

Columbia River anglers can keep one more chinook

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Columbia River fishery managers announced Monday a change to the spring chinook daily bag limit that will allow anglers to keep up to two adipose fin-clipped adult chinook beginning Wednesday through June 15.

The new limit will be in

effect from Tongue Point upstream to the Washington state border above McNary Dam.

While the overall daily bag limit remains two adult salmonids (steelhead or salmon), under the new rules both fish may now be chinook. All other permanent regulations remain in effect. The two adult

chinook limit will continue through the summer chinook season, which begins June 16. Also beginning June 16, anglers may keep sockeye salmon as part of the adult bag limit.

The increased harvest opportunity is a result of a new run projection of 271,000 fish, up from the original estimate of 232,500.

'Fake Willy' expected Thursday

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The long-awaited fiberglass orca will go in the water sometime between Thursday morning and afternoon at the East End Mooring Basin, the Port of Astoria's latest attempt to scare off California and Steller sea lions lounging on its docks.

The Port, which has several media outlets from KGW to Al Jazeera interested in coverage, will hold a press conference at

the Hampton Inn & Suites Thursday morning. Representatives from the Washington state and Oregon departments of fish and wildlife; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service; and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are expected to attend.

The press conference will provide an overview of the history of sea lions and their impact on the Port and Columbia River fisheries.

Afterward, officials will

go to the East End Mooring Basin, where Terry Buzzard, owner of Island Mariner Whale Watching Cruises in Bellingham, Wash., will demonstrate the fiberglass orca, which he uses for marketing and recently made remote-controlled. Buzzard offered to test the fake orca free of charge, making no promises to the Port about its effectiveness.

The Port reported it will secure the causeway to allow media access to film the fake orca.

LaMear to hold monthly 'Meet the Mayor' event

Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear will hold her monthly "Meet the Mayor" event at City Hall Wednesday.

The event is from noon to 1 p.m.

LaMear has said she would hold monthly meetings to listen to public

concerns during her first year as mayor. The meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Mostly cloudy with a brief shower or two
53°

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

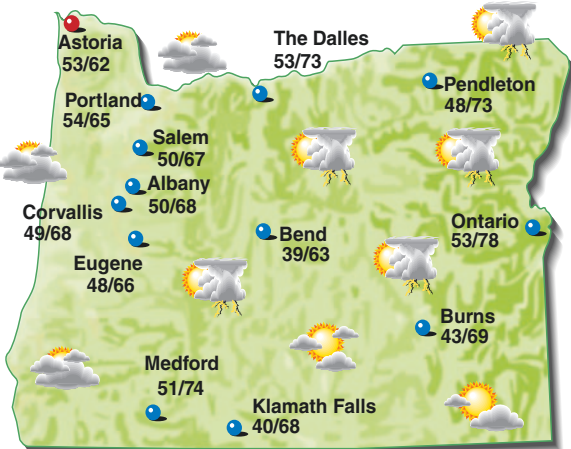
Wednesday
Mostly cloudy
62° 51°

Thursday
Times of clouds and sun
64° 51°

Friday
Mostly sunny and pleasant
68° 54°

Saturday
Pleasant with plenty of sun
70° 55°

Oregon Weather



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Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures	
High	61°
Low	53°
Normal high	62°
Normal low	48°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.27"
Month to date	1.29"
Normal month to date	0.11"
Year to date	26.66"
Normal year to date	33.47"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	9:00 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	5:26 a.m.
Moonrise today	9:03 p.m.
Moonset today	5:51 a.m.



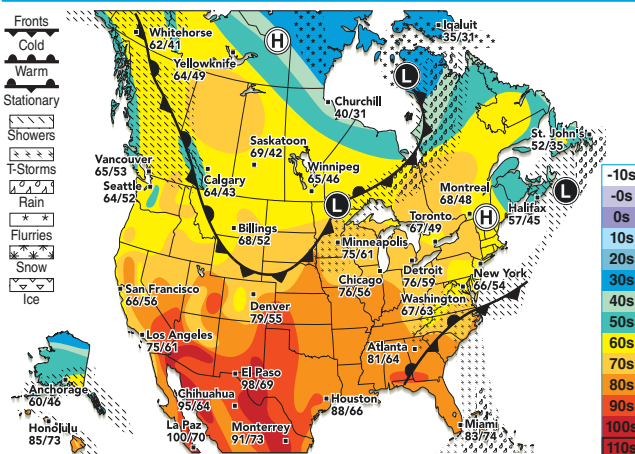
Regional Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	62	41	t	65	42	t
Bend	62	39	pc	63	41	t
Brookings	59	49	sh	61	51	c
Eugene	63	48	sh	66	49	c
Iiwaco	59	53	sh	62	51	c
Klamath Falls	64	40	pc	68	47	c
Medford	70	51	sh	74	55	c
Newport	55	50	sh	56	49	c
North Bend	60	51	sh	63	52	c

National Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	81	64	t	81	64	t
Boston	53	45	r	60	46	pc
Chicago	69	49	s	76	56	s
Denver	87	54	pc	79	55	pc
Des Moines	76	60	pc	79	65	t
Detroit	72	52	s	76	59	s
El Paso	100	70	s	98	69	s
Fairbanks	63	39	pc	59	42	c
Honolulu	84	73	pc	85	73	pc
Indianapolis	74	53	s	80	61	pc
Kansas City	75	62	pc	83	67	pc
Las Vegas	95	69	s	93	68	s
Los Angeles	75	61	pc	75	61	pc
Memphis	78	61	pc	83	64	pc
Miami	86	73	t	83	74	t
Nashville	75	58	c	82	60	pc
New Orleans	86	71	pc	87	72	t
New York	58	52	r	66	54	c
Oklahoma City	84	67	s	86	66	pc
Philadelphia	60	54	r	68	58	r
St. Louis	76	60	pc	82	64	s
Salt Lake City	79	55	pc	81	56	c
San Francisco	69	54	pc	66	56	pc
Seattle	62	52	sh	64	52	c
Washington, DC	69	60	t	67	63	r

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Poachers: Sturgeon caviar can sell for up to \$200 an ounce

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Big money

Top-shelf sturgeon caviar can sell for up to \$200 an ounce in stores and restaurants. The biggest female sturgeon can carry up to 100 pounds of eggs. That means the eggs from one sturgeon ultimately could be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Sturgeon have been around 200 million years — since before dinosaurs roamed the Earth. They can live 100 years and grow to more than 20 feet long, but they're slow-growing.

According to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Tucker Jones, only 1 percent of sturgeon survive the 15 to 25 years it takes for them to start reproducing.

"Once they reach maturity, those fish are really important, because you have a fish that's capable of sustaining a population for a long time," he says. "The older they get, the more eggs they can produce."

WDFW officer Dan Bolton says poachers make up a small percentage of the people fishing for sturgeon. But they have the potential to do a lot of damage.

"Sturgeon, to me, are like an old-growth tree," he says. "They're not just a fish that, well, you take one and you can grow another one. I mean, these sturgeon are slow, slow-growing and need to be valued."

In the mid-1990s, officers busted a poaching ring based in Vancouver, Wash., for harvesting 1.65 tons of caviar from around 2,000 Columbia River sturgeon. The estimated value of the caviar was \$2 million. Another ring with ties to the Columbia was busted in 2003.

Officials suspected the collapse of the sturgeon population in the Caspian



Contributed by Jordan Bentz
Dan Bolton measures a sturgeon on a fishing boat to make sure it's legal size.

Sea — the traditional cradle of global caviar production -- had made the Columbia a bigger target for poachers. So, in 2006 and 2007, wildlife enforcement agencies organized an undercover sting to catch poachers and traffickers on the Columbia.

Undercover officers bought illegal fish from 33 suspects altogether. Seventeen out of 19 of their attempts were successful.

"In my mind, that's high odds that trafficking is out of control on the Columbia River," Cenci says. "What we learned is that sturgeon poaching was alive and well. The market was already established."

Tasty treat

At the Russian restaurant Kachka in Portland, customers pay \$84 for just a half-ounce of the best sturgeon caviar on the menu. It comes from farms to protect wild stocks. Owner Bonnie Morales uses a scale in the middle of the restaurant to serve it, so customers can watch to make sure they're getting what they're paying for as she measures out a small spoonful of these tiny black eggs.

Morales says there's something inherently indulgent about sturgeon caviar — regardless of the price.

"It's rich. It's buttery," she says. "It's a really deli-

cious and complex flavor." She says she can see why people would be poaching the white sturgeon found in the Columbia River.

"White sturgeon is becoming more and more of a premium item, and so there's a lot of respect for it now" in the culinary world, she says.

For the last several years, managers have canceled sturgeon fishing seasons on the Columbia because sturgeon numbers are so low. But it's unclear how much sturgeon poaching is to blame: Sturgeon have been hampered by dams, and now they're on the menu for the Columbia's growing number of wild sea lions.

Washington state wildlife official Cenci says that means the stakes are high for enforcement officials trying to stop sturgeon poaching.

"For a species to make it 200 million years, only to be poached to alarmingly low levels, would be a crying shame," he says. "We're going to do our level best to try to protect that resource."

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Lotteries

OREGON	Estimated jackpot \$5 million.	09-14-15-20-23-25-30-35-39-43-47-49-65-67-73-77-78
Monday's Pick 4:		Monday's Lotto: 15-32-33-36-37-47
1 p.m.: 5-6-4-7		Estimated jackpot: \$1.7 million
4 p.m.: 3-3-5-6		Monday's Match 4: 06-12-17-24
7 p.m.: 4-3-4-8		
10 p.m.: 0-9-8-2		
Monday's Megabucks: 12-32-33-39-40-43	Estimated jackpot: \$370,000	
	Monday's Keno: 01-04-05-	

Public meetings

- TUESDAY**
Port of Astoria Airport Advisory Committee, 4 p.m., old Port offices, 422 Gateway Ave.
- Clatsop Care Health District Board**, 5:30 p.m., budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, Clatsop Care Center, 646 16th St.
- Warrenton City Commission and Warrenton Planning Commission**, special joint work session on marijuana regulations, 6 p.m., Warrenton City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.
- Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board**, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
- Cannon Beach City Council**, regular meeting, 7 p.m. Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

On the record

- Burglary**
• At 12:29 a.m. May 21, Astoria Police arrested Todd Anthony Stackhouse, 48, LaPine, for first-degree burglary after Stackhouse allegedly broke into a boat in the West End Mooring Basin. Other charges of theft and criminal mischief are being reviewed by the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office.
- DUII arrest**
• At 10:37 a.m. May 21, Astoria Police arrested Andrew Edward Cier, 57, Astoria, for driving under the influence of intoxicants and resisting arrest on the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue. Cier's blood alcohol content was measured at 0.26, according to police.
- At 2:38 a.m. May 23, Astoria Police arrested Michael Brian Fisher, 35, Astoria, for DUII, reckless driving and a warrant out of Clackamas County on the 1800 block of 7th Street. Fisher reportedly crashed his vehicle into a parked car prior to his arrest.
- At 10:48 p.m. May 25, Astoria Police arrested Cody A. Ward, 26, Vancouver, Wash., for DUII at Burger King. The passenger Dillon M. Kelly, 23, La Center, Wash., was arrested for interfering with the officer.
- Disorderly conduct**
• At 5:11 p.m. May 24, Astoria Police arrested Jason Andrew Boyar, 42, Helena, Mont., for second-degree disorderly conduct and second-degree criminal mischief outside the Columbia River Maritime Museum.
- Theft**
• At 1:06 p.m. May 25, Astoria Police arrested Christine Marie Mackay, Sheboygan, Wis., 47, for second-degree theft and providing false information to an officer at 18th Street and Duane Street. Mackay allegedly stole an iPhone from the Cannery Pier Hotel, and when she was contacted by police she reportedly gave a false name.

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