



Machinists Lodge 1005 President Larry Bickett (photo top center), and Local 1005 delegate Mike Housley (photo top right) help disabled youngsters catch trout at annual fishing event at Whiskey Creek fish hatchery sponsored by the Tillamook Anglers. Photos by Michael Gutwig



## Machinists help disabled kids 'catch a memory' at fish hatchery

Machinists Lodge 1005 donated money and volunteers to the 27th Annual Fishing Day for Kids with Disabilities. Non-profit Tillamook Anglers hosted the event Saturday, Sept. 14, at Whiskey Creek fish hatchery on Netarts Bay south of Tillamook. Volunteering from Lodge 1005 were President Larry Bickett and delegate Mike Housley. They were joined by their wives Karla and Patty, and Housley's son, Steve. They worked the event as personal fishing assistants for the kids. Other volunteers cleaned and bagged fish, served coffee, scooped ice cream, helped with parking, and took pictures.

More than 450 kids and their families enjoyed the day.

"We would love to see more labor involvement in this event. We've been doing it for two years, and it really warms your heart to see these kids having such a good time," said Housley.

This is Bickett's second year volunteering, he says he looks forward to next year. The payback? "The kids have so much fun. It's great to see families together enjoying the day."

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife stocks the hatchery with 1,400 big rainbow trout prior to the event. Everything is furnished: Fishing rods, gear, bait, fish cleaning, ice, and bags to take home the limit of four rainbow trout. Participants are allowed to catch and keep

four fish each.

Coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts are provided prior to the event, followed by a barbecue lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, potato salad, chips, water, soft drinks and ice cream. The burgers are cooked on a barbecue built in 2013 by volunteers from Bricklayers Local 1.

Whiskey Creek Hatchery is volunteer-operated and funded by Tillamook Anglers memberships, donations, and fundraisers. It annually raises 100,000 spring-run Chinook salmon for release into rivers that feed into Tillamook Bay. The hatchery sponsors an annual fin clipping day in April. The Housleys and Bicketts volunteer for that, too.

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## Merkley, Bonamici applaud House panel vote to ban asbestos

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change voted unanimously Sept. 26 to move the Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2019 to the full House. The bill is sponsored by Oregon U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici and Sen. Jeff Merkley. The vote was held on National Mesothelioma Awareness Day. Mesothelioma is a disease caused by exposure to asbestos.

"It is long past time to protect workers and communities by banning asbestos once and for all, and I look forward to working with the Senate and getting this bill across the finish line," Bonamici said.

"While the EPA fiddles, Americans are dying," said Merkley. "More than 60 other nations have already recognized asbestos as the deadly substance it is, and acted to protect their citizens with the obvious response: A ban on asbestos."

The bill would ban the mining, importation, use, and distribution in commerce of asbestos, and any asbestos-containing mixtures in the United States.