

Sport fishing regulation proposals being sought

The Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is asking anglers to assist with the comprehensive review and development of the state's angling rules that occurs every four years.

Proposals for new or amended angling regulations are being solicited from the angling public for development of the 2005 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations. ODFW and Oregon State Police (OSP) already have developed angling regulation proposals as part of this process.

The last comprehensive review by ODFW, OSP and the public occurred in 2000 and affected angling regulations from 2001 through 2004. Development of the 2005 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations will shape regulations to be used from 2005 through 2008.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will adopt changes from this extensive public review at its September meeting in Salem.

An information packet describing the development of the 2005 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations is now available. The packet contains background information on angling regulations development, methods for members of the public to participate and a complete list of ODFW and OSP staff proposals currently being considered.

Members of the angling public have until Feb. 29 to submit their own angling regulation proposals. The angling regulation packet is available on the ODFW Web site or by phoning ODFW's Fish Division at (503) 947-6200.

Public meetings on ODFW, OSP and public proposals will be held in May. The commission will take public testimony on the regulation proposals during its August and September 2004 meetings.

Additional information also may be obtained at (503) 947-6214, or any ODFW office.

Construction will begin on RCC's Table Rock campus

After more than a year of negotiations, Grants Pass-based Rogue Community College (RCC) has closed the deal on a new technical training center in White City near Medford.

RCC President Rick Levine recently signed a \$3 million contract to purchase the building formerly occupied by Tyco Printed Circuit Group.

The new RCC training center will be known as the RCC Table Rock Campus.

The purchase involves an industrial building with 102,000 square feet of space on seven acres, plus 10.1 adjacent, undeveloped acres. Levine added that, "This new facility, which will become RCC's third campus (there also is one in Medford) will allow us to serve an estimated 1,800 additional students."

The property was pur-

chased through issuance of \$5.5 million in Certificates of Participation. Up to \$2.5 million will finance the first phase of remodeling the building. The college is applying for a \$1 million economic development grant, and will pursue additional funding to cover the total cost of remodeling, estimated at \$6.4 million.

Occupancy is planned to begin with fall term next year. After remodeling, the college plans to relocate several of its professional/technical programs to the center, including construction and diesel technology.

Other industry-based and workplace skills classes will be phased in, plus, general education classes such as math and English, as well as basic skills classes.



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Liquor license application process deadline extended

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) is loosening time constraints on the liquor license application process for local government, neighborhood groups and business people by amending several administrative rules as required by Senate Bill 724, which took effect on Jan. 1.

Local governments will now have 45 days, instead of 35 days, to recommend approval or denial of new liquor license applications to be submitted to OLCC for final approval. The 60-day timetable for license renewals remains the same.

Commissioners also started rule making and adopted a temporary amendment which allows an applicant to sell alcoholic beverages during the licensing process. Under the change, the agency director would be able to extend a 90-day temporary letter of authority by 30 days if the application process is still under way.

The League of Oregon Cities, City of Portland, OLCC, and others supported SB 724 in the 2003 Legislature.

Cities and neighborhood associations had complained that 30 days isn't enough time for citizen groups to evaluate the impact of a proposed new liquor business, and then to offer input to city officials.

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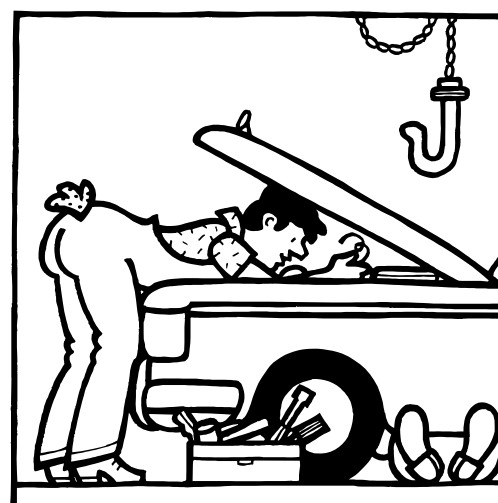
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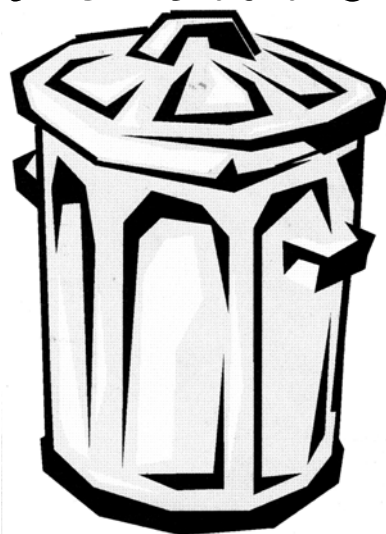
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