

Chinook season reopens while sturgeon season closes

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CLACKAMAS – Fishery managers from Oregon and Washington state on Tuesday reopened a Chinook salmon fishery and closed a recreational sturgeon fishery on the Columbia River.

Chinook fishing on the Lower Columbia River will be open Friday through Monday, then reopen again on June 3 and continue through June 15 when the summer Chinook fishing season begins.

According to Tucker Jones, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Columbia River program manager, the joint state action is based

on the remaining allowable catch and a projected run size of 180,000 to the river mouth.

"We're excited that we can open Chinook fishing over Memorial Day weekend," he said, "And by closing the fishery for a few days in middle of next week we hope to provide some stability to our constituents, and avoid emergency closures for the duration of the season."

The states did leave open the possibility of shortening the season if catch rates are higher than expected over Memorial weekend.

The daily bag limit is two fin-clipped adult sal-

monids per day, of which only one may be a Chinook. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. Retention of fin-clipped Chinook jacks is also allowed. Sockeye salmon must be released. Permanent regulations for steelhead and jack Chinook apply when adult Chinook seasons are closed. All other permanent regulations apply.

The states also opted to close the recreational white sturgeon fishery in the John Day Pool where the season has been underway since the beginning of the year and anglers have nearly met their annual harvest guideline of 500 fish. The closure is effective Sunday.

Ballot measure would restrict city land sales

Warrenton police chief also praises several for heroism

By DERRICK DePLEGGE
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WARRENTON — A measure that would require double-majority voter approval before the city transfers Tansy Point or other valuable assets could be on the November ballot.

The initiative, backed by the Warrenton Property Protection Committee, was presented to the City Commission Tuesday night. The commission has 30 days to either accept the measure as law, reject the idea and place the measure on the ballot, or place the measure on the ballot along with a competing measure from commissioners.

Ken Yuill, a retired utility technician, and others gathered signatures for the ballot measure after opposing a land swap between the city and Warrenton Fiber at Tansy Point. The ballot measure would apply to

city land valued at more than \$100,000.

Earlier this month, the City Commission voted to raise the threshold for such ballot measures. So, to pass, Yuill's measure would need double-majority voter approval.

The requirement means that a majority of more than 50 percent of registered voters must approve the change.

Police chief praises heroes

In other business Tuesday night, Police Chief Mathew Workman recognized several people for heroism.

Chris Mayer, the store manager at Rite Aid, received a citizen commendation for helping an elderly Astoria woman who was the target of a phone scam.

The woman had sought to buy \$2,000 in rechargeable credit cards in February after being told her grandson was in city jail and needed bail money.

Mayer alerted Warrenton Police, who explained to the woman that the city does not have a jail.

Daniel Withers and Travis Addison, who serve in the U.S. Coast Guard, were awarded citi-

zen commendations for intervening after a Longview, Washington, man tried to steal an elderly woman's purse in the Fred Meyer parking lot in January.

Withers used his SUV to block the man from driving away. The man rammed Withers' vehicle and fled on foot.

Addison, who was parked in the lot during the crime, later identified the man for Warrenton Police.

The man — Dustin Clint Haggood — was sentenced to five years in prison.

Darlene Warren, an insurance agent, received a citizen commendation for alerting Warrenton Police in March to a knife-wielding woman who had fallen into a ditch and was screaming about frogs.

Warren stayed with the woman until police arrived.

Three officers — Aaron Berndt, Richard Kraynak and Robert Wirt — were presented with letters of commendation for taking the woman into custody for a mental health evaluation. One of the officers used pepper spray to distract the woman, but, Workman said, the situation could have escalated into deadly force had the officers lost their composure.

Authorities trying to ID skeletal remains found near Pillar Rock

By NATALIE ST. JOHN
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WAHAKIACUM COUNTY, Wash. — An area man discovered human remains on Friday while boating on the Columbia River near Pillar Rock.

Wahkiakum County Prosecutor and Coroner Dan Bigelow said Tuesday that investigators believe the remains belong to an adult man who probably went missing roughly two years ago.

According to Bigelow, the boater was floating down the river near the point where Altoona Pillar Rock Road terminates when he saw the body lying on the shore.

"This one had a sharp eye," Bigelow said, noting that boaters regularly pass by that spot.

"Of the hundreds of people who went by there, he was the one who spotted it. You could call him lucky or unlucky, I guess," Bigelow said. "You'd have to ask him."

Bigelow said the discovery consisted of "skeletal remains, with some remaining tissue." Though the body was walking distance from the road, it was in a place that would have been difficult to access from land — one possible explanation for why it wasn't spotted sooner.

"It would be a heck of a hike," Bigelow said.

Investigators plan to try to identify the remains using dental records and DNA test-

ing. However, these methods are generally more successful when there are some known possible matches. Although the investigation is in its early stages, there are already some clues that could help identify the remains:

- The remains are probably those of a person who went missing sometime after May 2013, and has been dead for two or more years.

- The man was Caucasian. He was probably roughly 5'8", and anywhere between 30 to 60 years old. There are circumstantial indications that the man was of middle age or older.

- The man was dressed for outdoor sport, in size 10 Vibram-soled boots, a red button-down shirt, Levi's jeans with a 38-inch waist, and 32-inch inseam, and black gaiters.

- The man was carrying a microfiber optical lens cleaning cloth that had an advertisement for a Seattle optometrist's office printed on it.

- The man probably did not die where his remains were found. Instead he could have disappeared in any area that contains water that feeds into the Columbia River, in either Washington state or Oregon.

- He most likely went missing somewhere between the west side of Cascade Locks, and the eastern part of Wahkiakum County.

Bigelow asked the pub-

lic to share any tips about missing men that could help investigators identify the remains. Call the Prosecutor/Coroner's Office at 360-795-3652, or email Bigelow at dbigelow@waprosecutors.org.

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A: Yes, you should always buy the matching foundation with the purchase of a new mattress, unless the bed you are putting it on is a solid platform design. All mattress manufacturers have a clearly defined limitation built in to their warranty requiring a proper support surface for the mattress.

Why are steamer clams also called Manila clams? Aren't they a local product?

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What do I do now that Windows Live Mail (WLM) will lose functionality in June?

A: Windows 8 and 10 users have a new built-in mail app. Just click on the Windows icon and you will see the mail app in the Start window that opens up. For Windows 7 and Vista users, visit outlook.com/ and log in there. You will still be able to view old emails in WLM, but it will not download new emails. We can help you transfer your old emails to outlook.com/.

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