

# Recreational pot shops licensed in Oregon

One retailer was approved for Astoria

By **ANDREW SELSKY**  
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SALEM — Oregonians can now buy marijuana for recreational use at shops intended for that purpose.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission on Friday approved the licenses for 26 retailers around the state, meeting a key deadline almost two years after voters passed a ballot measure legalizing pot.

"It's a pretty exciting day for the OLCC," Steven Marks, the executive director of the commission charged with regulating recreational marijuana, said in a conference call with journalists.

October had been set as the month in which retail store licensing would start under the commission's timeline. Medical marijuana stores have been permitted to sell recreational marijuana since last October. Such dispensaries won't be allowed to sell to recreational users after December.

The approved retail shops are located in the Portland area, and in southern, central and western Oregon, including along the coast. One of the shops was The Farmacy in Astoria's Uppertown



Workers harvest marijuana plants in a rural area near Corvallis on Friday.

AP Photo/Andrew Selsky

neighborhood.

"It's exciting," said Nicholas Palazzo, co-owner of The Farmacy with Omar Guerrero. "It's relaxing, because the work was ... pretty intense, as far as paperwork and regulations."

Palazzo said the store had to switch its entire inventory from the health authority to the commission's seed-to-sale tracking system. Staff also had

to ensure all products were put in child-proof containers.

"Ours has a special clip" on the zipper, Palazzo said. "We had customers coming back, trying to figure out how to open the bag. We found one bag in the parking lot torn up, because the customer couldn't figure out how to open it."

Palazzo said some people didn't know about the Sat-

urday opening, despite the financial incentives. The tax on marijuana sold from medical dispensaries is 25 percent. Under recreational dispensaries, the tax is 17 percent.

Voters in Astoria will decide in November whether to also tack on a 3 percent tax for local revenue. Palazzo said the city deserves it, having been so welcoming to the

industry, and with police having to keep their eyes on so many stores. Besides The Farmacy, there are four operating dispensaries, along with three in the planning stages. Many are trying to go recreational.

The commission has also licensed dozens of recreational producers. A grower in Jewell was the first approved in Clatsop County. Palazzo said The

Farmacy Gardens LLC, his and Guerrero's grow operation, is close to being licensed.

Ten testing laboratories have also been licensed, Marks said. Recently, the head of the agency that accredits labs that tests pot for pesticides, potency and other elements complained that the agency was overburdened and at the point of collapse.

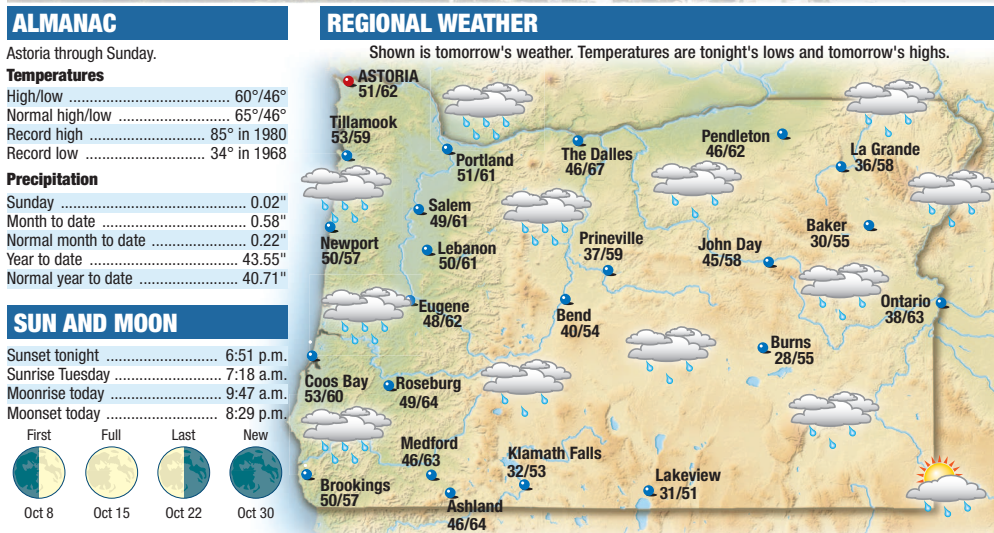
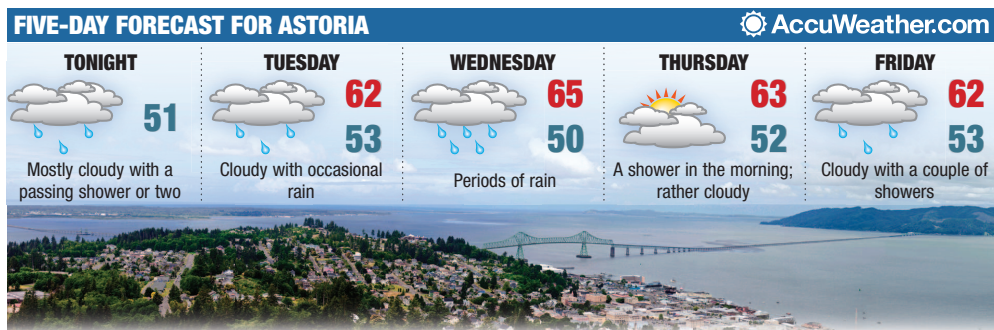
Marks said those issues seem to have been resolved and that the Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program, known as ORELAP, made a "heroic effort" in dealing with lab accreditation applications.

Marijuana sold legally in Oregon had been tested before, but now the labs must be accredited, and the packaging labeled with the lab results.

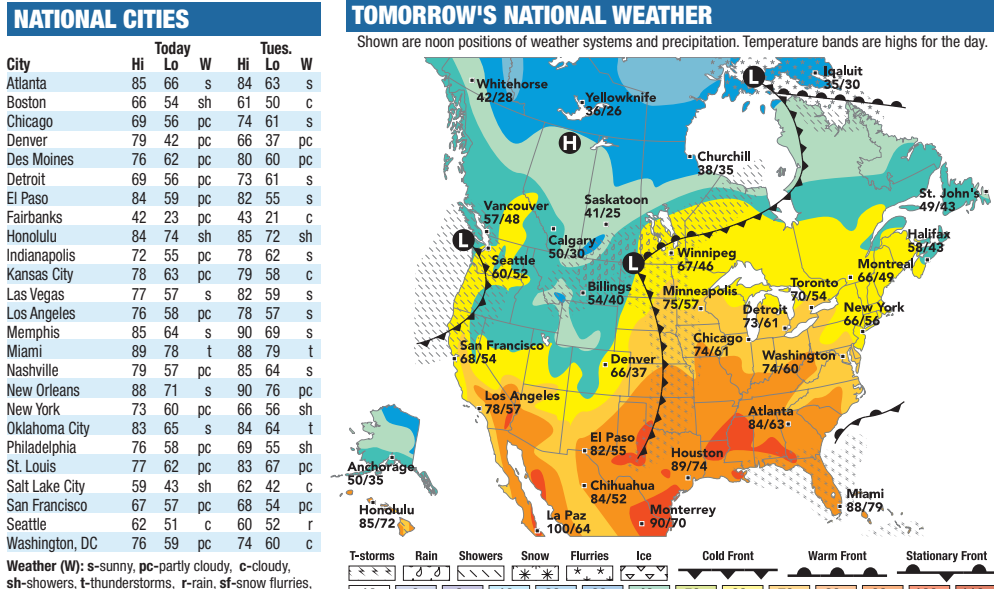
Products previously bought by retailers and sitting in back rooms and on shelves can be sold through March 2017. But items that shops buy after Oct. 1 must be tested under the new, more regulated system, Marks said.

The commission is also focusing on keeping names and labels on cannabis products from being attractive to children, Marks said.

Oregon, Alaska, Washington state and Colorado have legalized recreational marijuana, and it is on the ballot in several other states in November.



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Bend	54 40 pc 54 40 sh	64 46 s 62 47 c	Pendleton	64 46 s 62 47 c	62 47 c
Brookings	56 50 r 58 50 r	62 51 c 61 54 r	Portland	62 51 c 61 54 r	61 54 r
Eugene	59 48 c 62 51 r	61 49 c 64 51 r	Roseburg	61 49 c 64 51 r	61 52 r
Ilwaco	59 54 c 60 54 r	60 49 c 61 52 r	Salem	60 49 c 61 52 r	61 55 r
Klamath Falls	46 32 c 53 32 sh	59 54 c 61 55 r	Seaside	59 54 c 61 55 r	66 42 c
Medford	59 46 r 63 48 r	64 39 s 66 42 c	Spokane	64 39 s 66 42 c	60 52 sh 62 52 r
Newberg	60 48 c 60 51 r	60 52 sh 62 52 r	Springfield	60 52 sh 62 52 r	60 53 r
Newport	56 50 c 57 51 r	60 50 c 60 53 r	Vancouver	60 50 c 60 53 r	67 41 sh
North Bend	60 53 c 62 54 r	71 41 s 67 41 sh	Yakima	71 41 s 67 41 sh	



## Clatsop County Sheriff's Office investigating suspicious death

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The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a man who was found near U.S. Highway 30 about four miles east of Astoria Friday afternoon.

The man was identified as Howard Daniel Vinge, 71, of Newport. His death is considered to be suspicious in nature.

The Sheriff's Office is asking the public for assistance in finding anyone who was in contact with Vinge within the past month, especially anyone traveling with him.

Also of interest are Vinge's vehicles: a white 1993 Allegro Bay motor home with Oregon license plate HC33885 or a dark maroon 1991 Lincoln Continental with Oregon

license plate 045FVN. Vinge was last seen at his Agate Beach area home in mid-September. His two vehicles are known to have been in Astoria as late as Sept. 24.

Anyone with information is asked to contact local law enforcement or Sheriff's Office Detective Ryan Humphrey at 503-325-2061 or rhumphrey@co.clatsop.or.us.

## Ruling forces discussion on breaching dams to save salmon

By **BECKY KRAMER**  
The Spokesman-Review

SPOKANE, Wash. — A federal judge is forcing discussion of a radical step to save endangered salmon: taking out four dams on the Lower Snake River.

The public will get a chance to weigh in at meetings throughout the Northwest starting next month.

"Scientists tell us that removing the four Lower Snake dams is the single most important action we could take to restore salmon in the entire Columbia-Snake river

basin," said Sam Mace of Save Our Wild Salmon.

The four dams produce about 5 percent of the Northwest's hydroelectric power. They allow barges to ship goods between Lewiston and Portland. But they also hamper salmon migration to some of the best remaining fish habitat.

"We think those dams need to stay in place because of the multiple benefits they provide," said Terry Flores, executive director of Northwest River Partners, which represents public utilities, port districts and farm groups.

## DEATH

**Oct. 1, 2016**  
PINKNEY, Byron Pinkney, 73, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in

Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. Visit [www.hughes-ransom.com](http://www.hughes-ransom.com) to share memories and sign the guest book.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**MONDAY**  
**Knappa School Board**, 5:30 p.m., special meeting, Knappa High School library, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.  
**Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board**, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.  
**Astoria City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

**TUESDAY**  
**Seaside Community Center Commission**, 10 a.m., 1225 Avenue A.  
**Port of Astoria Commission**, 3:30 p.m., executive session

(closed to public), 5 p.m., workshop, new Port offices, 10 Pier 1 Suite 209.  
**Clatsop Diking Improvement Company No. 9 Board**, 6 p.m., regular meeting, then executive session, Lewis & Clark Volunteer Fire Department, 34571 U.S. Highway 101 Business.  
**Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board**, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.  
**Seaside Planning Commission**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.  
**Cannon Beach City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

## LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
**Sunday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 6-3-7-2  
4 p.m.: 1-3-3-2  
7 p.m.: 2-7-6-7  
10 p.m.: 4-0-4-6  
**Saturday's Megabucks:** 2-6-15-31-37-47  
Estimated jackpot: \$3.6 million  
**Saturday's Powerball:** 2-12-50-61-64, Powerball: 1  
Estimated jackpot: \$80 million  
**Saturday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 2-5-2-4  
4 p.m.: 5-2-7-0  
7 p.m.: 9-7-3-6  
10 p.m.: 4-6-4-0  
**Friday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 1-3-7-5  
4 p.m.: 8-1-5-1  
7 p.m.: 3-6-9-8  
10 p.m.: 0-3-9-1

**WASHINGTON**  
**Sunday's Daily Game:** 8-7-0  
**Sunday's Keno:** 02-09-11-14-16-19-20-28-35-39-47-51-53-56-57-59-61-69-71-80  
**Sunday's Match 4:** 03-05-09-12  
**Saturday's Daily Game:** 8-0-4  
**Saturday's Hit 5:** 12-13-23-32-34  
Estimated jackpot: \$140,000  
**Saturday's Keno:** 02-03-04-06-12-13-16-19-34-39-42-45-47-52-55-56-58-69-74-75  
**Saturday's Lotto:** 01-13-22-39-41-44  
Estimated jackpot: \$1.7 million  
**Saturday's Match 4:** 03-04-16-23  
**Friday's Daily Game:** 0-3-1  
**Friday's Keno:** 18-21-23-31-33-35-37-42-44-48-51-56-57-59-63-66-68-73-77-78  
**Friday's Match 4:** 07-12-13-16  
**Friday's Mega Millions:** 21-30-47-50-57, Mega Ball: 9  
Estimated jackpot: \$35 million

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