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## Club News

No Board Meetings scheduled for April

Meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> discussed the following:

- Speaker scheduling for the remainder of the year
- Reviewed derby dates, locations, rules, assigned lead coordinators, and added the following:

SPRINGER DERBY AT ST. JOHNS ON APRIL 6TH SHAD DERBY AT OREGON CITY ON JUNE 8TH OLALLA DERBY AT TOLEDO AREA ON JUNE 22ND

YAQUINA DERBY OUT OF CANNON QUARRY PARK ON OCTOBER 12TH

- June 22 Rhodes Pond fin clipping (http://orstep-re.com/rhoades-pond-fishery/)
- Dues are due- 66 have not paid, 51 did not pay in 2018, not paid up= no ticket in the drawing
- CCA banquet/ support
- Social media (Facebook)?
- 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.

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#### **Walleye Derby results:**

- 1- Mike Nelson, 9.4 lbs
- 2- Larry Nichols 6.5 lbs
- 3- Jay Greely 6.0 lbs
- 8 fish caught-pics pg 7

# ODFW Fishing Report (as of Apr 1st)

Trout, winter steelhead and early season Chinook promise some good fishing over the weekend.

Trout stocking is underway across the state -- from the Southwest Zone reservoirs to Northeast Zone ponds. Conditions are good and trout are hungry. That's your cue to go fishing!

In the southwest zone, the winter steelhead season continues with anglers catching fish on the Rogue and North and South Umpqua.

The first spring Chinook of the season should be caught on the mainstem Umpqua any time now. Could it be yours?

Speaking of spring Chinook, anglers are catching them on the lower Willamette.

Keep an eye on surf conditions and when conditions allow, plan to hit the beach for surfperch fishing. Spring and early summer fishing can be excellent.

It's springtime on the lower Deschutes River and trout fishing should be good from Mack's Canyon to the locked gate.

A push of winter steelhead has entered Hood River. Fishing should peak in the next couple of weeks.



## Oregon Take A Soldier Fishing Events:

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

To sign up: Go to www.takeasoldierfishing.org and sign up as a Veteran or a Volunteer



"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles." -Doug Larson

#### **Fishing Notices:**

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) announce recreational crabbing is OPEN on the south Oregon Coast. The latest crab samples show the marine biotoxin domoic acid has dropped below the closure limit. Recreational crabbing is now OPEN along the entire Oregon coastline. It is always recommended you eviscerate (gut) the crab prior to cooking them and do not eat the viscera (guts) of the crab.

For all recreational harvesting contact ODFW for licensing requirements, permits, seasons and rules.

Recreational razor clamming remains CLOSED along the Clatsop Beaches from the Columbia River to Tillamook Head (south of Seaside), due to elevated levels of the marine biotoxin domoic acid. Recreational razor clamming is also CLOSED from Cape Blanco (north of Port Orford) to the California border for elevated levels of domoic acid. Recreational razor clamming is OPEN from Tillamook Head to Cape Blanco.

Mussels and bay clams are OPEN along the entire Oregon coast.

Crab and shellfish products sold in retail markets and restaurants remain safe for consumers. It is always recommended you eviscerate (gut) the crab prior to cooking them and do not eat the viscera (or guts) of the crab.

Domoic acid or amnesic shellfish poisoning can cause minor to severe illness or death. Moderate poisoning can result in vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness and headaches. Severe poisoning can result in permanent short term memory loss, seizures and death. Shellfish toxins are produced by algae and originate in the ocean. Toxins cannot be removed by cooking, freezing or any other treatment.

# ODFW Trout Stocking Snapshot

MORE AT: https://myodfw.com/fishing/species/trout/stockingschedule?field\_zone\_value=6&field\_waterbody\_name\_value\_1=&field\_planned\_stocking\_date\_value%5Bdate %5D=2019-03-31&field\_planned\_stocking\_date\_end\_value%5Bdate%5D=2019-04-19

Week Of ffice Waterbody Legals Trophy Brood Totals Apr. 01- 05, 2019 PROGRESS LK 1,000 0 0 1,000 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 4,667 667 5,334 **FALL CR RES** 0 1,907 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 WALTER WIRTH LK 1,690 217 0 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 **FOSTER RES** 2,667 0 0 2,667 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 **DORENA RES** 0 2,000 0 2,000 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 CANBY PD 700 175 0 875 **ROW R NATURE PK-FMR** Apr. 01- 05, 2019 1,733 0 0 1.733 COT.GRV PD Apr. 01- 05, 2019 SHERIDAN PD 766 300 0 1,066 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 HILLS CR RES 3,200 0 0 3,200 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 ST LOUIS PD 1,050 0 0 1,050 0 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 **BETHANY PD** 666 0 666 200 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 SALMONBERRY LK 0 0 200 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 DORMAN PD 1,000 0 0 1,000 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 FREEWAY LK, EAST 0 134 0 134 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 WILLAMETTE R CST FK 0 2,000 0 2,000 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 TROJAN RECREATION LK 2,000 0 0 2,000 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 HUDDLESTON PD (FMR 800 350 0 1,150 HAMPTON PD) **BLUE RIVER RES** 50 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 1,467 0 1,517 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 **DETROIT RES** 3,333 0 3,333 0 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 ALTON BAKER CANAL 1,500 0 0 1,500 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 COMMONWEALTH LK 1,000 0 0 1,000 400 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 HENRY HAGG LK 7,000 0 7,400 Apr. 01- 05, 2019 WALLING PD 400 50 0 450 HARRIET LK 55 Apr 8-12, 2019 4,000 n 4,055 Apr 8-12, 2019 WAVERLY LK 750 0 0 750 Apr 8-12, 2019 EE WILSON PD 1,334 204 O 1,538 Apr 8-12, 2019 **ROW R NATURE PK-FMR** 1,500 0 0 1,500 COT.GRV PD Apr 8-12, 2019 JUNCTION CITY PD 2,032 198 0 2,230 Apr 8-12, 2019 TROJAN RECREATION LK 1,500 0 0 1,500 Apr 8-12, 2019 PROGRESS LK 1,000 0 0 1.000 Apr 8-12, 2019 COMMONWEALTH LK 0 200 0 200 Apr 8-12, 2019 HALDEMAN PD 1.000 0 0 1.000 Apr 8-12, 2019 ALTON BAKER CANAL 800 25 0 825 5,000 0 Apr 8-12, 2019 **DORENA RES** 0 5,000 9,000 Apr 8-12, 2019 **GREEN PETER RES** 9,000 0 n 25 0 275 Apr 8-12, 2019 TIMBER LINN LK 250 SUNNYSIDE PARK PD 800 0 800 Apr 15-19, 2019 0 292 O Apr 15-19, 2019 JUNCTION CITY PD 1.133 1

ODFW Remaining Free fishing weekends June 1-2, Aug 17-18, and Nov 29-30









# 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.

SPRINGER DERBY AT ST. JOHNS ON APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>

DEVIL'S LAKE, MAY 11th, 2019 South lake boat ramp. Art is the coordinator, with Doug assisting.

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

NESTUCCA CHINOOK, November 28

Other Derbies with dates to be set: Kokanee Derby



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

TREAD Principle Focus:

#### **EDUCATE YOURSELF**

Educate yourself prior to your trip by learning rules and regulations, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes and knowing how to operate your equipment safely.

- Obtain a map or chart of your destination and determine which areas are open to your type of travel and recreation.
- Make a realistic plan and stick to it. Always tell someone of your travel plans.
- Contact the land manager for area restrictions, closures and permit requirements.
- Check the weather forecast for your destination. Plan clothing, equipment and supplies accordingly.
- Know your local fishing laws and regulations. Many states have restrictions for certain waters, such as use of artificial flies and lures, single hook flies and lures, barbless or no live bait.
- Know bag limits and legal length/size of fish you intend to keep.
- Be prepared with alternative fishing locations if you arrive at an overcrowded area.
- Make sure your watercraft or vehicle is mechanically up to task. Be prepared with tools, supplies, spares and a spill kit.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- If crossing private property, be sure to ask permission from the landowner(s).

## Update: Hatcheries vs. Native

HATCHERY FISH ARE NOT THE ENEMY! CCA Oregon supports a new campaign highlighting the importance of fish hatcheries.

Hatchery & Wild is a campaign to highlight the importance of fish hatcheries. For decades they have provided important mitigation for the loss of naturally spawned salmon and steelhead. And, absent hatchery supplementation there is a good chance that a lot of very popular fisheries would have ended a long time ago.

According to CCA Oregon President Jack Smith, "Hatcheries have been viewed as a major contributor to the decline of wild salmon and steelhead populations. That premise has led to significant reductions, and in several cases complete elimination, of hatchery supplementation in hopes of reviving wild fish numbers."

Smith went on to explain, "Recent studies show that removing hatchery fish does not, by itself, result in an increase in wild fish. There is no known instance in Oregon or Washington, where the reduction or elimination of hatchery supplementation from watersheds with a historical wild fish population, resulted in an increase in wild fish abundance absent other contributing factors."

The truth is poor logging practices, habitat destruction, access barriers, water pollution, predation and non-selective harvest are the main reasons for wild fish decline. The same growth and poor land and water use policies that brought our endangered wild fish populations to this point in the first place continue to exist.

Dave Schamp, Chairman, CCA Oregon said, "It is time to change the anti-hatchery narrative. History — and now sound science — shows hatcheries do not have an adverse impact on wild fish abundance, and they are critical to enjoying robust and healthy fisheries. Hatchery and wild fish have successfully co-existed for decades."



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.
- Rhoades Pond Cleanup: We helped Nestucca Anglers get Rhoades Pond ready on Saturday March 23rd to receive their Fall Chinook Smolts from ODFW on Tuesday March 26th. Also helped with smolt delivery. The pond is now holding about 108,000 chinook that'll be ready for finclipping in June and release in August.

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





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## ""Carpe Diem" does not mean "fish of the day.""

## - Unknown



### Mid-Willamette Valley Angler's Club

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

Next meeting: April 9, 2019

Presenter will be Jim Gurtisen of the Lower Columbia River Walleye Club. He will have a presentation on the big screen about catching walleye in the Willamette and the Columbia.

We're on the Web!

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