

Complaint claims lawmakers misled on wolf bill

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The environmental group Cascadia Wildlands is accusing three Oregon lawmakers of knowingly misrepresenting a bill that ratified the state's decision to remove gray wolves from the endangered species list.

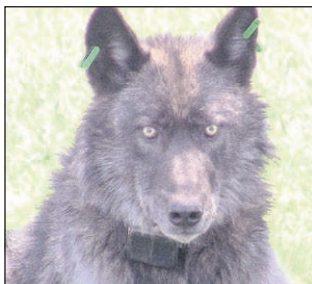
The complaint was filed Monday with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission against state Rep. Brad Witt, D-Clatskanie; Rep. Sal Esquivel, R-Medford; and Rep. Greg Barreto, R-Cove.

Barreto introduced House Bill 4040 during the short legislative session earlier this year. The state Department of Fish and Wildlife had previously determined wolves no longer need endangered species protections, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission followed through with delisting wolves in November 2015.

The bill effectively gave the Legislature's stamp of approval, and Gov. Kate Brown signed off on the legislation in March.

Cascadia Wildlands argues that in order to secure votes, Witt, Esquivel and Barreto made false statements that the bill would not affect a judicial review of the wolf delisting decision.

"There's a real concern this bill passed through the House with a fundamental misunderstanding of what it does," said Nick Cady, legal director for Cascadia Wildlands. "Salem



Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
One of four wolves recently killed by wildlife officials because of livestock depredation.

can be somewhat of a black box ... We perceived this as pretty egregious."

Cascadia Wildlands, Oregon Wild and the Center for Biological Diversity had all requested a judicial review of the delisting decision. The case was tossed by the Oregon Court of Appeals in April, which cited HB 4040.

Cady claims the bill's sole purpose was to block their review, despite claims from Barreto, Witt and Esquivel.

According to the complaint, Barreto said during a February hearing that the bill "does nothing more than shore up the decision by the Fish and Wildlife Commission," and, "Our objective in this is not to usurp the authority of the commission. It is only to shore up the decision that they have made and to make the (wolf) plan a workable plan as was written." He also sent a written document to colleagues stating the bill had no language precluding judicial review.

'To be very clear, the (wolf) recovery is going very successfully.'

Nick Cady
Cascadia Wildlands

However, the Legislative Counsel Committee issued a report in February to state Sen. Michael Dembrow, D-Portland, stating that the only legal effect of HB 4040 was to "validate any real or perceived irregularities" in the Department of Fish and Wildlife's decision under state law.

"In essence, the only effect of the bill was to preclude judicial review of the commission's delisting decision," the complaint reads.

HB 4040 passed the House 33-23, and the Senate 17-11.

Since then, the state shot and killed four wolves from the Imnaha Pack in northeast Oregon for frequently attacking livestock in the area. There is still no legal hunting of wolves allowed in Oregon.

Barreto said he had not seen the complaint as of Monday morning, but reiterated the intent of the bill was to affirm what the Department of Fish and Wildlife had already done.

"All we did was say yes, we agree with Fish and Wildlife," Barreto said. "If that precludes their lawsuit, then so be it."

High school art show raises funds for Haiti

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Astoria High School's art club, Art Out Loud, will hold its spring art show during Second Saturday Art Walk May 14 at the Baked Alaska annex, with proceeds supporting graduate Eleni Duret's fund to help Haitians recover from a large earthquake in 2010.

The free art show is from 5 to 8 p.m. in the restaurant's annex at 175 14th St. in Astoria. It will include paintings,

poetry, photography and other pieces created by local high schoolers.

Duret was a junior when a large earthquake struck Haiti, leaving thousands dead and millions homeless. Feeling a need to act for her father, who is from Haiti, and her aunts and uncles who live there, Duret started her own campaign to raise relief funds. She has also traveled to the country to work with the Good Samaritan School.

Annual broombuster event targets aggressive shrub

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CANNON BEACH — Volunteers are gearing up for the annual Cannon Beach Broombuster event, which is being held by the Ecola Creek Watershed Council from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Les Shirley Park.

The council is a local stakeholder group that works to protect and restore wildlife habitat in the Ecola Creek watershed in Cannon Beach and Arch Cape. It is part of the nonprofit North Coast Watershed Association, which also manages the Nicolai-Wickiup, Skipanon and Youngs Bay watershed councils.

Originally introduced from Europe as an ornamental plant and for erosion control, Scotch broom is highly aggressive and forms dense stands, which displace native plants and provide poor wildlife habitat. Many people are highly allergic to its pollen.

All volunteers are welcome, and should wear work clothes and waterproof shoes, and bring rain gear and a re-usable water bottle. Gloves and tools will be provided.

For information, contact Brooke Stanley at 503-468-0408 or northcoastwatershedcouncils@gmail.com

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Overcast with spotty showers
48°

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

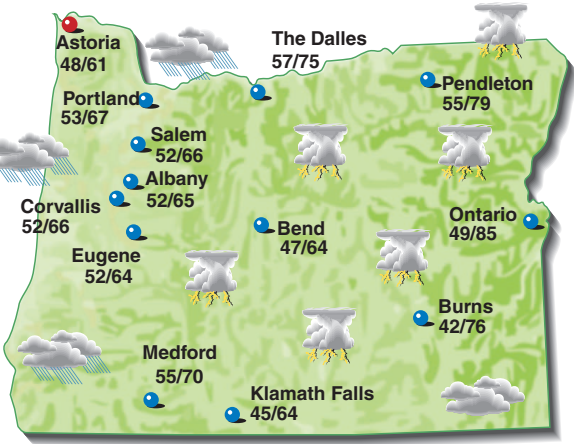
Wednesday
Cloudy and breezy with a couple of showers
61° 47°

Thursday
Mostly cloudy
62° 47°

Friday
Mostly sunny and pleasant
70° 49°

Saturday
Mostly sunny and pleasant
69° 50°

Oregon Weather



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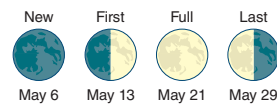
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Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures	
High	72°
Low	53°
Normal high	59°
Normal low	43°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	Trace
Month to date	Trace
Normal month to date	0.25"
Year to date	36.36"
Normal year to date	30.54"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:27 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	5:57 a.m.
Moonrise today	4:25 a.m.
Moonset today	4:45 p.m.



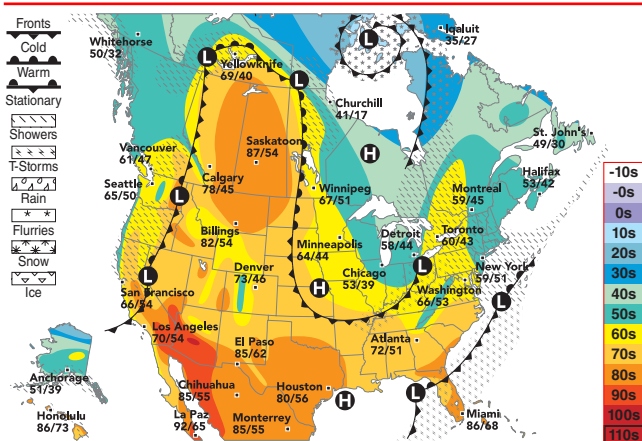
Regional Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	79	41	s	78	49	c
Bend	74	47	pc	64	45	c
Brookings	60	51	c	62	50	c
Eugene	72	52	pc	64	49	sh
Waco	59	50	sh	58	50	sh
Klamath Falls	70	45	pc	64	40	t
Medford	76	55	pc	70	52	sh
Newport	59	48	c	56	47	sh
North Bend	60	52	c	59	50	sh

National Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	78	56	t	72	51	pc
Boston	50	45	r	53	46	c
Chicago	68	46	pc	53	39	c
Denver	65	39	pc	73	46	s
Des Moines	69	46	pc	67	43	s
Detroit	63	48	pc	58	44	sh
El Paso	82	59	s	85	62	s
Fairbanks	56	34	sh	60	34	pc
Honolulu	85	73	s	86	73	pc
Indianapolis	62	48	pc	59	40	t
Kansas City	68	48	pc	67	43	s
Las Vegas	84	65	s	90	66	pc
Los Angeles	76	57	pc	70	54	pc
Memphis	70	52	pc	75	52	pc
Miami	88	75	t	86	68	t
Nashville	69	49	c	70	46	pc
New Orleans	79	63	t	78	63	s
New York	59	51	r	59	51	sh
Oklahoma City	72	48	pc	78	49	s
Philadelphia	62	51	r	62	51	sh
St. Louis	68	53	pc	68	47	pc
Salt Lake City	74	51	s	81	59	pc
San Francisco	66	52	pc	66	54	c
Seattle	73	52	pc	65	50	sh
Washington, DC	68	56	r	66	53	c

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.

ON THE RECORD

DUII arrests

- At 12:53 p.m. Friday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Brett M. Malehorn, 45, of Astoria, for driving under the influence of intoxicants at 33rd Street and Leif Erikson Drive in Astoria.
- At 6:21 a.m. Saturday, Oregon State Police arrested Lauren Nicole Yokum, 29, of Nehalem, for DUII at Barber Road and Fish Hatchery Lane in Nehalem.
- At 5:36 p.m. Saturday, Astoria Police arrested Gail L. Johnson, 64, of Astoria, for DUII on 30th Street and Grand Avenue. Johnson's

blood alcohol content was measured at 0.25 percent, according to police.

At 1:55 a.m. Monday, Astoria Police arrested Justin R. Puckett, 36, of Warrenton, for DUII and reckless driving on New Youngs Bay Bridge.

Motorcycle crash

At 4:01 p.m. Sunday, Oregon State Police responded to a motorcycle crash on state Highway 53 milepost 3.5. The motorcyclist, Casandra T. Schoenwald, 35, of Vancouver, Washington, lost control while negotiating a curve on the highway. She was injured

and transported to Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Assault

At 1:59 p.m. Thursday, Warrenton Police arrested Eleazar Pascual Delacruz, 26, of Warrenton, for fourth-degree assault and harassment on the 200 block of S.E. Marlin Avenue.

At 11:25 p.m. Monday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Sean William Friddle, 47, of Astoria, for second-degree assault, third-degree assault and menacing that allegedly occurred April 25. He was arrested on the 35000 block of Lyngstad Heights.

MEMORIAL

Friday, May 6

FULTON, Lula Mae — Service at noon, Wal-lin Funeral Home, 1811 W. Cemetery Road in Oak Har-

bor, Washington. Fulton, 74, of Oak Harbor, formerly of the Astoria area, died unexpectedly Monday, April 25, 2016, in Seattle.

DEATH

April 19, 2016

STREICH, Debra Jane, 58, of Cannon Beach and Seaside, died in Portland.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 3-5-8-5
4 p.m.: 6-8-4-9
7 p.m.: 3-5-7-2
10 p.m.: 3-1-2-2
Monday's Megabucks: 6-11-14-22-28-36
Estimated jackpot: \$3.2 million

WASHINGTON

Monday's Daily Game: 6-2-6
Monday's Hit 5: 16-21-28-32-38
Estimated jackpot: \$170,000
Monday's Keno: 02-13-15-21-23-24-29-30-35-39-40-41-42-53-58-59-61-70-72-77
Monday's Lotto: 04-09-16-20-26-42
Estimated jackpot: \$2 million
Monday's Match 4: 06-07-15-20

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

- Port of Astoria Commission,** 4 p.m., executive session (closed to public), old Port offices, 422 Gateway Ave.
- Seaside Library Board,** 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway.
- Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board,** 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
- Gearhart City Council,** 6 p.m., public hearing on brew pub, Fire Station, 670 Pacific Way.
- Clatsop Community College Budget Committee,** 6:30 p.m., Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria.
- Seaside Planning Commission,** 7 p.m., City Hall, 989

Broadway.
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

WEDNESDAY

- Warrenton-Hammond School District Finance Committee,** noon, district office, 820 S.W. Cedar Ave.
- Agenda Urban Renewal Agency,** 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
- Cannon Beach Budget Committee,** 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
- Seaside Improvement Commission,** 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
- Gearhart City Council,** 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

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