

# Final 'kicker' amount to be announced this week

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SALEM — When state lawmakers hear the first quarterly revenue forecast of the new two-year state budget cycle next week, they also will learn the final amount of what Oregon taxpayers will get back in excess personal income tax collections next spring.

The presentation is scheduled to a joint meeting of the House and Senate revenue committees at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in Hearing Room A of the Capitol.

In the most recent forecast in May, the projected excess from the 2013-15 cycle — known as the "kicker" — was at \$473 million. According to

Paul Warner, the Legislature's chief tax analyst, that amount would result in a reduced tax liability of 6.5 percent on 2015 tax returns due in April.

The final figure, however, awaited the close of the two-year budget cycle on June 30 — and that figure will be presented to lawmakers as part of the latest quarterly economic and revenue forecast.

## Rebates for 2015 taxes

After the May forecast, state Rep. Tobias Read, D-Beaverton, introduced a bill to let lawmakers keep the kicker amount, half of it for education and the other half for a budget reserve. But the bill would have required two-thirds majorities for

passage, and it never got a hearing in committee.

Based on 2013 tax liability, Oregon taxpayers with a median adjusted gross income of between \$30,000 and \$35,000 — half above that range and half below — would get a rebate of \$144 against their 2015 tax bills due in 2016.

Under a 1979 law, which Oregon voters wrote into the state Constitution in 2000, actual tax collections that exceed budget projections by 2 percent are "kicked" back to taxpayers.

But taxpayers will not get checks, as was the practice between 1995 and 2001, and again in 2007. Lawmakers in 2011 changed the law to revert to the state's previous practice

of granting a credit against a taxpayer's liability the following year.

It cost nearly \$1 million to process and mail checks.

## Last rebate was in 2007

The most recent "kicker" rebate was in 2007, when taxpayers received a record \$1.1 billion amounting to 18.6 percent of tax liability. The rebate occurred weeks before the start of the economic downturn.

Since the 1979 law took effect, the "kicker" for personal income taxes has been activated in nine of 18 cycles — excluding the 2013-15 cycle — but was suspended in 1991.

Before 2007, there were four "kickers" in a row from 1995 to 2001, ranging from 4.6 percent to

14.4 percent of tax liability. There were none in the following two cycles.

Oregon also has a kicker for corporate income taxes, and it has been activated eight times since 1979, although lawmakers suspended it twice. The most recent payment was in 2005, although businesses always took it as a credit against taxes owed and never got checks from the state.

Although excess collections are projected for corporate taxes from the 2013-15 cycle, Oregon voters changed the Constitution in 2012 so that excess amounts go directly into the state school fund.

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## Street striping in Astoria this week

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Citywide street striping in Astoria is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday. Short traffic delays may occur.

For questions, contact the Astoria Engineering Division at 503-338-5173.

On Thursday, Astoria Public Works Operations is closing west Lexing-

ton Avenue between west Grand Avenue and Sonora Avenue while machine mowing.

Street closure is expected between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., or until work is completed. All schedules are subject to change because of weather conditions.

For questions, call Astoria Public Works at 503-325-3524.

## Summer steelhead fingerlings die at hatchery

Associated Press

EUGENE — Unusually warm water has killed more than 150,000 summer steelhead fingerlings at an Umpqua River hatchery.

Many more may still die, potentially as much as 95 percent of this year's batch, Rock Creek Hatchery manager Dan Meyer said.

Hot water is dangerous for fish on its own, but it also creates an environment where bacteria and parasites can thrive, The Register Guard reported.

Although the fish were treated in smaller holding tanks and returned to health when the problem was detected, disease broke out again once they were moved back outside.

Hot weather and below-normal snowmelt have caused a steep rise in water temperatures.

Water in the North Umpqua has reached 71.4 degrees this summer, much higher than the mid 60-degrees that used to mark record-high temperatures, Meyer said.

"I have never seen water

this warm out of the North Umpqua — I hope this is not the new normal," he said. "Every year is different, but I have heard that five of the last 10 years have been the warmest in 125 years of record-keeping."

The die-off at the Rock Creek hatchery's summer steelhead fingerlings peaked during a nine-day period in mid-July.

He doesn't know how many of the tiny fish there are in the 20-foot by 80-foot raceway where they are contained as they grow and mature enough to be released into the river.

## Births

### Aug. 17, 2015

KOST, Kassondra and Andrew, of Knappa, a girl, Raegan Jean Kost, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Older siblings are Kenadie and Aubree Kost. Grandparents are Tim Ferguson of Seaside, Annette Ferguson of Olympia, Wash., Walter and Tammy

Kost of Longview, Wash., and Sharon and Dave Phillips of Astoria.

### Aug. 11, 2015

SHEER, Zayda and David, of Astoria, a girl, Mia Bella Sheer, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Wendell and Janet Sheer of Kempner, Texas, and Mercedes and

Enrique Bravo of Managua, Nicaragua.

### Aug. 7, 2015

BELLINGHAM, April and Matthew, of Astoria, a boy, John Edward Bellingham, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Marty and Sherry Bellingham and Buddy and Carrie Brandon.

## ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

### Astoria 5-Day Forecast

**Tonight**  
Mainly clear  
51°

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

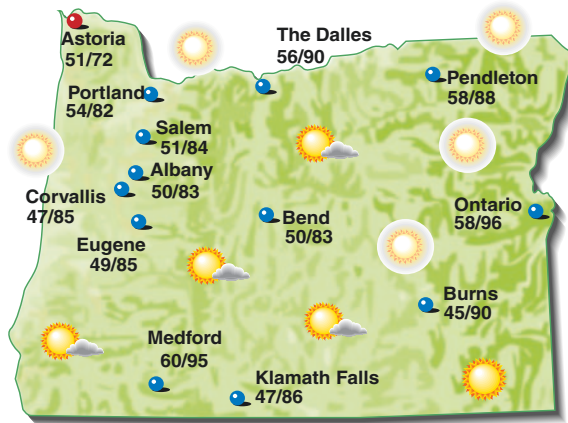
**Tuesday**  
Mostly sunny  
72° 51°

**Wednesday**  
Pleasant with times of clouds and sun  
72° 54°

**Thursday**  
Mostly cloudy with a shower in the area  
73° 54°

**Friday**  
Cloudy with a brief shower or two  
71° 56°

### Oregon Weather



### Almanac

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures	
High	70°
Low	50°
Normal high	69°
Normal low	53°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.09"
Normal month to date	0.75"
Year to date	27.87"
Normal year to date	37.69"

### Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:10 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday	6:26 a.m.
Moonrise today	4:11 p.m.
Moonset today	12:59 a.m.

Full Moon: Aug 29  
Last Quarter: Sep 5  
New Moon: Sep 12  
First Quarter: Sep 21

### Regional Cities

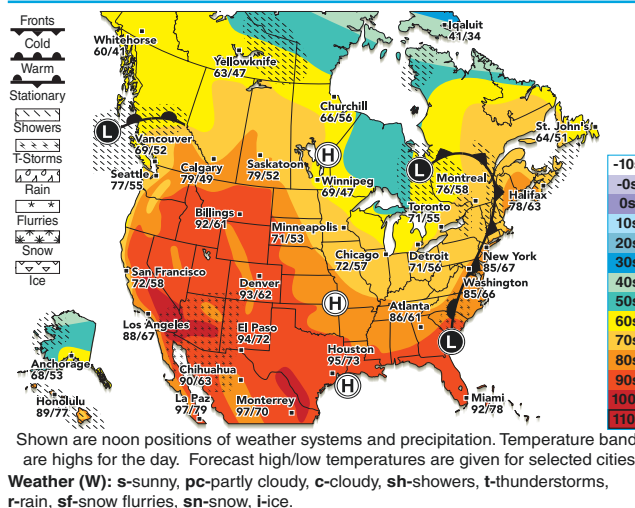
City	Today	Tues.
Baker City	90 47 pc	89 45 pc
Bend	85 50 s	83 52 s
Brookings	69 54 pc	70 54 s
Eugene	85 49 pc	85 50 pc
Ilwaco	66 53 pc	67 53 s
Klamath Falls	87 47 s	86 46 s
Medford	94 60 s	95 60 s
Newport	64 48 pc	64 48 s
North Bend	66 50 pc	68 52 s

City	Today	Tues.
Olympia	76 45 pc	78 45 pc
Pendleton	89 58 pc	88 57 pc
Portland	81 54 pc	82 57 pc
Roseburg	87 55 s	87 56 s
Salem	83 51 pc	84 54 pc
Seaside	68 53 pc	69 53 s
Spokane	87 59 pc	85 59 pc
Vancouver	81 52 pc	82 55 pc
Yakima	92 52 pc	89 53 s

### National Cities

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	91 65 s	86 61 s
Boston	77 68 sh	79 67 t
Chicago	74 54 s	72 57 s
Denver	91 59 pc	93 62 pc
Des Moines	74 52 s	76 52 s
Detroit	75 54 s	71 56 pc
El Paso	91 72 pc	94 72 t
Fairbanks	58 46 pc	54 51 sh
Honolulu	87 77 sh	89 77 sh
Indianapolis	75 54 s	73 56 s
Kansas City	78 53 s	80 57 s
Las Vegas	106 79 s	96 75 pc
Los Angeles	86 66 pc	88 67 pc
Memphis	84 60 pc	83 61 s
Miami	93 79 pc	92 78 t
Nashville	83 57 pc	82 57 s
New Orleans	94 78 t	90 72 t
New York	86 72 pc	85 67 t
Oklahoma City	83 62 pc	89 65 s
Philadelphia	89 71 s	87 66 pc
St. Louis	79 59 s	79 58 s
Salt Lake City	97 70 s	97 68 pc
San Francisco	72 58 pc	72 58 pc
Seattle	76 52 pc	77 55 pc
Washington, DC	92 71 t	85 66 pc

### Tomorrow's National Weather



## Prep schedule

**THURSDAY**  
Volleyball — Astoria at Santiam Christian, 1 p.m.; Knappa at Warrenton, 6:30 p.m.  
Cross Country — Seaside at Wilsonville Night Meet, 7 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
Football — Astoria Jamboree, at CMH Field, 5 p.m.

(with Clatskanie, Estacada, Ilwaco, Seaside, Stayton, Warrenton, Yamhill-Carlton); Neah-Kah-Nie Jamboree, 7 p.m.  
Volleyball — Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6 p.m.  
**SATURDAY**  
Volleyball — Warrenton Tournament, 8:30 a.m.; Knappa at Columbia Christian Tournament, TBA

## Lotteries

**OREGON**  
Sunday's Pick 4:  
1 p.m.: 8-5-3-4  
4 p.m.: 1-5-6-1  
7 p.m.: 6-4-7-3  
10 p.m.: 8-6-0-5  
Saturday's Megabucks: 16-24-40-43-44-45  
Estimated jackpot: \$6.3 million.  
Saturday's Powerball: 4-12-14-21-55, Powerball: 7  
Estimated jackpot: \$90 million.  
Saturday's Pick 4:  
1 p.m.: 1-0-3-5  
4 p.m.: 5-3-3-6  
7 p.m.: 4-4-9-5  
10 p.m.: 7-0-8-8  
Friday's Pick 4:  
1 p.m.: 9-5-7-5  
4 p.m.: 5-7-7-2  
7 p.m.: 9-2-0-2  
10 p.m.: 1-4-0-9

**WASHINGTON**  
Sunday's Daily Game: 0-7-1  
Sunday's Keno: 03-06-13-15-21-30-33-38-39-44-45-46-48-49-50-53-71-75-76-77  
Sunday's Match 4: 02-03-04-19  
Saturday's Daily Game: 6-1-0  
Saturday's Hit 5: 12-26-27-29-34  
Estimated jackpot: \$300,000  
Saturday's Keno: 10-13-17-21-22-26-37-38-44-48-52-57-58-59-70-76-77-78-79-80  
Saturday's Lotto: 08-13-27-35-37-40  
Estimated jackpot: \$2.8 million  
Saturday's Match 4: 05-08-14-21  
Friday's Daily Game: 2-0-6  
Friday's Keno: 03-08-17-23-27-32-37-51-57-58-59-60-61-66-67-71-76-78-79-80  
Friday's Match 4: 06-09-11-19  
Friday's Mega Millions: 13-15-21-41-72, Mega Ball: 1  
Estimated jackpot: \$55 million

## Public meetings

**MONDAY**  
Clatsop Community College Board, 6 p.m., work session, Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave.  
Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 6 p.m., special meeting, Warrenton High School library, 1700 S.E. Main Ave., Warrenton.  
Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 989 Broadway, Seaside.

**TUESDAY**  
Port of Astoria Commission, 10:30 a.m., special session on Astoria Riverwalk Inn, old Port offices, 422 Gateway Ave.  
Astoria Library Board, 5:30 p.m., Astoria Public Library, 450 10th St.

Clatsop Care Health District Board, 5:30 p.m., Clatsop Care Memory Community, 2219 S.E. Dolphin Road, Warrenton.  
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.  
Astoria Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

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