

Get schooled on salmon

An update on salmon fishing prospects will be on offer in Siletz this Tuesday, March 17, when the Siletz Watershed Council holds its spring quarterly meeting.

Paul Olmsted, Mid-Coast assistant district fish biologist with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, will present an overview of fall Chinook, coho and steelhead stock status and their fisheries in the Mid-Coast District. In addition, he'll give updates on the restoration work ODFW is currently undergoing in the Siletz Basin, and projects due to start this summer.

Olmsted is an Oregonian who has lived in the state his entire life. Raised in McMinnville, he later attended both Oregon State University and University of Oregon, worked as a wildland fire fighter with the US Forest Service, then began his career with ODFW. For 13 years, he has conducted field work and research with the agency, from as far south as Roseburg and as far north as Nehalem, including eight years at the Corvallis Research Lab, and is



currently based in Newport.

"I have always had a curiosity and passion surrounding fishing and the biology and ecology associated with salmon, steelhead and trout in the Pacific Northwest, especially in the Oregon Coast Range," he said.

"I grew up spending lots of time fishing, hunting, camping and backpacking with my family throughout Oregon and enjoy being outside on a river as much as possible."

Tuesday's meeting will start at 6:30 pm at Siletz Public Library,

225 SE Gaither Street. Light refreshments will be provided. A Siletz Watershed Council Board meeting will follow the presentation in which planning for the Annual Siletz River Clean Up will take place, as well as time for community announcements.

WHAT'S THE DEAL?

The much-discussed Green New Deal would be a big deal for the Oregon Coast, and Chuck Willer of the Coast Range Association will explain exactly how big when he visits Lincoln City this Monday, March 16.

For three years Willer has been speaking in Oregon communities about rural timberland ownership, forest management and the land-sea connection on the Oregon Coast. With a deep critique of forestry as practiced by large Wall Street landowners, he outlines the political economic realities that impact rural lives and landscapes.

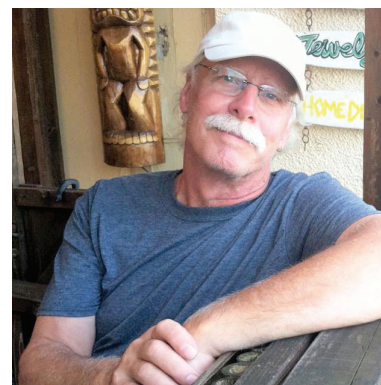
Willer will provide a lay

person's explanation of climate change with a focus on sea level rise and ocean acidification and their potential impact on coastal communities such as rising home prices and impacted fisheries.

In a presentation titled "Western Oregon in the Era of Climate Change," Willer will describe how the Green New Deal would apply to the Oregon Coast, highlighting the importance of growing older, carbon-dense forests while protecting the coast's natural resources. He will speak to the changes required to solve the climate crisis and the good news

that rural economic renewal and prosperity is the most likely outcome of a Green New Deal.

Willer has been a leading Oregon grassroots environmental leader for 29 years. As director of the Coast Range Association, he has led numerous research efforts on coastal forestry, watershed conservation and public lands management. His policy advocacy spans the 1994 creation of the Northwest Forest Plan, the 1997 Greatest Permanent Value Rule for state forests, protections for endangered salmon, and forest planning for Western Oregon's two million acres of federal BLM



forests.

Monday's talk, hosted by the American Association of University Women, will run from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Community Room at Driftwood Public Library, located on the second floor at 801 SW Hwy. 101.

learn a little Love lives forever

Spaces are still available in Love Lives Forever, a series of classes exploring the concept that connecting with deceased loved ones is possible.

The six-week course starts on Monday, March 16, in Newport, led by metaphysical educator Violet Young, who has been studying and teaching about spirituality for more than 35 years.

Widowed in 2015, Young found herself comforted by the messages she received from her husband. She increasingly found herself being engaged with others in conversations about death, dying and connecting with deceased loved ones. The reception was always positive when discussing these experiences, with folks thanking her for being able and willing to address the topic in an accepting and low-key manner.

"My class is appropriate for anyone who is interested in exploring the possibilities of making connections beyond the veil or who feels that they may have been contacted by a loved one but isn't sure," Young said, adding: "In working with people I have found that many people have experienced messages and visitations but are often too self-conscious or afraid to actually believe it or discuss it. These classes assist people in feeling less isolated and confused, leading to more self-acceptance and self-love to help people with grieving and the healing journey."

Classes will run from 5 to 7 pm every Monday through April 20 at the Center For Health Education, 740 SW 9th Street, Newport. Students are encouraged to bring a sandwich or snack to class. The cost is \$45. To register, call Young at 541-547-4664.