



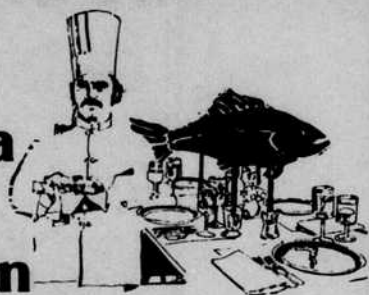
Oregon's Bay Area hosts "A Taste of Oregon Seafood, Wine & Cheese"

by Carol Berg

Coos Bay and North Bend will host a chef's cook-off on January 23 and 24 to discover who is Oregon's Best Seafood Chef. The winner will be sent to the nationwide American Seafood Challenge Cook-off in Charleston, South Carolina, on March 25-28.

The event is to promote Oregon seafood culinary arts and is sponsored by numerous fishing industry and culinary groups, including West Coast Fisheries Development Foundation, Western Culinary Institute, Oregon Trawl Commission, Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, Oregon Salmon Commission, OCZMA Fishing Industry Project and the Oregon Coast Association. Oregon wineries will also be represented.

The entry fee is \$3/adults, \$2/juniors (6-12), children five and under, free. The event will be held at the Oregon National Guard Armory at 255 North Norman, Coos Bay, on Friday and Saturday, January 23-24, from 10:30 am-7 pm. Continuous entertainment will include live music, celebrity seafood chefs, shellfish and fish cook-off competitions, and wine/seafood educational presentations. Members of Oregon's Culinary Olympics Team will also be attending.



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