

New Pacific Salmon Treaty Agreement to Ensure Sustainable Management of Region's Iconic Fish

The parties to the Pacific Salmon Treaty have negotiated new coast-wide salmon fishing agreements. The Pacific Salmon Commission is comprised of representatives from Canada, the states of Oregon, Washington, and Alaska, and Northwest and Columbia River Treaty Tribes. Commissioners from the United States and Canada will now forward the agreements to their respective governments for approval.

The 10-year agreement covers fishery plans for Chinook, coho, and chum salmon stocks from 2019 through 2028. The agreement is an update to the 1985 Treaty, which defines the obligations of Canada and the United States to conduct their respective fisheries in a manner that prevents overfishing and allows each country to receive benefits equivalent to the production of salmon originating in each nation's waters.

"I praise the efforts of the joint US/Canada Pacific Salmon Commission for approving strong recommendations to the Pacific Salmon Treaty," said Oregon Governor Kate Brown. "Successful updates to the Pacific Salmon Treaty through 2028 will help ensure long-term sustainable and healthy salmon populations that are vital to the people of the Pacific Northwest, and to the entire ecosystem."

One of the most significant aspects of the new agreement is management of Chinook salmon, in particular those listed under the United States Endangered Species Act (ESA). This includes ESA-listed stocks from Puget Sound and the Columbia River basin. Many of these stocks migrate north into marine waters in southeast Alaska and British Columbia, where they are

caught in marine fisheries in those regions.

Under the agreement, catches of Chinook in southeast Alaska will be reduced by up to 7.5 percent from recent levels when poor Chinook returns are expected. Canada will reduce Chinook catches by up to 12.5 percent under these conditions. The agreement also includes provisions in other west coast fisheries to ensure that harvests remain strongly tied to stock conservation objectives. As a result of these fishery changes, the abundance of several Chinook stocks returning to Oregon waters will increase.

"Salmon management is very complex, so it's no surprise that reaching an agreement was also complex and sometimes difficult," said Oregon Commissioner Rick Klumph. "However, all of the commissioners understand the critical importance of the treaty process in managing our salmon stocks. I am proud that we were all able to work through the issues and reach an agreement that is good for Oregonians and their salmon resource."

The United States commissioners will begin finalizing requests for federal funding needed to implement the new agreements within the next month. This funding will be needed to support Puget Sound efforts to improve and protect habitat and implement hatchery conservation programs. The funding will also be critical to commitments to science and stock assessment needed to successfully manage these complex interjurisdictional fisheries. Finally, the funding request will include provisions to support recovery efforts for endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales.

We Serve

Be prepared to help the Scout Cabin

By J. Christopher McGrane

The Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park, nestled as it is amidst towering redwoods and overlooking Rock Creek, was originally built back in 1928 and rebuilt following the 1996 flood. This piece of Vernonia history provides a gathering place for local youth groups, town halls, and family functions.

Most recently the Scout Cabin was the venue for the "Vernonia has a Big Heart" fundraiser held for Kendra Stefan on Saturday, September 15. The event reminded me of how this misty little town beside the Nehalem River pulls together to help someone in need or fix a problem. As a member of your local Lions Club I have often seen this public spirit in person as my fellow Lions and members of the community have given their time, effort, or hard earned money in service of Vernonia and its residents. It makes me proud to call this place my home.

The Friends of the Scout Cabin, a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization that runs the cabin, recently approached the Lions Club for help with the cost of replacing the decking around the cabin. The price tag is \$17,000 and the Vernonia Lions have agreed to donate \$1,000 toward that cost. In the community spirit that this town is known for, the Lions are challenging all of the other local clubs and businesses to donate what they can to help. Contact information for how and where to make your donation can be found at <http://www.CabinInVernonia.com>.

Your local Lions Club has been serving Vernonia and the surrounding area for over 70 years. We serve by providing eye glasses and hearing aids to seniors and those on a low income. We serve by making regular donations to the Vernonia Cares Food Bank and Vernonia Library. We serve by providing eye exams for students and awarding scholarships to high school seniors. We serve in big ways, like building the Hawkins Park Gazebo or raising \$20,000 to refurbish Dewey Pool, and in small ways like annual road clean up, handing out Christmas baskets to seniors, and placing flags on veterans' graves.

Such is the Lions motto, "We Serve." Folks interested in joining the Lions Club are welcome to come to one of our meetings, held at Mariolino's. Meetings start at 6:30 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

On the Shelves

By Shannon Romtvedt

Now that the weather is changing and the rain is finally coming down, you might be interested in finding a dry place to spend time with kids. The Library has storytimes and special events (see below), plus activities available anytime you have a chance to pop in.

In the children's area, there are magnatiles, blocks, duplos, a play kitchen, dollhouse, coloring sheets, and various toys, puzzles, and games. We have a selection of board games for different age levels that can be played in the Library or checked out to take home. There is always a craft out on the table and a bin of legos provided by request at the desk. We also have DVDs and BOOKS! We love hearing parents read with their kids.

If it's been a while or a first visit, try coming to the Library. You might be surprised who you meet here or what your child takes an interest in. Or text a friend to meet at the Library before going to the park. We also have membership passes to checkout for OMSI, Rice Rock Museum, Shute Park Aquatic Center, and the Oregon Historical Society Museum.

So come for a program, stay for a few minutes to check out a book and DVD, or stay and play for a couple of hours. We love to see people of all ages use the Library.

Upcoming Events

An Evening with Christina M. Abt

Monday, October 8, 6:30 pm
New York Author of *Crown Hill* and a new historical novel, *Beauty & Grace*, published in May 2018, Christina M. Abt will read from her latest novel, talk about her writing process, and her inspiration

and research for *Beauty & Grace*. Q & A and book signing will follow. Sponsored by the Friends of the Vernonia Library.

Ongoing Programs

Writer's Group

Thursday, September 20, 6-7:30 pm
3rd Thursday of every month. For writers with all levels of experience.

Book Discussion Group

Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. Discussion for September 24: *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* by Ayana Mathis

Storytimes

Baby and Toddler Time

Mondays, 10:30-11:15 am
Songs, short stories, toys, and bubbles for 0-3.

Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30-11:15 am
Stories and a craft/activity for up to age 5. Older siblings welcome!

Did You Know? Placing Reserves

When movies and books are new, they don't spend a lot of time on our shelves. We may own a title you are looking for, but it could be checked out. Try placing a reserve so when it comes in, you will get a text, call, or email to pick it up. Place a hold with staff or try it yourself online. Visit our online catalog by going to the city website <http://www.vernonia-or.gov/> and linking on the left hand side to "Library Catalog." Log in with your card number and phone number to search for a title and place a reserve.

Featured Titles: Banned Books Week, September 23-29

Every year, the Library displays "Banned Books" to

support and celebrate Banned Books Week. "Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores, and libraries. Typically held during the last week of September, it highlights the value of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular."

Top (Nationally) Challenged Books of 2017 include: *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie, *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier, *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, *George* by Alex Gino, *Sex is a Funny Word* by Cory Silverberg, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, *And Tango Makes Three* by Peter Parnell, and *I Am Jazz* by Jessica Herthel.

The Library will have these books and more on display during Banned Books Week, along with information about why they were challenged.

Hours & Contact Info

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am – 5 pm
Tues & Thurs 1 pm – 7pm
Sat 10 am – 4 pm
Closed Sundays

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