

High water temps stressful on fish

SALEM – Summer conditions have come early to Oregon, and in many places fish like trout, salmon, steelhead and sturgeon are struggling with low water levels and high water temperatures.

“Normally we see these kinds of conditions later in the summer, not in late June and early July,” said Rick Hargrave, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) information and education division administrator. In response, ODFW is asking anglers to take precautions when fishing during these drought conditions.

“When streams get too warm, fish are stressed and as a result the fishing goes downhill fast,” said Hargrave. “Fish stop biting or retreat to deeper, cooler water where they are harder to catch.”

On days when temperatures soar, anglers can do their part to reduce the stress fish are under. Hargrave recommends the following when fishing in waters that include native fish you intend to release:

- Fish early in the day when water temperatures are cooler.
- Use a thermometer to check water temperatures frequently. Stop fishing when temperatures exceed 70 degrees.
- Look for trout in deep, high-elevation lakes or



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Redband trout.

shaded streams near headwaters. These places are often cooler.

- Use barbless hooks so you can release fish easily.
- Use the appropriate gear and land fish quickly. The longer the fight, the less likely the fish will survive.
- Keep the fish in the water when you unhook it and cradle the fish upright until it revives enough to swim away.
- Use your judgement. If conditions where you want to fish seems especially severe (low, hot water), consider fishing somewhere else where water conditions are better.
- Check the regulation update pages on the ODFW website before you head out to make sure temporary emergency regulations have

not been put in place for the waters you want to fish.

“If drought conditions continue, it’s possible we may have to close or restrict some fisheries in order to protect fish,” Hargrave said. “Anglers will need to be alert to these changes.”

Anglers after hatchery trout will continue to find some good fishing in places where ODFW continues stocking trout.

“We’re adjusting some stocking schedules to put fish in those places with the best water conditions,” Hargrave said. He recommends anglers check the weekly Recreation Report on the ODFW website, www.dfw.state.or.us/RR/, for updates on stocking, water conditions and boating access.

Oregon judge denies bail for Journey drummer

By Sheila V Kumar
Associated Press

SALEM (AP) — Journey drummer Deen Castronovo was high on meth and hallucinating when he was arrested two weeks ago and accused of misdemeanor assault and menacing, his attorney said Wednesday, July 1, during a bail hearing.

Castronovo’s attorney Jeffrey Jones asked an Oregon judge to set his bail at \$50,000, saying he would be driven straight to a rehab clinic if released. Castronovo was released on bail after he was arrested June 14 and ordered to stay away from the woman who’s accused him of raping her.

Despite the court order, prosecutors said Castronovo has texted the woman 122 times and called her 35 times since he posted bail, with his messages swinging between contrition and threats.

The 50-year-old drummer was booked into the Marion County Jail after a grand jury indicted him Monday. He now faces felony charges of assault, sexual abuse and unlawful use of a dangerous weapon. The indictment accuses Castronovo of having sexual intercourse with the victim “by forcible compulsion” between June 8 and June 14.

During the bail hearing, Marion County Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Gardiner played two voice mails Castronovo left for the victim. In them Castronovo first accuses the woman of “destroying my life because of the things I did to you” before ending the message with “I love you, thanks.” He can be heard crying in the second voice mail and says, “thank you for turning me in. Thank you for ruining my life even more.”

Marion County Circuit Judge Channing Bennett denied bail for the rock-band drummer, saying his repeated attempts to contact the victim show that he poses a threat.

“My finding is he has no regard for the court’s order,” Bennett said. “I do find he is a danger to the victim.”

Jones argued neither of Castronovo’s two ex-wives — both of whom attended the bail hearing — ever accused him of domestic violence.

“He has no prior criminal history, no prior arrests,” Jones said. “He’s actually a pretty good part of the community, a contributing member,” he added.

Castronovo has been with Journey since 1998, when he replaced Steve Smith — the drummer on the group’s best-known songs, including “Don’t Stop Believin’.”

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