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Mid-Willamette Valley



Angler's Club

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Club News

No Board Meeting in March, none planned in Apr

- Membership: 2 new members so far this year. Dues are [past] due- 30 did not pay in 2019, 47 did not pay in 2018; not paid up= no ticket in the drawing, no printed newsletter, can't win a prize in a derby.
- Speakers for remainder of year/ early next: Because of COVID-19 limitations, the rest are to be determined.
- 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 participate in a derby.
- The Season long Steelhead derby runs from Jan 1, 2020 through Dec 31, 2020.
- Because of "Stay Home" order, all in person meetings are cancelled, and all derbies are cancelled or postponed. Once the order is lifted, the Board will re-evaluate what derbies and events are possible.

The Kingfisher

loud whistles at night
a kingfisher on the prowl~
river fish are still...

- Tania Kitchin

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ODFW Reports (as of Apr 8th)

- ODFW has ceased weekly reporting due to COVID-19.
- Oregon fishing, hunting closed to nonresidents
- While most seasons remain open for Oregon residents, many locations to fish, hunt, crab and clam are closed to public access due to COVID-19 including boat ramps, parking lots and restrooms. All Oregon State Parks are closed. Many county and city parks with fishing locations are closed. Beach access is closed in many areas. National forests have closed most established recreation sites including campgrounds, trailheads and restrooms. Campgrounds, day-use sites and restrooms are also closed on BLM lands.
- Please check with the land manager where you are headed for the latest information on access restrictions.
- While hunting and fishing seasons remain open, travel to get to those opportunities is strongly discouraged and violates the Governor’s Stay Home, Save Lives order. Please fish or hunt close to home if you do go.
- Hunting and fishing seasons remain open as adopted in permanent and in-season regulations, except salmon and steelhead fishing on the Columbia River (see closure notice below).
- Fish stocking continues but ODFW is no longer posting the trout stocking schedule in order to prevent public crowding at waterbodies when we deliver hatchery fish. We will continue to stock popular lakes and ponds as long as people do their part and continue to use social distancing.
- ODFW offices are closed to public access (walk-in visitors) as of Monday, March 23. But staff remain available by phone and email, see our Contact Page to reach us.
- Fish hatcheries are closed to public entry to keep fish hatchery staff healthy and they can continue to operate —though anglers may access hatchery properties to get to a waterbody that remains open to fishing provided social distance from other people is maintained.
- More and updates at: <https://myodfw.com/COVID-19>
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God Grew Salmon Fish

God grew salmon fish
Which was a delicious dish
Have some more we wish
- [James Horn](#)

When water conditions are low, clear and cold, like they are now, be sure to practice good catch-and-release techniques when releasing fish.

- Land fish quickly. Playing a fish too long reduces its chances to recover.
- Keep the fish in the water while landing and releasing it.
- If you can't remove the hook easily, cut the leader near the hook, which will eventually dissolve.
- Revive the fish in moving water before releasing it.

Oregon Take A Soldier Fishing: Next event July 10th & 11th, 2020. Shelter Cove Resort and Marina, Odell Lake.



Reports

Federal agencies release Columbia River System Operations draft environmental impact statement and preferred alternative. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and Bonneville Power Administration, as co-lead agencies, are preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act on the operations, maintenance and configurations for 14 federal projects in the Columbia River System in the interior Columbia River Basin. Substantive public input will contribute toward a final EIS which further meets the EIS' objectives, and complies with NEPA. Responses to substantive comments will be included in the final EIS, expected in summer 2020. Records of decision documenting final recommended actions will be issued in September 2020.

View online at: crso.info

<https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/eis/search> (EPA's searchable EIS database)

CCA Banquet- **Cancelled** due to COVID-19.

Willamette Falls: As of 13 Apr there have been 5,069 steelhead over the falls and 365 spring chinook.

https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/fish_counts/willamette/2020/2020_Monthly_sheet.pdf

Razor Clams

OPEN from the Columbia River to Cascade Head (north of Lincoln City).
CLOSED from Cascade Head to the California border.

Mussels

Mussel harvesting now open along the entire Oregon coast.

Tillamook County updates: Tillamook County has decided that it is in the best interest of all to suspend overnight camping, all day use facility usage, and boat launch usage at the Tillamook County Parks Department facilities to minimize close contact between individuals. This is effective as of March 23, 2020. Patrons with existing reservations will have the option to either have their reservation credited as a voucher on their account for a future stay or a refund can be given for canceling their reservation. We are not accepting new reservations at this time. Thank you for your contribution in slowing the spread of the coronavirus. If you have any questions, please call 503-322-3522 ext 1.

<https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/Bocc/COVID-19/CORONAVIRUSHUB.htm>

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**Flash of silver, splash
Fish spinning from a barbed
mouth**

**Inner gills blood red
- Calvin Olsen**



ALL BOATS, regardless of propulsion, are required to stop at invasive species inspection stations when stations are open. Failure to stop could result in a \$110 fine. All boats are also required to "pull the plug" to allow water compartments to drain during transit.

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ODFW Trout Stocking Snapshot

MORE AT: [HTTPS://MYODFW.COM/FISHING/SPECIES/TROUT/STOCKING-SCHEDULE](https://myodfw.com/fishing/species/trout/stocking-schedule)



2020 Free Fishing Days:
June 6-7, August 15-16, and November 27-28

Stocking is occurring, but not advertised

ODFW Reports (continued):

- All fish cleaning stations owned or managed by ODFW are closed to help meet the social distancing protocols and reduce the spread of the virus from surfaces that are not continually sanitized.
- All family fishing events, hunter education classes, outdoor workshops and other group activities are cancelled. Commission or other ODFW public meetings are cancelled or going online.
- Land manager websites:
 - US Forest Service, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/>
 - BLM, <https://www.blm.gov/oregon-washington>
 - Oregon Department of Forestry (State Forests) <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Pages/index.aspx>
 - Marion County Parks, <https://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/Parks/Pages/default.aspx>
 - Oregon Metro, <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/metro-parks-and-natural-areas>
 - Portland General Electric Parks and Recreation, <https://www.portlandgeneral.com/corporate-responsibility/environmental-stewardship/water-quality-habitat-protection/parks-campgrounds>
 - Or check website of county or city for additional information about access.
- Oregon State Marine Board Boat Ramp site (to determine land manger): <https://geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=841da68081294bb2a6b50f93b1a12f05>
- Note the Oregon Health Authority Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) has stated it is OK to hunt, fish and view wildlife provided everyone is healthy before you go (e.g. people who are sick should stay home) and if everyone practices social distancing with friends.

Next ODFW (Fish and Wildlife Commission) meeting held on 17 April at 9 am at:

<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/>

* Written public comments for future Commission Topics can be submitted in writing prior to the meeting date at ODFW.Commission@state.or.us or mailed to 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem, OR 97302.

June 12, 2020– LOCATION CHANGED, SALEM or VIRTUAL PLATFORM

* Coastal Wild Coho River Fisheries – Rulemaking

Boat larger than 10ft?

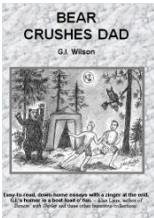
You need a Waterway Access Permit!

(Replaces the Aquatic Invasive Species Permit)

- One permit per non-motorized boat while in use. Permits are transferrable.
- Required for all non-motorized boats (inc. drift, rafts, SUPs, inflatables, etc.) 10 feet or longer.
- \$5 weekly (valid for 7-days from the date of purchase), \$17 annual, \$30 two-year (plus \$2 ODFW agent fee)
- Purchase where hunting/fishing licenses are sold, ODFW's e-Licensing System or the Oregon Marine Board website's online store at www.boatoregon.com.
- The Waterway Access Permit revenue helps fund paddling access and inspection stations. Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit:
- Non-resident trailered motorboats are required to purchase an Aquatic Invasive Species Permit, regardless of boat size (\$20 permit plus \$2 agent fee, valid for one calendar year).

Non-Club News and opportunities:

Send in your fish/ fishing pictures to see if you make the newsletter!
MWVACLUB@GMAIL.COM



Support a Club Member:

G.I. Wilson, long time MWVA Club member, has published a humor book. It is a collection of magazine and newspaper columns that have been published. A number of the articles have won top awards in the Excellence In Craft competition of the Northwest Outdoor Writers Association.

Take a Vet Fishing at Odell Lake:

Register by going to: www.takeasoldierfishing.org. Official TAVF site for messages and news is: Take A Veteran Fishing at Odell Lake. Feel to use that FB site to post messages, reach out to others in the group and to view news and group information. Our secretary, Kimberly H, will administer our FB site.

ODFW Query: City of Salem has cancelled the Family Fishing Day at Wirth Lake (Cascade Gateway Park) on April 24.

Walling Pond Clean-up: Postponed until after the ‘Stay home’ order was lifted.

Salem Earth Day Event: Cancelled.

ODFW Query: Volunteers needed for Whitefish Copepods Research. Preferred Skills & Knowledge to volunteer are: Ability to fish while following social distancing guidelines, responsible catch and release practices, ability to properly identify Mountain Whitefish and data collection techniques (resources will be provided). If you are headed out fishing and want to help with this research project go to <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/volunteer/>

Additional ODFW comments: Even with boat ramp and access closures, there are still plenty of opportunities to fish this weekend while observing social distancing guidelines.

- Steelhead fishing has picked up on the Alsea thanks to much needed rain.
- Anglers have started catching spring Chinook on the lower Rogue. The higher water levels are ideal for plunking – a good way to get out fishing while maintaining social distancing.
- For bank anglers wanting to stretch their casting muscles, the Clackamas, Sandy and Eagle Creek offer some chance for winter steelhead.
- Largemouth bass have been moving into the shallows of Tenmile Lakes on warm, sunny days.
- Fishing for steelhead on the South Umpqua has been great for those fishing from the bank.
- Bank anglers will find trout fishing has been picking up on the lower Deschutes from Beavertail to the reservation boundary.
- As of April 1, boat launches at Phillips, Pilcher, Thief Valley and Unity reservoirs are open. Campgrounds, however, are closed. Fishing at these reservoirs can be very good right after ice off (like, right now).
- Big Rock Reservoir is the perfect place right now to take the kids and catch a bunch of trout.
- Anglers have been catching some nice plump rainbow trout in the 14- to 16-inch range at Priday Reservoir.
- Tatone and McNary ponds have been stocked with trout recently.
- Marr Pond has been stocked with surplus steelhead. This is a good opportunity for small children to catch big fish.



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NORMALLY MEETS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7 PM AT THE 50+ SENIOR CENTER

Next meeting: TBD

Next speaker: TBD

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.mwvaclub.org

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