



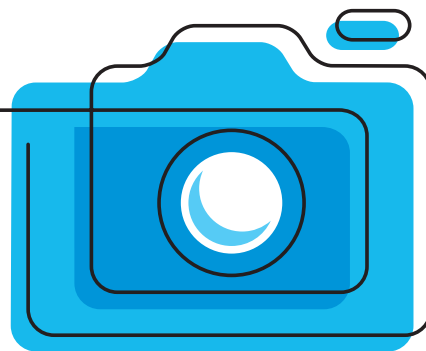
FIRST

Teddy Townsend, 18, of Cathlamet, Washington, won the judges' pick for First Place with his self-portrait photo under the Milky Way. "It took a bunch of tries to get this shot; this was a 30 second exposure," he says. "It was hard to stand perfectly still for that long!" He also earned an Honorable Mention in the Top 10 with his photo "Growing Toward the Light," depicting a pristine patch of forest in northern Washington. Coast Weekend's Photo Contest isn't new to Townsend — last year one of his photos earned a spot in the Top 25.

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PHOTO

contest



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Here are the top shots of the 2016 Coast Weekend Photo Contest. With 377 photos submitted, this year's contest was pretty big. Determining the best was tough — there were tons of interesting, beautiful and eye-catching entries for judges to look over. This year there were great turnouts by photographers from the local Columbia-Pacific region, the Portland metro area, Eastern Oregon and the central Oregon Coast, as well as some entries from northern Washington.

Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to all who entered. It's inspiring to see the beauty and variety of your photos, and we can't wait to see what you shoot for next year.

[SEE THE TOP 25 PHOTOS ON COASTWEEKEND.COM](http://COASTWEEKEND.COM)



SECOND

Mark Wiltrakis, 69, of Astoria, took Second Place with "Kaboom," his photo of a crashing ocean wave at Shore Acres State Park near Coos Bay.



THIRD

Third Place went to **John Dudley**, 72, of Gearhart, for his photo, "Rescue," of an injured bald eagle. "Though helping hands tried to save this victim of an attack by another eagle over the Necanicum Estuary, in the end the rescue could not save the bird from its sad fate," Dudley says.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE

More than 330 people voted on coastweekend.com for the People's Choice photo, a striking shot of a massive fog bank rolling in at Ecola State Park. Photographer **Liisa Peterson**, 45, of Lake Forest Park, Washington, won People's Choice.