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**Gillnetters want state to halt ban**

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SALEM — Commercial gillnetters said Oregon should halt its phased-in ban of their salmon fishing method in the main channel of the Columbia River.

Speaking to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission on Friday, panelists representing

gillnetters said alternative commercial fishing methods are expensive or unproven, and plans to develop salmon runs in side channels show little promise.

Astoria fisherman Jim Wells, president of Salmon for All, said only big migratory fish returns the past couple years have kept gillnetters operating. He said limiting gillnetting to the Columbia's side-channel sloughs will

cost commercial anglers two-thirds of their income.

"We've been lucky to have big runs," Wells said. "Our income is coming off the mainstem. We need to be there."

He and others asked the commission to halt implementation of the main channel gillnetting ban, which takes full effect in 2017. The commission wasn't scheduled to take action

Friday, but invited panels to speak on the issue.

**Opposing view**

Sportfishing groups, led by the Coastal Conservation Association, take the opposite view.

More than two-dozen backers, many of them wearing red CCA caps, attended the commission meeting to support the Columbia River Harvest

Management Plan adopted by Oregon and Washington in 2013.

The sportfishers argue that gillnetting is an indiscriminate method that catches and kills salmon whether they are hatchery raised or wild.

"With over a dozen Columbia River salmon and steelhead stocks listed under the (federal) Endangered

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**Eagle dies after attack by rival**

John Dudley/Submitted Photos

An injured male bald eagle looks forlorn and droopy on a small log after a fight with another eagle Friday morning in Gearhart.



A male bald eagle was injured after a fight with another eagle Friday morning in Gearhart.

**Despite efforts, rescuers can't save injured bird**

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**G**EARHART — A bald eagle injured in a fight with another eagle did not survive the weekend.

The fight, possibly over a mate, took place at Gearhart's Necanicum Estuary Friday morning.

"Sadly, the eagle didn't make it through his first night with us," Josh Saranpaa, director of the Wildlife Center of the North Coast said Saturday.

**Eagles do battle**

At about 11:30 a.m. Friday, Gearhart resident John Dudley was washing the windows of his Little Beach home when neighbor Brian Fennerty called out, "Are you watching this?"

Dudley, a photographer, followed Fen-

nerty toward the shore where two adult eagles were brawling.

"One was attacking the other on the ground," Dudley said.

The fight began in the shallow water of the channel, he said. The injured eagle attempted to find safety on the sand, but the attack continued.

When Fennerty and Dudley approached, the attacking bird "peeled off and left the other one," Dudley said. The injured eagle "really looked in bad shape."

Through binoculars and the long lens of his camera, Dudley could see the injured eagle sitting on the sand. Its wings were listless and hanging on his side and his head was down.

"He was in bad shape," Dudley said. "He looked dirty, waterlogged and bloody."

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**Pacific Coast Seafood heads home**

Fish processor to rebuild plant in Warrenton

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WARRENTON — Pacific Coast Seafood is coming back to the Skipanon River.

A town hall Saturday with state Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, in the Warrenton City Commission chambers was especially fitting, given the \$3 million she helped secure from the state Legislature to return the city's largest employer.

With Daniel Occhipinti, general counsel for Pacific Seafood Group, Johnson announced the company's intent to rebuild and start processing seafood by spring of next year at the former Pacific Coast Seafood plant on the western banks of the Skipanon. The plant burned down in June 2013.

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A fire tore through the Pacific Coast Seafood plant in Warrenton in June 2013, leaving hundreds without work until Pacific Seafood relocated to a former seaplane hangar at North Tongue Point. The company plans a return to Warrenton by next spring.

**Hygienist strives to infuse fun in dental visits**

Seeks to reduce anxiety, educate

**F**or some of us, going to the dentist is regarded as just one of those unpleasant necessities of life.

A study done by the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine found that 9 to 15 percent of Americans avoid seeing the dentist because of anxiety and fear. That's about 30 to 40 million people.

Cathy Jo Kirkpatrick calls it "dental anxiety."

A dental hygienist at Gearhart Dentistry for the last eight years, Kirkpatrick says more and more dental offices are



striving for a positive experience for the patient.

At Gearhart Dentistry, Kirkpatrick says, "Dr. (Stephanie) White likes to have a spa-like atmosphere, because dental anxiety is so common. It doesn't have to be that way."

From water fountains in the lobby to chairs with massage technology, "There's techniques, methods and materials that can be used to alleviate people's fears, so that they can have a positive and com-

fortable experience," Kirkpatrick said.

"And once they get to know us and realize it doesn't have to be uncomfortable, that alleviates their fears, they relax and the dental anxiety becomes less and less."

Kirkpatrick loves her job and loves to educate people on dental care. After all, she has dedicated the last 12 years of her life to it.

She took two years of prerequisites at Clatsop Community College, then two years full time in the dental hygiene program at Mt. Hood Community College, before joining Gearhart Dentistry.

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Her co-workers helped Cathy Jo Kirkpatrick celebrate her birthday at work earlier this month.