



Mid-Willamette Valley

Angler's Club

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CLUB NEWS

- Membership: Normal dues began again in 2022.
 - o # Members paid up for 2023
- Walling Pond clean up- Fridays at 8:30- bring gloves and a trash picker.
- 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).
- The 2023 Steelhead Derby is open now and runs through Dec 31, 2023.
- Speaker forecast/ tracker:
 - o July- Jason Albee, Jason's Fishing Adventures
 - o August- No Meeting
 - o September- ~~ODFW Fisheries Biologist~~ Club member on Surf Perch
 - o October- No Speaker ~~Santiam Rod or Pro-Cure Representative~~
 - o November- Dennis from Dennis' Boat Shop (Winterizing your boat and boat maintenance) ~~ODFW Fisheries Biologist The Fallen Outdoors Representative~~
 - o December- Ed Bowles, Lobbyist, previous ODFW Fish Division Director (Dam breaking on the Snake River)
 - o January- Ron Bird, Nestucca Anglers (Volunteer Program)
- **Board meeting during Oct (After Oct club meeting)**
 - o Election, derbies, speakers, and other information.
 - o Membership- Bring a friend to a meeting and get extra raffle tickets, improve social media, etc.
 - o Reciprocal agreements w/ clubs- CCA, NW Stldhdrs, etc.
 - o Activities/ outings under development:
 - Jan- Club Swap meet
 - Feb- Pizza feed, Sportsman's Show
 - Mar- Herring jigging
 - Apr- Surf perch, Walleye, Kokanee
 - May- Teach a kid to fish, ~~Devil's Lake~~, Pikeminnow, Walleye
 - Jun- Fin clip, Olalla, Springer, Walleye, Club brood trout derby

- July- Shad, Picnic
- Aug- Salmon
- Sep- Siletz, Nestucca
- Oct- Yaquina
- Nov- TBD
- Dec- Netarts crabbing
- o Be on the lookout for a member survey (type of fishing, have a boat, have an RV, etc.) to aid in derby/ support planning

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ODFW Fishing Report (As of Nov 10th)

This weekend's best bets include :



- Most rivers and streams in the NW, SW, Central and Willamette zones closed to trout fishing on Oct. 31. Statewide, several other popular fisheries closed to trout after Oct. 31, including Laurance Lake, Odell Lake, Wikiup Reservoir, the Wood and Williamson rivers, and others.
- Fall Chinook fishing remains fair on the North Coast. Recent rains have brought the majority of the fish into the rivers. Most of the rivers are high as of this writing, but should be fishable by the weekend.
- Wild coho fisheries on the North Coast closed on Oct. 19. There is no retention of wild coho in North Coast rivers and bays the remainder of the year.
- Coho fisheries are now closed in most of the Mid Coast basins. Be sure to check your local regulations before heading out! Coho seemed to have reached a quick peak in the last two weeks of the season but remained slow the last few days of the season. They haven't been as aggressive in their bite -- but after the rains last weekend we may see that shift in the basins that are still open.
- Coho are now plentiful in the Willamette River and are sometimes concentrated at the mouths of tributaries systems such as the Yamhill, Rickreall, Molalla and Luckiamute.
- Foster Reservoir was recently week with 3,000 rainbow trout.
- We're on the tail end of the coho run on the North Santiam, but there may still be fish to catch once water levels drop to fishing levels.
- This would be a good week for some trout fishing on Alton Baker Canoe Canal, which is getting a boatload of 1- to 2-pound fish.



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

Fall Chinook is open on the Alsea, and after a slow start to the season the bite has finally picked up. With the fall rains we have been getting the fish have moved upstream away from the bay. There are still fish coming into the basin, but more fish have started moving upstream.

We are still getting reports of fish being caught in tidewater and starting to get reports of fish being caught higher in the system. We have reports of fish being caught as high up as Mike Bauer and with the incoming rain this week those fish will likely head further upstream.

Fishing for wild coho is now closed on the Alsea. Coho increased their biting aggression in the last week of the season and we saw a decent amount of fish being caught throughout the season.

Crabbing is still going strong into October. Some nice-size crabs are being pulled, so toss a pot while you troll, and go home with a seafood feast! Last updated 10/25/23.

NESTUCCA BASIN (Nestucca, Three Rivers, and Little Nestucca): Chinook,

The Nestucca River is high and off color today. It will still be on the high side this weekend but should be fishable and there should be fall Chinook throughout the fishery. The deadline for fall Chinook on the Nestucca is 1st bridge (near Beaver). Last updated 11/8/23.

The Little Nestucca River will take a bit to green up but should be fishable by the weekend and there are fall Chinook throughout the fishery. Last updated 11/8/23.

Three Rivers has fall Chinook throughout the fishery and should drop into shape by late this week. Last updated 11/8/23.

Due to below average forecast this season the bag limit for wild Chinook has been reduced. See the Regulation Updates section above for details.

The wild coho fishery in Nestucca Bay closed Oct. 19. There is no retention of wild coho in the Nestucca basin for the remainder of the year. Last updated 10/18/23.

SILETZ RIVER: summer steelhead, Chinook, coho

The Siletz has remained strong moving into the fall season!

Fall Chinook has been going steady on the Siletz the past few weeks. Here and there we see the bite drop off for a few days, but we have gotten a lot of fresh rain so new fish are moving into the system. Fish have started coming up into the bay and further up into tidewater through Windy Bend. Fish have been seen and caught as far up as Jack Morgan Boat Ramp, and some fish as far as Strome. Anglers have been catching some nice size fish in tidewater and below, and out near the mouth as some later fish start coming in.

Folks have been using a variety of techniques with a variety of success. If you don't have access to a motorized boat to troll for salmon, you can try bobber and eggs casting along the banks of the Siletz. A lot of anglers have been using bobber and eggs in the afternoons with decent success.

The rains this past week have moved some of the fish that have been kegged up around the Movie House Hole and shifted the run higher. Fish have moved upriver and have been caught near the deadline. Lots of fish have been seen rolling between Old Mill and Illahee on town loop.

The deadline for Chinook shifted upriver and is now open to Illahee boat ramp (opened Oct 7).

It's been a slow-going season for summer steelhead with just not a lot of fish caught in the basin. We have seen a sharp decline in hatchery steelhead numbers. The season is likely coming to a close before winter steelhead starts up again in December.

Wild coho retention is now closed on the Siletz. Overall, it was a decent fishery with lots of coho being caught throughout tidewater and above. Trout fishing closed Oct. 31. Updated 11/1/23.

WILSON RIVER: chinook

The Wilson is a little high today but should be in prime shape by the weekend. There are fall Chinook available throughout the fishery. The deadline for salmon on the Wilson is Jordan Creek at River Mile 21.9. Last updated 11/8/23.

Due to a below average forecast the bag limits for wild Chinook salmon have been reduced. See the Regulation updates section above for more details.

DETROIT RESERVOIR: trout

Water levels are slowly dropping and will continue to drop through the fall. The only available boat ramp is at Mongold State Park. Anglers can also bank fish from access points such as Mongold State Park or Detroit Flats Day Use area.

For the latest information on water levels at Detroit Reservoir check with the Army Corps of Engineers' website <http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/nwp/wm/teacups.html> for more information.

Detroit Reservoir is one of the premier kokanee fisheries in the state. As a reminder, anglers are allowed to keep up to five trout, with an additional five kokanee bag limit. Trout are available year-round and should be trying to fatten up before the lean months ahead. Pretty much all techniques will catch fish, but it might take some experimenting to find out what is most effective on the day you're out there. Now that the busy season is over, anglers that venture up there will find good conditions without the crowds.

SANTIAM RIVER (NORTH FORK): Steelhead, trout, coho

River levels best for fishing are at or below 3,000 cfs, and the river is currently running at around 6,000 cfs at the gauge in Mehama, an uncomfortable level for fishing.

Coho salmon remains the main target species at the moment, although we are now approaching the tail-end of the run. The run this year is at a historically high level, with counts at Willamette Falls above 38,000 so far. A good proportion of these fish are destined for the North Santiam.

A warm rain is in the forecast which should bring even more fish into the basin from the Willamette River. Peak time to target these fish is usually in October, but fish will be running through the end of November.

Anglers are reporting catches throughout the river, but the bulk of the fish are still in the lower portions. **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,

Fishing is generally best when flows are below 3,000 cfs. Currently flows are around 5,600 cfs at the Waterloo gauge as of Nov. 7. While flow volume is within normal range at this time, the river is running unusually turbid due to high sediment load caused by the drawdown of Green Peter reservoir. It's likely this will persist for the next several weeks until the drawdown is complete and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers begins storing water again. Fishing success will be extremely low during this time. Better bets are the North Santiam or the Willamette River.

Anglers are reminded that only fin-clipped trout may be kept. Last updated 11/8/23.

WALLING POND: trout, panfish

This eight-acre privately-owned pond will be **closed** for the next six months or so for maintenance. During this time the pond will not be stocked. Fish that were scheduled to be stocked into this pond have been diverted to other ponds such as Walter Wirth, Turner Lake and Timber Linn Pond. Last updated 11/8/23.

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 1,000 hatchery trout.

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 11/8/23.

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

The upstream section between Albany and Harrisburg is open year-round for trout fishing, which can be very good when flows are cooperating. Look for deep slot pools and the tail-end of long riffles and the head of pools where the fish are likely stacked up in feeding lanes.

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.

Coho are now plentiful in the river and are sometimes concentrated at the mouths of tributaries systems such as the Yamhill, Rickreall, Molalla, and the Luckiamute. Anglers may keep up to 2 adult salmon per day (also 5 jacks per day).

Buena Vista boat ramp is still listed as closed, but should be open soon.

OCEAN:

HALIBUT- Pacific halibut fishing season is now closed for the remainder of 2023. Season options for 2024 will be proposed in mid-February.

BOTTOMFISH-

- Depoe Bay: The weather was favorable early in the week and anglers had great success with some boats having limits of lingcod and near limits of rockfish.
- Newport: Like Depoe Bay, the ocean conditions early in the week were great for fishing and anglers came in with limits of mostly black and deacon rockfishes and some larger lingcod.
- Brookings: The good ocean conditions early last week continued down the coast. The lingcod bite has been rapidly improving in recent weeks and the rockfish catch was great with close to bag limits of black, blue, deacon and some canary rockfishes.

DUNGENESS CRAB- Ocean crabbing closure: Ocean waters are now closed to recreational crabbing through Nov. 30. Unless closed due to toxin levels or if an area is closed by permanent rule, bays, beaches, estuaries, tide pools, piers and jetties are open for crabbing all year. Crabbing in Newport has been fair. Crabbing in Waldport has been great!

RAZOR CLAMS

Razor clamming is now closed from Cape Blanco to the Oregon/California border. Recent razor clam samples indicate levels of domoic acid (a marine biotoxin) are above the safety threshold.

Razor clam harvesting is open from the Washington border to Tillamook Head and is open from Seal Rock to Cape Blanco. for high levels of the marine biotoxin domoic acid. Always call the ODA shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 or ODA shellfish closures website before harvesting for the most current information about shellfish safety closures.

BAY CLAMS

Bay clam harvest remains open along the entire Oregon coast.

MUSSELS

The sport harvesting of mussels is 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.

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

Clean Boater Pledge - I Pledge To:

- Practice proper fueling techniques or ask fuel dock attendants to do so
- Use oil absorbent materials in bilge areas when needed
- Use sewage pumpout facilities, floating restrooms, or land-based facilities
- Use phosphate-free, biodegradable, and non-toxic cleaners
- Recycle when possible and keep Oregon waters free from trash
- Dispose of fish waste properly
- Support Oregon's certified Clean Marinas wherever possible
- Help prevent the spread of invasive species - "Never launch a dirty boat"
- Lead by example and encourage fellow boaters to take the pledge

Tip on fishing and boating responsibly using the TREAD Principles: [Fishing - Tread Lightly](#), [Motor Boating - Tread Lightly](#)

EDUCATE YOURSELF

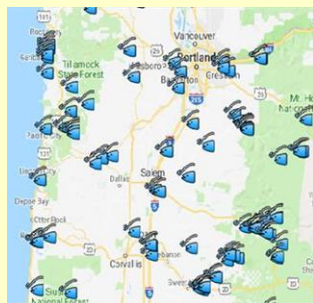
- Educate yourself prior to a trip by learning rules and regulations, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes and knowing how to operate your equipment safely.
- Obtain charts of your destination and determine which areas are open to your type of boat.
- Make a realistic plan and stick to it.
- Always tell someone of your travel plans and file a float plan.
- Contact the land manager for area restrictions, closures and permit requirements.
- Check the weather forecast for your destination. Plan clothing, equipment and supplies accordingly.
- Make sure you have enough fuel and oil for the entire trip.
- Make sure your owner's manual and registration are on board in waterproof containers.
- Always carry a Coast Guard approved working fire extinguisher and warning flares.
- Prepare for the unexpected by packing necessary emergency items.
- Carry a Global Positioning System (GPS) and know how to use it.
- Know distress signals and warning symbols. Know your limitations. Apply sunscreen, drink lots of water and watch your energy level.
- Take a boater education course to learn more about navigating waterways and safe and enjoyable boating.
- Make sure your boat is mechanically up to the task. Be prepared with tools, supplies and a spill kit.



ODFW Trout Stocking Schedule:



Week of	Waterbody	Zone/Office	Legals	Trophy	Brood	Total
Nov. 06, 2023 - Nov. 10, 2023	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	760	0	0	760
Nov. 06, 2023 - Nov. 10, 2023	TIMBER LINN LK	Willamette / Corvallis	800	0	0	800
Nov. 06, 2023 - Nov. 10, 2023	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Nov. 13, 2023 - Nov. 17, 2023	TURNER LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Nov. 13, 2023 - Nov. 17, 2023	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	760	0	0	760
Nov. 13, 2023 - Nov. 17, 2023	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Nov. 20, 2023 - Nov. 24, 2023	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	700	0	0	700
Nov. 20, 2023 - Nov. 24, 2023	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,600	0	0	1,600
Nov. 20, 2023 - Nov. 24, 2023	WAVERLY LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Nov. 20, 2023 - Nov. 24, 2023	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Nov. 20, 2023 - Nov. 24, 2023	TIMBER LINN LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Dec. 18, 2023 - Dec. 22, 2023	TIMBER LINN LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Dec. 18, 2023 - Dec. 22, 2023	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,600	0	0	1,600
Jan. 08, 2024 - Jan. 12, 2024	HUDDLESTON PD (FMR HAMPTON PD)	Willamette / Clatskanie	232	0	0	232
Jan. 29, 2024 - Feb. 02, 2024	SHERIDAN PD	Willamette / Clatskanie	232	0	0	232
Feb. 05, 2024 - Feb. 09, 2024	TIMBER LINN LK	Willamette / Corvallis	800	40	0	840
Feb. 05, 2024 - Feb. 09, 2024	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	743	0	0	743



Remaining ODFW Free fishing weekend for 2023.
November 24-25

Send in your fish/ fishing pictures to see if you make the newsletter! mwvaclub@gmail.com

Non-Club News and opportunities:

Nestucca Anglers/ Rhoades Pond:

Collection and spawning in October. [Nestucca Anglers](#) for more information about upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer. Next is cleaning the pond in January and March.

SOLVE: Beach & Riverside Cleanup locations here: [SOLVE | Beach & Riverside Cleanup \(solveoregon.org\)](#). Club members are cleaning up Walling Pond area on Fridays.

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): Salem Chapter Banquet Mar 16, 2024- There will be a Club table. New CCA Oregon Executive Director Pat Hoglund [Who we are | CCA OREGON](#)

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. [PROCS information and volunteering](#)

NW Steelheaders (Salem Chapter): <https://salemnwsteelheaders.org/> for more info. Chapter meets the 3d Tuesday of the month at Keizer City Hall. Dues \$40/yr. Fishing related information from the Oregon legislature and ODFW: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/budget/docs/23-25_EBAC/2nd%20EBAC%20Meeting_POP%20Handout.pdf. Banquet on Friday Nov 17th, our Banquet and Auction event will be held from 6 to 9 P.M. at the [Milwaukie Elks Lodge, 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Oak Grove, Oregon](#).

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 volunteer opportunity: [New Volunteer Registration | World Salmon Council](#)





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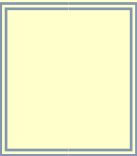
Meets the second Tuesday of the month at Center50+ in Salem at 7 PM

Next meeting: Nov 15, 2023
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