

Changes to Fishing Regulations for Willamette

Effective March 4 until August 31, 2019, the following fishing regulation changes are in effect on the Willamette River:

- Anglers with the two-rod validation may use two rods while fishing for all species (except sturgeon) in all areas of the Willamette River downstream of Willamette Falls. This change also applies in the small area of the Clackamas River from its confluence with the Willamette upstream to the Hwy 99E bridge.
- Youth anglers under 12 may use two rods in this area without purchasing the

validation.

- Anglers remain restricted to one rod at all times when fishing for sturgeon.
- A decision on whether to allow two rods upstream of Willamette Falls will be made at a later date.

As a reminder, anglers remain limited to one rod at all times when fishing in the Columbia River.

See the Fishing Report in the Recreation Report for any in-season regulations in your fishing zone and the 2019 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for all other fishing regulations and

licensing requirements.

Two-rod validations have been available to Oregon anglers for several years. For \$24.50, licensed anglers can purchase a validation that allows them to use a second rod in certain locations of the state, primarily ponds and lakes. If you have already purchased a two-rod validation in 2019, it is valid for any waters open to the use of two rods. Kids under the age of 12 do not need a validation to use a second rod in any locations open to two rods.

My Fair Lady Pageant Nominations are Now Open

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019 My Fair Lady Court.

The My Fair Lady Pageant is held during the first day of the Columbia County Fair each year to recognize senior women 55 and older for their outstanding service in our communities. The pageant dates back to 1989, and this year celebrates the 31st annual My Fair Lady Pageant.

Please nominate your favorite volunteer, and show them how much you appreci-

ate all they do! We are looking for ladies to represent St. Helens, Scappoose, Rainier, Clatskanie, and Vernonia. The My Fair Lady Court also acts as official ambassadors for RSVP, and have the option to help honor other volunteers throughout the year.

Nominations must be received in the RSVP office by Thursday, April 4. Please call (503) 397-5655 to request a nomination form, email Monica at cadem@crfr.com, or pick one up at the Columbia River Fire & Rescue Admin office, 270 Columbia Blvd. in St. Helens. Program sponsors for the My Fair Lady Pageant are also needed.

Razor Clamming Opens on Clatsop Beach

Razor clamming reopened on Clatsop Beach (from Tillamook Head in Seaside to the mouth of the Columbia River) on March 1.

This area had been closed to protect under-size clams and give them a chance to grow, after 2018 fall surveys found mostly small clams with shell lengths between 2-3 inches.

"The small razor clams on Clatsop Beach we observed this fall have grown at a rate we anticipated," said ODFW Shellfish Biologist Matt Hunter. "Currently, the dominant size of clams is between 3.5 and 3.75 inches with few larger clams avail-

able. As the spring progresses and we get longer days, more food will be available and the clams will continue to grow."

Clatsop Beach is Oregon's most popular area for razor clamming and can be open October 1-July 14 each year, provided ODA testing finds clams are safe to eat. Recent tests show razor clams from Clatsop Beach are safe to consume.

Call ODA's Shellfish safety information hotline at (800) 448-2474 or visit ODA's Recreational Shellfish Safety Page or ODFW's Recreation Report to check for any closures before clamming or crabbing.

Lawyer in the Law Library: Immigration

A workshop entitled IMMIGRATION IN 2019 will be held on Wednesday, March 13 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Columbia County Law Library, which is located at 270 S. First St. in St. Helens. The workshop will be the 28th in the series of Lawyer in the Law Library workshops that are sponsored by the law library.

The speaker for the workshop will be Chelsea Stratham, a local attorney that specializes in Immigration Law. There will be a Spanish translator

present as well.

The workshop is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. No registration is required. Your attendance and questions will be welcome.

For more information, please contact Columbia County Law Librarian Pam Davis at (503) 396-5344 or davis12000@aol.com.

Upcoming Events

Tree Sale - Saturday, March 9, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm at Pacific Pride, Hwy 30, St. Helens. 22 species of seedlings. Benefits Columbia County Small Woodlands Assoc. (503) 708-9066

Father & Daughter Country Ball - Saturday, March 9, 6:00-8:00 pm in the Vernonia Schools Commons. \$5/couple. (971) 297-6403

Columbia County Job Fair - Friday, March 15, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Columbia River Four Square Church, 555 Commons Dr., St. Helens. Veterans Only 9:00-10:00 am. keepitlocalcc@gmail.com

Pie-In-The-Face - Saturday, March 16, 2:00-5:00 pm, outside Vernonia Subway. In honor of World Down Syndrome Day. Throw a pie at Mayor Rick Hobart, Mike Pihl, Dwayne Dethlefs, Officer Shawn Carnahan, Ernie Smith, and more, to raise funds for Down Syndrome and Autism.

St. Patrick's Day Parade - Sunday, March 17, 2:00 pm, starts at State Avenue and Bridge Street ending at City Hall. All are welcome.

Vernonia's Got Talent - Friday, March 22, 6:00 pm, Vernonia Schools. \$6 includes pizza and soda.

Native Plant Sale - Saturday, April 13, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm behind Scappoose High School. <http://www.scappoosebay-wc.org/>

Community Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 20, 10:00 am sharp at Hawkins Park.

TOPS Group (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Fridays at the Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Dept. 8:30 am weigh in, 9:00 am meeting. Men and women invited to join. (503) 429-7505

TREE SALE

RAIN OR SHINE

Saturday
March 9
8:30 AM-1:30 PM


Pacific Pride (Lawrence Oil)
Hwy 30, St. Helens

COLUMBIA COUNTY SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION

Questions: (503) 708-9066

22 species (1,000s of seedlings available) including Douglas fir, dawn redwood, flowering dogwood, red cedar, mimosa, and 17 others. Some bag quantities. Prices from \$1.50. Arrive early.

Proceeds support best management forestry practices in Columbia County.




The Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Board of Directors will meet for their regular board meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Main Station, 12525 Highway 202, Mist, OR.

AA Meetings

Open Meetings
Mondays & Thursdays
6:30-7:30 pm
Vernonia Christian Church
410 North Street

Women's Meeting
Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm
Vernonia Christian Church
410 North Street

Columbia Humane Society



Purr-fect Pals

Cindy is a new addition to the cattery and we are still learning about her. She recently had a litter of kittens. They are older now and she is ready to start her life as a lady of leisure in her new home. Cindy is very friendly and very loving. She does not seem to mind the cats that are her neighbors and is welcome to being petted at every chance she gets. We are not sure about her history with either dogs or kids. As we watch her interactions in the cattery we will be able to learn more about her.

Cindy's adoption fee is \$125. She will be spayed, current on vaccines, microchipped, treated for fleas and worms. She will also come with 30 days pet insurance and a free 14 day vet visit with any of our local vets.

Featured Dog

Jack is right around 2 years old and weighs about 25 lbs. This guy is very sweet, however he is a little nervous when he is meeting new people. He was in a home previously with other dogs and cats and apparently did well with both. He is not recommended for a home with kids under the age of 12.

If you are interested in meeting Jack we ask that you either call or email. Please do not just show up at the shelter as all our dog meet-and-greets are done by appointment after we have an approved application on file. We like to make sure that both our adopters and our dogs are a match. We will be very upfront and honest if we feel that we don't have a match for you and/or we may suggest another dog.

