Chinook this year, but there are a few hatchery Chinook available. Last updated 9/7/22.

SANTIAM RIVER (NORTH FORK):

A few access points along the river that were closed by the 2020 wildfires have recently re-opened, including Packsaddle Park and Fisherman's Bend Boat Ramp, although the latter is only set up for day use. Anglers can still access the river from Stayton downstream and in a few places above such as the Mehama bridge and North Santiam State Park.

The gate at Green's Bridge is now closed for the summer. Those wishing to obtain a key to launch and retrieve boats need to call ODFW (541-757-4186) and fill out a form. Once registered, anglers can pick up their key at Clyde's Lock and Safe in Salem.

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 5,720 fish, with the run not quite over yet. Counts at Stayton show over 870 summer steelhead have entered the upper river. Coho salmon will begin to arrive in the latter half of September.

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.

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 1,100 cfs at the Waterloo gauge. Flows are not the issue, but the extreme heat forecasted this week could make water temperature a problem. Anglers are likely to have greater success early in the morning or late in the evening, when water temperatures are more suitable.

WILLAMETTE RIVER:

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:

Fishing in Garibaldi last week was strong. The lingcod bite was still up, with most anglers coming back with their limit. Rockfish, on the other hand, was on the slower side. Most anglers got close to their marine bag limit. There was mostly black rockfish with some canary, yellowtail, and deacon rockfishes brought in.

Up in Depoe Bay there was a lot of fishing over the holiday weekend. The bottomfish bite was slow, but if a hungry school was found, limits were achieved. Most boats came back with three rockfish per angler. There was a mix of black and canary rockfish with a few copper, canary and deacon rockfishes. A large wolf eel came in last week as well. The lingcod catch stayed the same at one fish per angler. There were a few incidental nearshore halibut brought in with bottomfish last week, which is always a nice surprise.

Newport was busy over the holiday weekend. There were a lot of boats that took advantage of the 40-fathom line being open and others that combined salmon and longleader trips. Longleader fishing boats were bringing back mostly canary and yellowtail rockfish with a few widow and redstripe rockfishes. Nearshore anglers brought back a good grade of black rockfish, even with the bite slowing in the afternoon. The lingcod bite was slow with less than one fish per angler.

In Charleston effort remained moderate to high as the week progressed, ending with a very busy weekend. Anglers continued to catch limits of bottomfish, with black rockfish making up most of the catch and a variety of copper rockfish, China rockfish, cabezon and kelp greenling making up the rest of the catch. The lingcod bite was good with an average size of 26 inches and about one per angler. Longleader fishing was not as popular, but anglers that went out caught predominantly yellowtail rockfish and a few large canary and widow rockfishes.

OCEAN SALMON Current information here: [ODFW Ocean Salmon Management Program \(state.or.us\)](https://www.oregon.gov/odfw/Pages/Ocean-Salmon-Management-Program.aspx). The non-selective coho season from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. opened on Saturday, Sept. 3 with a revised quota of 26,800 coho. The season is open through the earlier of Sept. 30. Catch rates from Cape Falcon south: Garibaldi 1.12 salmon per angler (SPA), Pacific City .77 SPA, Depoe Bay 1.08 SPA, Newport 1.35 SPA, Florence 0.78 SPA, Winchester Bay 1.46 SPA, Charleston 1.01 SPA.

PACIFIC HALIBUT

Find [season details here](#) (dates, places and other regulations). 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. In addition, as of Sept. 1, the recreational bottomfish fishery is open at all depths, so anglers may retain halibut and bottomfish on the same trip. However, longleader gear fishing cannot be combined with halibut fishing.

DUNGENESS CRAB

Crabbing along the central coast has been hit and miss over the last week. Garibaldi is still good with 7-12 crabs per person. Depoe Bay is averaging 4-6 crabs per person. Anglers in Newport are bringing in 2-3 crabs per person. Crab quality is starting to increase as shells harden.

RAZOR CLAMS

Razor clamming remains CLOSED through September 30 for Clatsop beaches, but OPEN from Tillamook head south to California border.

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.

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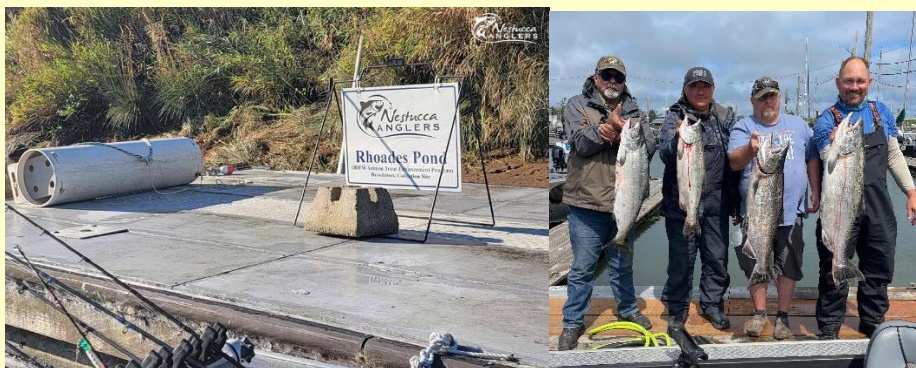
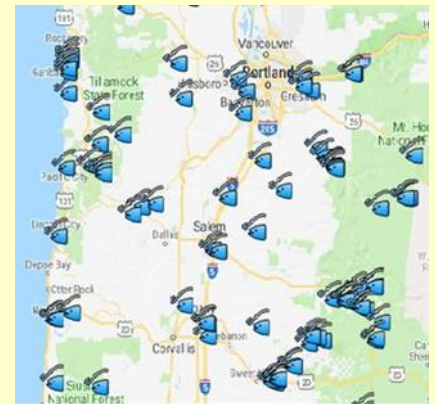
Reports of albacore came in from ports from Astoria south to Newport. Astoria 2.00 albacore per angler (APA), Garibaldi 2.44 APA, Depoe Bay 3.00 APA, Newport 3.05 APA, Winchester Bay 0.83 APA, Charleston 11.8 APA, Brookings 4.55 APA. Reports of dorado as well.

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



Week of	Waterbody	Zone/Office	Legals	Trophy	Brood	Total
Sep. 12, 2022 - Sep. 16, 2022	MT HOOD PD (MHCC CAMPUS)	Willamette / Clackamas	266	50	0	316
Sep. 12, 2022 - Sep. 16, 2022	NORTH FORK RES	Willamette / Clackamas	2,334	0	0	2,334
Sep. 12, 2022 - Sep. 16, 2022	MCKENZIE R-2 (above Leaburg Dam)	Willamette / Springfield	1,833	0	0	1,833
Sep. 12, 2022 - Sep. 16, 2022	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	900	0	0	900
Sep. 12, 2022 - Sep. 16, 2022	SMALL FRY LK	Willamette / Clackamas	200	0	0	200
Sep. 19, 2022 - Sep. 23, 2022	HENRY HAGG LK	Willamette / Clackamas	4,000	1,100	0	5,100
Sep. 19, 2022 - Sep. 23, 2022	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	900	0	0	900
Sep. 19, 2022 - Sep. 23, 2022	FOSTER RES	Willamette / Springfield	3,000	0	0	3,000
Sep. 26, 2022 - Sep. 30, 2022	TRILLIUM LK	Willamette / Clackamas	3,000	0	0	3,000
Sep. 26, 2022 - Sep. 30, 2022	MT HOOD PD (MHCC CAMPUS)	Willamette / Clackamas	266	50	0	316
Sep. 26, 2022 - Sep. 30, 2022	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	900	0	0	900
Sep. 26, 2022 - Sep. 30, 2022	FOSTER RES	Willamette / Springfield	3,000	0	0	3,000
Oct. 03, 2022 - Oct. 07, 2022	DEXTER RES	Willamette / Springfield	2,530	0	0	2,530
Oct. 03, 2022 - Oct. 07, 2022	HILLS CR RES	Willamette / Springfield	2,840	0	0	2,840
Oct. 03, 2022 - Oct. 07, 2022	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	750	0	0	750
Oct. 03, 2022 - Oct. 07, 2022	CANBY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	300	0	0	300

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:

Fin clipping was on June 18th. A MWVA club member won the grand prize in the raffle! 105,000 smolts released on August 17th. Will start 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/s1skliqjx18tu6id/>
Thank you all and please give me a call (503-580-5102) or email me (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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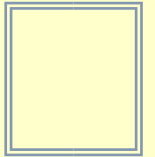
Meets the second Tuesday of the month at Center50+ in Salem at 7 PM

Next meeting: Sep 13, 2022
Speaker is ODFW Rep (TBD)

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

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