

Coast Guard: Auxiliary largely pays for its own operations

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Based at the Coast Guard's Aids to Navigation Team at North Tongue Point, Flotilla 64 also helped create day boards, which help boaters navigate off-channel areas of the Columbia. Deck said he and another volunteer will continue making the navigational aids.

Flotilla 62, created in 1999, is still based out of the Coast Guard's Station Cape Disappointment in Washington state.

Part of the issue, Deck said, is that the auxiliary largely pays for its own operations. Many of the volunteers are older than 55, he said, and looking to retire, spend more time with their families or join flotillas closer to home.

"The best way to drum up volunteers right now would be to involve younger people," Deck said. "We need younger people who are willing to make the commitment to come out and participate."



Members of Flotillas 64 out of Tongue Point and 62 out of Cape Disappointment, two local branches of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, gathered outside the Columbia River Maritime Museum to celebrate 75 years of service by auxiliaries in 2014. Flotilla 64 has voted to close because of declining membership.

Submitted Photo

New Yellowstone dam challenged over sturgeon worries

By MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Wildlife advocates plan to challenge the approval of a new Yellowstone River dam aimed at benefiting Montana and North Dakota farmers that critics say could kill off a dwindling population of a fish species dating to the time of dinosaurs.

A bypass channel would be built alongside the concrete irrigation dam near the Montana-North Dakota border to let endangered pallid sturgeon reach upstream spawning grounds.

But scientists don't know if the fish would use the channel. Advocates for the few remaining wild sturgeon say betting they would is an unacceptable risk because they could die off altogether if the channel plan does not work.

Pallid sturgeon are one of the rarest native fish in the Missouri and Mississippi River basins, have a distinctive, shark-like snout and can live 50 years, reaching 6 feet in length.

Court filing

Defenders of Wildlife and the Natural Resources Defense Council said in a court filing Friday they are negotiating with officials on how to proceed following



The Yellowstone River flows over the Intake Diversion Dam, a rock structure that captures water for agriculture, northeast of Glendive, Mont., near the North Dakota border.

AP Photo/Matthew Brown

last month's dam construction approval by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation.

The groups have a lawsuit pending over the \$57 million project, which U.S. District Judge Brian Morris temporarily blocked in 2015.

Morris must give his approval before construction can begin on the dam that would supply water to about

400 farms that produce sugar beets, wheat, barley, alfalfa and other crops.

Bypasses to circumvent dams have been used with mixed success for salmon and other fish populations in the Pacific Northwest and New England, but never for pallid sturgeon.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologists have said the best option for stur-

geon would be to remove an existing rock weir so the fish could pass freely up the river.

A government-sponsored peer review panel that examined the Yellowstone dam proposal expressed doubts that the bypass channel would help the fish make their way upstream and beyond the dam.

Removing the weir has been rejected by federal offi-

cial as too costly. It would require the installation of pumps to provide water to farmers.

Sturgeon release

Tens of thousands of hatchery-raised sturgeon have been released into the Yellowstone River to prevent the species from dying off, but it's still unknown if those fish will migrate and breed in

the same manner as wild fish. Female pallid sturgeon do not reproduce until they are 15 to 20 years old.

Meanwhile, fewer than 125 wild pallid sturgeon remain. They are all decades-old animals that biologists have warned could soon disappear entirely unless they are able to reach their spawning grounds farther up the river and beyond the proposed dam construction site.

About 55,000 acres of cropland in the two states are dependent on an irrigation system already in place at the proposed dam site. That system uses the rock weir to divert water into canals tapped by the farmers for their fields.

The Congressionally-authorized irrigation system was built in 1909.

James Brower, the manager for the irrigation project, said federal wildlife officials already have said the rock weir can be maintained, meaning there's no immediate worry that farmers who rely on it will run out of water.

But Brower said a protracted court fight over the dam would end up hurting pallid sturgeon.

"People need to realize court delays are defiantly going to hurt the fish. We're just talking about theoretical problems beyond that," he said.



A 3-inch pallid sturgeon swims with hundreds of others in a tank in the Miles City State Fish Hatchery in Miles City, Mont.

James Woodcock/Billings Gazette



A sub-adult pallid sturgeon in Neosho National Fish Hatchery's visitor center.

Katie Steiger-Meister/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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AB6103 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by FLOYD BREITMEYER, as Grantor, to TICOR TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of DONALD JESTER and ARLENE JESTER, as Beneficiary, dated April 3, 2008, and recorded on April 3, 2008 as Instrument #200803120 of the Records of Clatsop County, Oregon, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to-wit:
Lot 4, except the West 25 feet thereof; and all of Lots 5 and 6, Block 4, MATIER'S ADDITION TO WARRENTON, in the City of Warrenton, County of Clatsop, State of Oregon.

Situs: 719 S. Main Avenue, Warrenton, OR 97146
Account No.: 30826
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Both the Beneficiary and the Trustee have elected to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default consists of nonpayment of monthly payments of \$596.21 from May 27, 2016 to October 27, 2016 for a total of \$3,577.26; and real property taxes that have been paid by the Beneficiary, as follows: the sum of \$2,084.15 paid on November 9, 2010; \$3,318.42 paid on October 15, 2013; \$37.15 paid on October 24, 2013; \$1,025.84 paid on October 22, 2014 and \$1,061.92 paid on November 6, 2015, for a total of \$7,527.48.

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