

# White House honors Oregon man for role in fish recovery

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Sixteen years ago, the West Coast groundfish trawl fishery was declared a federal disaster.

The fleet's catch limits on groundfish like rockfish, black cod and Dover sole were dramatically slashed to protect severely overfished species.

On Friday, the White House recognized Brad Pettinger, the leader of the Oregon Trawl Commission in Brookings, for his role in leading the way to recovery. On his watch, a fishery that was on the brink of collapse is now certified sustainable.

Pettinger was one of 12 people across the country honored as "Champions of Change" in the seafood industry at an event in Washington, D.C.

Shems Jud of the Environmental Defense Fund said Pettinger played a key role in turning a struggling fishery around.

"In the early 2000s, the West Coast groundfish trawl fishery was pretty much a disaster across the board," he said. "There were a number of slow-growing, long-lived rockfish species that had been



Oregon Trawl Commission

**Groundfish trawlers dragged along the seafloor to catch groundfish species such as rockfish, black cod and Dover sole.**

severely depleted. There was high levels of bycatch, low levels of accountability. Really, everything bad that can happen in a fishery was happening. Nobody was making any money. It wasn't working well for anyone."

Pettinger said the whole fleet deserves credit for undergoing massive reforms to reduce bycatch, rebuild fish stocks and restructure the permitting system.

"What fishery has done what we've done: Basically hit bottom, right?" Pettinger said. "For the most part our stocks have been rebuilt, and they are well above the target level."

The fishery was reorga-

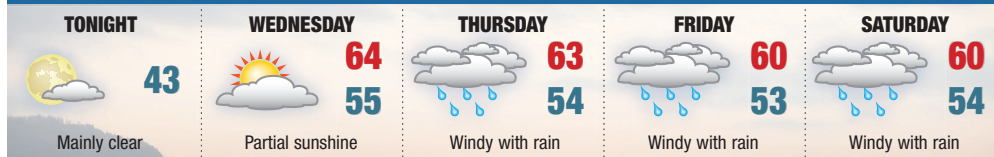
nized under a new "catch share" program in 2011.

The program gives each permitted boat a percentage of the total catch limit and tracks every fish that comes on board.

Pettinger said the latest fish counts show all the changes have had a positive effect. The fleet will be allowed to catch around 40 million pounds of rockfish next year.

"We're going to have a directed rockfish fishery on the West Coast for the first time in almost 20 years," he said. "We could potentially double the value of the fishery — in a sustainable manner."

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



## ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.

**Temperatures**  
High/low ..... 61°/40°  
Normal high/low ..... 63°/45°  
Record high ..... 83° in 1991  
Record low ..... 34° in 2008

**Precipitation**  
Monday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 3.59"  
Normal month to date ..... 1.32"  
Year to date ..... 46.56"  
Normal year to date ..... 41.81"

## SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight ..... 6:36 p.m.  
Sunrise Wednesday ..... 7:29 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 4:21 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 1:55 a.m.



## UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Aquarius the Water Bearer will appear low in the southeast at sunset and is visible throughout the night.

## TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

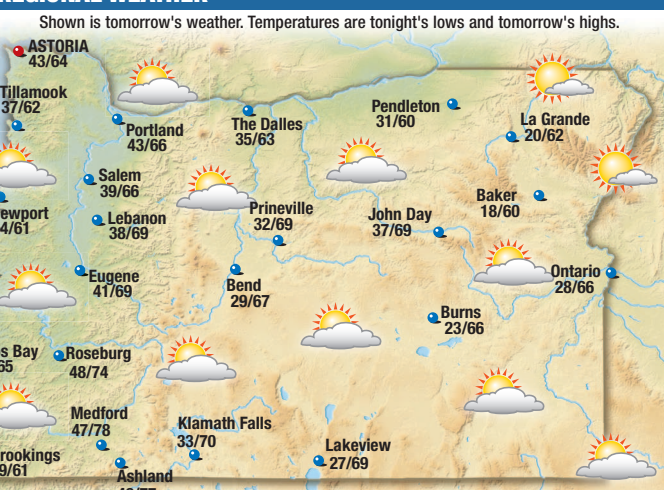
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11:22 a.m.	7.5 ft.	4:53 a.m.	0.5 ft.
11:13 p.m.	7.6 ft.	5:21 p.m.	1.6 ft.

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	76 50 s 77 55 s		Olympia	61 33 s 63 49 pc	
Boston	59 47 s 64 51 pc		Pendleton	55 31 s 60 40 s	
Chicago	71 56 pc 68 44 r		Portland	64 43 s 66 55 pc	
Denver	78 36 c 57 39 pc		Roseburg	70 48 pc 74 56 c	
Des Moines	77 50 pc 55 35 sh		Salem	65 39 s 66 53 pc	
Detroit	67 50 pc 76 50 pc		Seaside	64 44 s 63 55 pc	
El Paso	89 61 s 89 60 s		Spokane	51 29 s 56 39 s	
Fairbanks	45 19 s 44 19 pc		Springfield	67 41 s 71 53 pc	
Honolulu	85 75 pc 86 73 pc		Vancouver	63 40 s 65 53 pc	
Indianapolis	74 58 pc 75 52 pc		Yakima	60 30 s 61 41 pc	
Kansas City	78 56 pc 58 36 sh				
Las Vegas	90 64 s 87 63 s				
Los Angeles	73 57 pc 72 57 pc				
Memphis	87 61 s 85 61 s				
Miami	86 74 sh 87 76 c				
Nashville	82 52 s 81 56 s				
New Orleans	87 67 s 86 69 s				
New York	63 52 s 66 55 pc				
Oklahoma City	85 61 s 74 48 pc				
Philadelphia	66 48 s 68 55 pc				
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Salt Lake City	72 44 c 66 44 pc				
San Francisco	67 54 pc 67 56 pc				
Seattle	61 42 s 62 52 pc				
Washington, DC	66 52 s 69 56 c				

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

## REGIONAL WEATHER

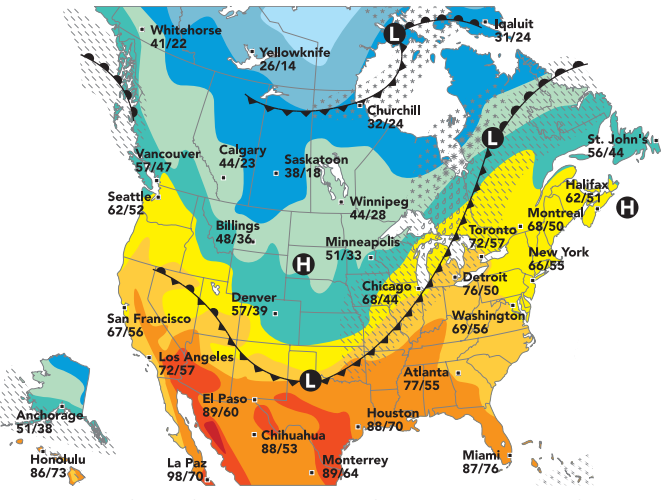


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Baker City	57 18 s 60 31 s		Olympia	61 33 s 63 49 pc	
Bend	57 29 s 67 47 pc		Pendleton	55 31 s 60 40 s	
Brookings	64 50 pc 62 55 pc		Portland	64 43 s 66 55 pc	
Eugene	67 41 s 69 53 pc		Roseburg	70 48 pc 74 56 c	
Ilwaco	63 49 s 61 55 pc		Salem	65 39 s 66 53 pc	
Klamath Falls	68 33 pc 70 41 pc		Seaside	64 44 s 63 55 pc	
Medford	77 47 pc 78 55 pc		Spokane	51 29 s 56 39 s	
Newberg	64 37 s 64 52 pc		Springfield	67 41 s 71 53 pc	
Newport	60 44 s 61 53 pc		Vancouver	63 40 s 65 53 pc	
North Bend	65 48 s 65 57 pc		Yakima	60 30 s 61 41 pc	

## TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



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## OBITUARIES

### Joe (Shorty) Daniel Nichols

Warrenton

Feb. 29, 1936 — Oct. 3, 2016

Joe was born on leap day Feb. 29, 1936, to Ann and Cleatus Nichols in St Helens, Oregon. He passed in Halfway, Oregon, on Oct. 3, 2016. He spent his childhood in Oklahoma and California before settling for good on the northwest coast of Oregon. He did spend some of his later teenage years wandering through Alaska trapping and hunting.

He married Jacqueline Buchanan on July 22, 1955, and had one amazing daughter and then Jon, a son. Joe worked at Point Adams Cannery in Hammond, Del Bodie's Service Station in Warrenton, and then started his 41-year career with Ocean View Cemetery when he was 18 years old. He started as a caretaker, and eventually became the supervisor before retiring from the cemetery at 59 years old. He was also a volunteer fireman for many years in Warrenton.

Joe loved the outdoors and looked forward to hunting season each year. Heck, he went hunting and fishing for just about anything he could get the family to eat. The family went camping as often as possible. He taught his son, Jon, how to trap, hunt and fish.

He traveled to Alaska several times, pretending to visit his daughter only to go hunting and clam digging as much as he could get away with. Joe and Jackie went to Eastern Oregon every year they could, and enjoyed the company of the other hunters at the camp. This year he did not return from hunting camp.

In the 1960s he was an avid citizens band radio fan — Snoopy was his handle, and they traveled as far as Edmonton, Alberta, Canada to CB Breaks. He was also a founding member of the Sons of the Beaches Jeep Club, and the family went on many Jeep Runs over the years. The Jeep Club started one of the first beach cleanup efforts.

Joe liked to hang out with Jon (and his yellow dog, Poppers) in his shop and help him build boats. He did this mostly in exchange for going out in the boats that Jon made for himself. Sturgeon fishing on the river was great fun for him and the entire family. To be honest, just about any kind of fishing or hunting was exactly what he wanted to be doing. Whether it was deer, elk, antelope, rattlesnake, grouse, salmon, smelt, sturgeon, trout, crab, clam digging — the list is endless! He also liked to have beer time with his friends.

He loved his family, and was kept amused by the antics of all his grandchildren, and was even brave enough to take his 14-year-old great-grand-

daughter out for driving lessons. As he grew older and slower, you could find him sitting in the garage, enjoying a glass of wine watching cars going by or going for a "tour" of the area. This included going down to the Hammond Basin, the Jetty or Peter Iredale, by the cemetery, over to the Warrenton Basin and back home, always on the lookout for elk. Many times they would be right in his yard when he returned.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie; his daughter, JoLynn Cagle and her children, Jared and Kristina; his son, Jon and his children, Kimberly and Sarah; five great-grandchildren, and Peanut; a sister, Barbara Dunn; "out-laws" Bettie Rubens, Mary and David Silver and Patricia Smith; along with many nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of Joe's life at Jon's house Saturday Oct. 15, 2016, at 1 p.m. It'll be a casual event, so bring your camp chair, favorite food and beverage.

In lieu of flowers, please just make an extra donation to your favorite charity.



Joe Nichols

## LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Candidate forum in Gearhart

GEARHART — The Gearhart Homeowners Association is holding a candidates forum from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at McMenamins Gearhart Hotel.

Bob Shortman, a contractor and property manager, and Matt Brown, a golf pro, are running for mayor. Ted Norton will serve as the moderator.

All are welcome to attend and bring questions, which

will be collected by the moderator to be put to the candidates.

### Students invited to app challenge

U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici has started accepting submissions for the nationwide Congressional App Challenge.

In the challenge, organized by the U.S. House of Representatives, students create and demonstrate a software application for smartphone, tablet, or desktop. A panel of local

experts review the submissions for creativity, originality, user experience and design, among other criteria.

Students in Oregon's 1st Congressional District, which includes Clatsop County, must submit their app's source code online before Nov. 2, as well as a video demonstration explaining their app and what they learned through the competition process.

For more information on the competition and how to register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/hkcv19>

## ON THE RECORD

### DUII

- On Friday, Astoria Police arrested David Leslie Mills, 66, on one count of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

- On Friday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Toni Lee Ramvick, 32, on one count each of

driving while under the influence of intoxicants, driving while suspended and hit and run.

- On Sunday, the Sheriff's Office arrested Darlene Marie Douglas, 53, on one count each of driving while under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### TUESDAY

**Clatsop Community College Board**, 5 p.m., work session, 6:30 p.m., regular meeting, Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria.

**Cannon Beach Affordable Housing Task Force**, 1 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

**Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

**Astoria School Board**, 6:15 p.m., study session, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.

**Wickiup Water District Board**, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

### WEDNESDAY

**Clatsop Soil and Water Con-**

### ervation District Board

10 a.m., Conference Room 231, OSU Seafood Lab Center, 2001 Marine Drive.

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## DEATH

### Oct. 7, 2016

**LINDSTROM**, John E., 64, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

## LOTTERIES

### OREGON

#### Monday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 9-9-2-6

4 p.m.: 1-3-9-4

7 p.m.: 9-4-4-5

10 p.m.: 1-2-7-3

**Monday's Megabucks:** 6-10-18-22-25-47

Estimated jackpot: \$4.4 million

### WASHINGTON

**Monday's Daily Game:** 0-6-9

**Monday's Hit 5:** 03-12-15-28-35

Estimated jackpot: \$270,000

**Monday's Keno:** 05-06-09-13-16-18-21-31-34-35-43-46-55-58-64-69-71-74-77-79

**Monday's Lotto:** 08-13-17-28-31-49

Estimated jackpot: \$2.2 million

**Monday's Match 4:** 04-09-14-18

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