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# Mid-Willamette Valley

## Angler's Club

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### Club News

No Board Meetings during May or scheduled for June

Meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> discussed the following:

- Elected Club officers and created an additional activity position (congratulations Steve Austin)
- Speaker scheduling for the remainder of the year-
- Reviewed derby dates, locations, rules, assigned lead coordinators.
- Membership: 7 new members so far this year. Dues are [past] due-fifty have not paid, 51 did not pay in 2018; not paid up= no ticket in the drawing, no printed newsletter
- Added pin list to website
- Social media (Facebook) use approved
- How to submit good ideas? Add List of good ideas and guidance at the beginning of the meeting, turn cell phones off, please don't talk during presentation, etc.

*"Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn."- Chuck Clark*

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**Kokanee Derby cancelled.**

**Devil's Lake Derby:  
Announced at May meeting**

**Shad Derby results: TBA**

# ODFW Fishing Report (as of June 5th)

- Chinook and summer steelhead have been making their way into the Santiam basin, and there are reports of early fish having been caught.
- Breitenbush River was stocked for the first time this year the week of May 27.
- Gold Lake opened May 22 for fly-fishing for trout.
- Summer steelhead conditions continue to be good on the Clackamas River with the best fishing early and late in the day.
- Several popular waterbodies were stocked last week including Detroit Reservoir (5,000 fish), Henry Hagg Lake (4,000), North Fork Reservoir (7,500), Trillium Lake (3,890), Harriet Lake (5,000) and Benson and Hartman ponds in the Columbia River Gorge.
- Several other waterbodies were stocked last week in anticipation of Free Fishing Weekend, including Leaburg Lake, Salmon Creek, Breitenbush River, Alton Baker Canoe Canal, Junction City Pond, Huddleston Pond, Walling Pond, Blue River, Sunnyside Park Pond, Silver Creek Reservoir, Blue River Reservoir, Walter Wirth Lake, McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam, Small Fry Lake, North Fork Santiam, Sheridan Pond, EE Wilson Pond, West Salish Pond, Clear Lake, Estacada Lake, St. Louis Pond and East Freeway Lake.
- Regular anglers of Detroit Lake may notice that this year's hatchery trout are averaging a bit bigger this year than in past years. This is because ODFW has decided to stock fewer but larger fish. Anglers are encouraged to report their catch on forms available at signs and kiosks at locations around the lake.



## **Oregon Take A Soldier Fishing Events:**

- 1. Henry Hagg Lake June 15, 2019**
- 2. 8th Annual Take a Veteran Fishing, Shelter Cove Resort on Odell Lake July 12-13, 2019**

**To sign up: Go to [www.takeasoldierfishing.org](http://www.takeasoldierfishing.org) and sign up as a Veteran or a Volunteer**



*"The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions of hope."-John Buchan*

## ODFW plans Willamette Falls Fish Ladder restoration

For more than 130 years, migrating salmonids have found passage over the Willamette Falls near West Linn through a series of fish ladders that helped them reach their destination and complete their life cycles.

They supply numerous fisheries from the main stem of the Willamette River to the McKenzie, the Santiam system and the Molalla, Tualatin and Yamhill Rivers.

As the fish ladders have deteriorated, there's a risk that they'll fail – and keep spring and fall Chinook salmon, winter and summer steelhead and coho salmon from migrating, completing their life cycle and being available for anglers to catch.

A completed engineering study that's ready to go and a nearly \$2 million grant from ODFW's Restoration & Enhancement program would change that.

"Arguably, this is the absolute highest priority project for the fish division," reads the application for the R&E grant. "Failure of the ladder would be a biological disaster for decades, if it could even be repaired."

To do the work, barges will transport the machinery needed to drive in the micro-piles and to pour concrete to tie the micro-piles to the existing foundation. A contractor will also barge over a mixing plant to the crest of the dam, tie it off and bring a concrete pump to the site to mix and then fill the apron void with concrete. They'll use hand tools to drill holes in the wall and bolt the large, structural members to each side of the joint that needs stabilizing.

Some of the planning includes ensuring the river isn't harmed by the work. Catch tarps will catch debris when parts of the project require working over water. Equipment will be diapered with wraps. They will use food-grade hydraulic oil.

"The agency is using quite a bit of control measures," McCormick said.

The in-water work period to cause the least stress to fish is summer. ODFW is hoping to do the work in summer 2019, if permits are issued in time. If not, they'll defer the project to 2020.

# ODFW Trout Stocking Snapshot

**MORE AT:** [https://myodfw.com/fishing/species/trout/stocking-schedule?field\\_zone\\_value=6&field\\_waterbody\\_name\\_value=1&field\\_planned\\_stocking\\_date\\_value%5Bdate%5D=2019-05-27&field\\_planned\\_stocking\\_date\\_end\\_value%5Bdate%5D=2019-06-21](https://myodfw.com/fishing/species/trout/stocking-schedule?field_zone_value=6&field_waterbody_name_value=1&field_planned_stocking_date_value%5Bdate%5D=2019-05-27&field_planned_stocking_date_end_value%5Bdate%5D=2019-06-21)  
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**ODFW Remaining  
Free fishing weekends**  
**June 1-2, Aug 17-18, and  
Nov 29-30**

Week Of	Waterbody	Legals	Trophy	Brood	Totals
Jun. 03-07, 2019	LEABURG LK	1,133	0	0	1,133
Jun. 03-07, 2019	NORTH FORK RES	6,000	0	0	6,000
Jun. 03-07, 2019	SHERIDAN PD	1,000	0	0	1,000
Jun. 03-07, 2019	MCKENZIE R-2 (above Leaburg Dam)	7,440	0	0	7,440
Jun. 03-07, 2019	TIMOTHY LK	3,000	500	0	3,500
Jun. 03-07, 2019	ESTACADA LK	1,500	0	0	1,500
Jun. 03-07, 2019	BREITENBUSH R	1,800	0	0	1,800
Jun. 03-07, 2019	FALL CR - WILLAMETTE R	1,333	0	0	1,333
Jun. 03-07, 2019	DETROIT RES	0	5,000	0	5,000
Jun. 03-07, 2019	HARRIET LK	2,000	0	0	2,000
Jun. 03-07, 2019	SALMON CR	250	0	0	250
Jun. 03-07, 2019	SMALL FRY LAKE	300	0	0	300
Jun. 10-14, 2019	LEABURG LK	1,533	0	0	1,533
Jun. 10-14, 2019	BREITENBUSH R	1,800	0	0	1,800
Jun. 10-14, 2019	MCKENZIE R-1 (below Leaburg Dam)	5,067	0	0	5,067
Jun. 10-14, 2019	NORTH FORK RES	7,000	0	0	7,000
Jun. 10-14, 2019	SILVER CR RES	2,600	200	0	2,800
Jun. 10-14, 2019	SALMON CR	250	0	0	250
Jun. 10-14, 2019	WILLAMETTE R CST FK	733	0	0	733
Jun. 10-14, 2019	QUARTZVILLE CR	2,270	0	0	2,270
Jun. 10-14, 2019	MCKENZIE R-2 (above Leaburg Dam)	833	0	0	833
Jun. 10-14, 2019	SANTIAM R N FK-2	3,000	0	0	3,000
Jun. 10-14, 2019	DETROIT RES	0	5,000	0	5,000
Jun. 10-14, 2019	SMALL FRY LAKE	300	0	0	300
Jun. 10-14, 2019	ALTON BAKER CANAL	2,200	37	0	2,237
Jun. 17-21, 2019	FALL CR - WILLAMETTE R	1,333	0	0	1,333
Jun. 17-21, 2019	NORTH FORK RES	2,500	0	0	2,500



# Remaining 2019 Club Derbies and Events

## FROM THE BOARD

The entry fee for derbies (in advance and at a monthly meeting) is \$10 and the payouts are \$100, \$50 and \$25.

The SPRING Chinook Derby is underway and runs from Jan 1, 2019 thru July 31, 2019

The Season long Steelhead derby runs from Jan 1, 2019 thru Dec 31, 2019.

SHAD DERBY AT OREGON CITY ON JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>

OLALLA DERBY AT TOLEDO AREA ON JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>

Take a Vet Fishing, July 12-13 Odell Lake

Club Picnic and Fish Fry. July 28th  
Maude Williamson State Park

SILETZ SALMON DERBY, September 13th & 14<sup>th</sup>  
This is a 2 day event. Potluck on Friday night. Steve Austin is the coordinator.

Nestucca Salmon Derby, September 28  
Held in Pacific City. Pete is the coordinator, with Norm assisting.

YAQUINA DERBY OUT OF CANNON QUARRY PARK ON  
OCTOBER 12TH

Other Derbies with dates to be set:  
Sturgeon



TREAD Lightly! Promoting responsible recreation through stewardship, education and communication.

TREAD Principle Focus:

### DO YOUR PART

**Do your part by modeling appropriate behavior, leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of fuel, oil and waste, avoiding the spread of invasive species and restoring degraded areas.**

- Pack out what you pack in and carry a trash bag to pick up litter left by others.
- Pack out any discarded fishing line. Monofilament line is especially dangerous to all wildlife.
- Never discard fish entrails in lake shallows or any area where others might come across it. It is unacceptable to bury it near the lake or stream or burn it in camp. Suitable alternatives include bagging and packing out entrails, disposing of it in water at least 25 feet deep or burying it 100 yards away from any lake, trail or camp.
- Use only artificial lures. Live bait has the potential to accidentally introduce exotics and cause more damage to fish when being released, as they often take live bait deeper. If you do use live bait, use only bait native to the area.
- If practicing catch and release, use barbless single hooks to make release easier.
- When practicing catch and release, keep fish in the water as much as possible, with air exposure under 30 seconds at a time and 60 seconds total. Handle them as little as possible with wet hands and release them gently into the water so they are sure to survive.
- Knotless or tubber mesh nets are much easier on fish and significantly increase post-release survival rates.
- When holding large fish for a photo, hold them horizontally, supporting their weight, not vertically which can cause fatal injuries, even if the fish swims away.
- Minimize fishing during spawning periods.
- Release smaller fish as they are forage for many residents of the ecosystem. Larger and older fish are often the best producers, collecting more contaminants and are less healthy to eat—also making them good choices for release.
- Observe proper sanitary waste disposal or pack your waste out.
- Prevent unnecessary noise created by a poorly tuned vehicle or motor or revving your engine without need.
- Before and after a trip, wash your gear, watercraft and support vehicle to reduce the spread of invasive species. Remove all plant material from watercraft, motor, trailer and other gear and dispose on dry land in a garbage container. Drain livewells, bilge water and

# Update: ODFW Funding

Hundreds of you have responded to our call to contact your legislators urging them to fund ODFW’s continued operation of the Leaburg hatchery – thank you!

A key subcommittee released ODFW’s draft budget and while funding was provided for Columbia/Willamette River sea lion removal (\$494K) and to restart the summer steelhead production at the Santiam hatchery (\$436K), but the Leaburg hatchery is unfunded and will close unless legislators hear from enough of us! Funding for Leaburg is one of the last issues being negotiated, so it is urgent.

We need you to do three things:

- 1) Forward/share this note with your friends and family
- 2) Send your legislators and the Governor a pre-drafted email in support of funding for the Leaburg hatchery
- 3) Send a personalized email to members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee in support of funding for the Leaburg hatchery.

As you know, hatcheries are critical to the conservation of salmon and steelhead AND producing fish for robust recreational fisheries. Unfortunately, anti-hatchery activists have falsely claimed that Leaburg and other Willamette Basin hatcheries threaten wild salmon populations. The federal NOAA Fisheries- the agency charged with protecting endangered salmon – found the exact opposite in its recent approval of Hatchery Genetic Management Plans for the hatcheries:

*“Given the continued decline of the ESU as a whole and the need to re-establish Chinook salmon back in historic habitat above the federal dams, the hatchery Chinook salmon programs are providing essential benefits to the conservation and recovery of the ESU.” (NOAA Fisheries- Upper Willamette HGMP BiOp, 2019, page 191)*

Last year, CCA led the successful effort to secure one-year of state funding for ODFW to continue operating the Leaburg hatchery after the Army Corps of Engineers announced that it would be closed. The Leaburg hatchery, located east of Eugene and constructed to mitigate for the impact of federal dams in the Willamette River basin, is critical to the future of our fisheries - including efforts to increase production of Willamette River spring Chinook. It would cost as much as \$100 million to construct a new hatchery to replace Leaburg, which is in excellent condition and enjoys a plentiful water supply.

Leaburg’s hatchery programs are operated in compliance with all state and federal laws, including protections for ESA-listed salmon populations. Despite this, anti-hatchery organizations are using false claims to oppose continued funding of this hatchery in the legislature.

We need your help to urge our legislators to fund the Leaburg hatchery and the many benefits it provides our state, including fishing-related jobs and economic activity that generate tax revenue for the state.



Summary: Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Oregon has had meaningful positive influence on issues impacting the Willamette Basin and remains committed to continuing its work with Oregon legislators and agencies to ensure the Army Corps of Engineers meets its obligations to protect Endangered Species Act listed upper Willamette salmon and steelhead while providing robust recreational fisheries.

CCA Oregon supports current efforts to develop passage and establishment of new “wild” fish surrogates as an effort to increase fitness and bio-diversity of naturally spawning salmon where none currently exist.

CCA Oregon does not support any action that would reduce mitigation, or other hatchery augmentation, in the Willamette River system until such time as it is demonstrated that natural in-basin production can sustain robust consumptive fisheries.



**Non-Club News and opportunities:**

- Craig Noffsinger, Chris Pascual and Richard Harrison will be spending Sunday June 23rd thru Thursday June 27th at Crane Prairie. We will be staying in Cabin #1 located near the Resort store. Everyone's welcome to drop by and hear how the fishing is going.

- Rhodes Pond Fin Clipping: The pond is now holding about 108,000 chinook that'll be ready for fin-clipping on June 22d: 9:00AM at RHODES POND (located on Hwy22 5 1/2Miles east of Hebo), BRING THE KIDS! for FUN! FUN! FUN! BBQ LUNCH- RAFFLE PRIZES- SILENT AUCTION. Be a part of Clipping 100,000 Fall Chinook smolts. This program is a STEP program raising fish with ODFW.

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

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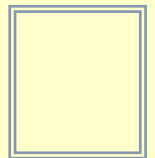
"I fish to scratch the surface of those mysteries, for nearness to the beautiful, and to reassure myself the world remains. I fish to wash off some of my grief for the peace we so squander. I fish to dip into that great and awesome pool of power that propels these epic migrations. I fish to feel – and steal – a little of that energy." - Carl Safina



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