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## Marine toxin closes Washington crab season

ODFW: No concerns in Oregon, yet

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LONG BEACH PENINSULA, Wash. — Washington fishery managers say they are in "uncharted territory" following the closure of a major ocean fishery off the state's southern coast Friday.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife announced it was closing the recreational and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries after samples of crab revealed unsafe levels of a harmful, naturally occurring marine toxin called domoic acid that has already shut down razor clam fisheries in both Oregon and Washington. Oregon Dungeness crab fisheries are still open.

Though fishery managers have closed Dungeness crab fisheries before, most recently in Willapa Bay in 2003, that closure was much smaller. "We've never had a major ocean closure like this before," said Dan Ayres, coastal shellfish manager for the fisheries agency.

Commercial crabbers had until Wednesday to remove their gear from the closed area which stretches from the Columbia River to Point Chehalis, 81 miles north by road from Long Beach.

It's more important that the crab is not sold whole to seafood buyers than it is that all the gear is packed away, Ayres said. No crab caught after June 5 can be kept or sold, however.

Domoic acid, which is produced by certain types of marine algae, can be harmful or even fatal if consumed in sufficient quantities. Cooking or freezing does not destroy it the toxin in shellfish. Filter feeders such as razor clams hold domoic acid in their meat. Crabs pick it up by eating the clams; the toxin slowly builds up in

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Thomas Laman, back, and Reagan Linnett, front, laugh as they play "Shark Attack" under a parachute during the Lewis and Clark Elementary School Field Day at CMH Field Monday. The day was a celebration for the students, whose last day of school before summer break is today.

## Blastoff to summer

By JOSHUA BESSEX  
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Summer is coming and how better to cap off the school year than a day of fun in the field for schoolchildren before the big break.

Case in point, Lewis and Clark Elementary held a field day at CMH Field Monday to kick off the summer season.



Karson Hawkins concentrates as he tries to make his way through an obstacle course while balancing a gold ball on a spoon during the Lewis and Clark Elementary School Field Day at CMH Field Monday.

## 'Wet or dry' pot counties?

Compromise would allow some local pot business bans

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SALEM — A compromise under consideration by the Legislature would allow elected officials in cities and counties that voted against Measure 91 — the November initiative to legalize marijuana for adults — to pass bans on medical and recreational pot businesses.



State Sen. Ted Ferrioli

The question of whether to allow cities and counties to ban marijuana businesses had once again threatened to stall progress in Salem this week on legislation to set up Oregon's new legal pot system.

Senate Minority Leader Sen. Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, said in an email late Tuesday night to other lawmakers that he would not support the bill under consideration unless it allows city councils and county commissions to prohibit medical and recreational retailers.

A committee scheduled to work on the issue Wednesday canceled its meeting, but by the end of the day, a group that represents city governments around the state was circulating a compromise proposal that Ferrioli and another lawmaker working on the issue described as promising.

The question of how best to allow cities and counties to ban medical cannabis businesses caused deep disagreement on the House-Senate legislative committee working on the issue last month, and that led the Senate to pass its own bill to regulate Oregon's medical marijuana industry.

It remained unclear whether the Senate bill had enough support to pass in the House, but earlier this week it appeared the House-Senate committee was once again working on compromise legislation on medical marijuana regulation. It was the

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## Knappa gives nod to Smyth for school spot

By EDWARD STRATTON  
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KNAPPA — Terrence T. Smyth, the principal of Springwater Trail High School in Gresham, will likely be the new superintendent and principal of Knappa High School as of July 1.

The Knappa School District announced the decision in a Wednesday press release. The District tendered an offer to Smyth after final interviews June 4, is still working on the terms of a contract and will vote on hiring him at its Monday meeting.

Smyth would replace Jeff Leo, who has been with Knappa since 2011 and was recently named superintendent of Banks School District starting this summer.

"I currently work in a small

high school that has a lot of parallels with Knappa," Smyth, 51, said Wednesday, preparing for his last graduation at Springwater. In the 2013-14 school year, the high school had 159 students, compared to 140 students at KHS and 486 districtwide.

### Narrowing the field

Leo, 42, was named the next superintendent in Banks April 14. Shortly thereafter, the Knappa School Board voted to hire Greg McKenzie of Window to Leadership LLC to conduct the initial search for a replacement. It convened a group of constituents from the district to help rank and whittle down the initial 25 candidates, before the school board made the final decision.

"After interviews with numer-

ous candidates, reference checking and having the final three (candidates) spend a day in our district, Terrence Smyth demonstrated the skills, relationships and record of success we wanted as our next superintendent/principal," school board chairman Craig Weaver said.

### 'Diamond in the rough'

Smyth said there was interest by board members and staff in Knappa to move toward proficiency-based learning, which he has helped implement at Springwater over the last five years. It refers to instruction, assessment, grading and academic reporting based on students demonstrating that they have learned the knowledge and



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Terrence Smyth has a tentative offer to be the superintendent of the Knappa School District and the principal of Knappa High School.

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