

Washington's wolf population grew by 28 percent last year

Environmental groups pleased with growth

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State of Oregon

A female wolf from the Minam pack outside La Grande, after it was fitted with a tracking collar in 2014.

SPOKANE, Wash. — The population of wolves in Washington state grew by 28 percent last year, with at least two new packs, the state Department of Fish and Wildlife said.

At the end of 2016, the state was home to a minimum of 115 wolves, 20 packs, and 10 successful breeding pairs. That's an increase of at least 25 wolves since 2015, despite the confirmed deaths of 14 wolves from various causes.

Those findings draw on information gathered from aerial surveys, remote cameras, wolf tracks, and signals from radio-collared wolves, and are considered minimum estimates, the agency said.

"Washington's wolf population continues to grow at about 30 percent each year," said Jim Unsworth, director of Fish and Wildlife.

Wolves were all but eliminated from Western states in the last century. But the animals started moving back into

tration of wolves in northeastern Washington "underscores the importance of collaborating with livestock producers and local residents to prevent conflict between wolves and domestic animals."

There were no conflicts with livestock documented for 16 of the 20 wolf packs, the agency said. Four packs, and one lone wolf, were involved in the death of a cow or calf last year, the agency said.

The largest losses were inflicted by the Profanity Peak pack, which killed or injured at least 10 cattle grazing in the Colville National Forest. The agency killed seven members of the pack last year, prompting protests from conservation groups.

Seven other wolves were also known to have died last year, the agency said.

"We know that some level of conflict is inevitable between wolves and livestock sharing the landscape," said Donny Mortorello, wolf manager for the agency.

Environmental groups were pleased by the growth in the wolf population.

"It's great news that wolves have continued to recover, but we still have a long way to go," said Amaroq Weiss of the Center for Biological Diversity.

Washington from neighboring areas shortly after the turn of this century, sparking some conflicts with ranchers.

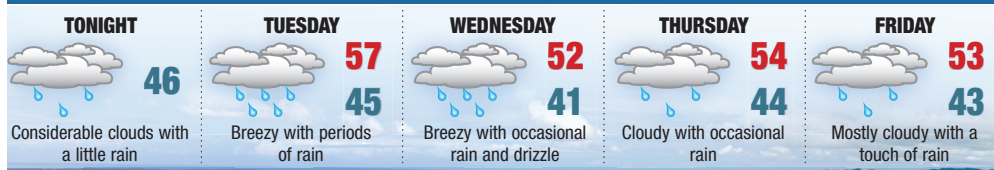
Gray wolves are listed under state law as endangered throughout Washington. In the western two-thirds of the state, they are also protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

All of the documented wolf packs are east of the Cascade Range, with 15 of the 20 packs located in a four-county area in the northeast corner of the state. That is also where most conflicts with livestock have occurred.

The two new packs confirmed last year are the Sherman pack, in northeastern Washington, and the Touchet pack, east of Walla Walla, the agency said.

Unsworth said the concen-

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.
Temperatures
 High/Low 54°/32°
 Normal high/low 54°/39°
 Record high 72° in 1914
 Record low 26° in 1965
Precipitation
 Sunday 0.00"
 Month to date 11.23"
 Normal month to date 4.71"
 Year to date 29.11"
 Normal year to date 22.10"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 7:28 p.m.
 Sunrise Tuesday 7:17 a.m.
 Moonrise today 2:34 a.m.
 Moonset today 12:06 p.m.
 Last New First Full
 Mar 20 Mar 27 Apr 3 Apr 10

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Spring will begin with the vernal equinox at 3:29 a.m. PDT. The third quarter moon will be at 8:58 a.m.

Source: Jim Todd, OMS

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

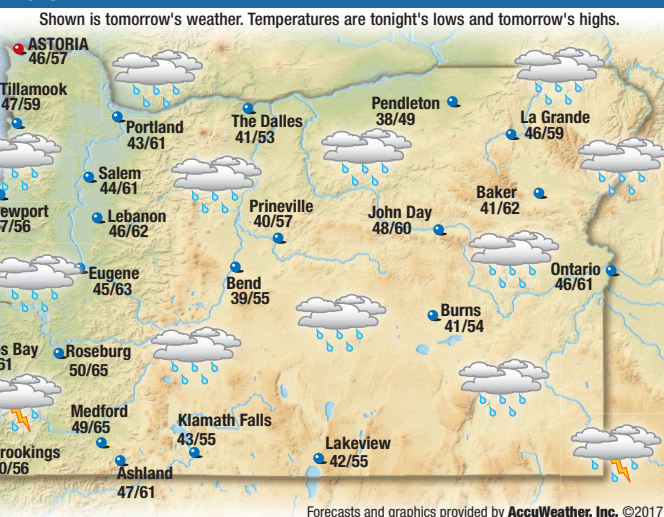
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7:49 a.m.	7.5 ft.	2:01 a.m.	3.7 ft.
10:04 p.m.	6.3 ft.	3:21 p.m.	1.5 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Tues.	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	73	57	pc	81	60	pc		
Boston	49	33	s	52	30	c		
Chicago	52	36	t	52	28	pc		
Denver	76	39	c	65	38	c		
Des Moines	67	40	pc	50	27	pc		
Detroit	47	34	sh	53	23	pc		
El Paso	89	59	pc	88	56	s		
Fairbanks	13	-14	pc	16	-10	s		
Honolulu	84	71	pc	85	71	s		
Indianapolis	63	42	r	56	28	pc		
Kansas City	79	47	pc	57	34	c		
Las Vegas	87	64	pc	81	59	s		
Los Angeles	70	56	pc	64	56	sh		
Memphis	64	62	s	81	52	pc		
Miami	75	59	pc	77	59	pc		
Nashville	79	60	pc	74	46	t		
New Orleans	80	61	pc	80	60	pc		
New York	52	40	s	56	34	pc		
Oklahoma City	91	62	s	84	47	pc		
Philadelphia	51	40	s	59	37	pc		
St. Louis	81	47	pc	60	37	sh		
Salt Lake City	74	53	c	75	53	c		
San Francisco	66	58	r	67	54	t		
Seattle	55	44	pc	56	45	r		
Washington, DC	56	45	s	63	41	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



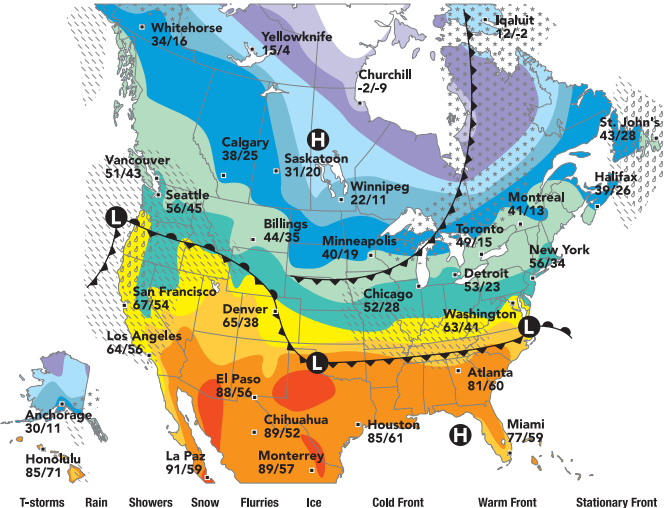
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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Tues.	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	60	41	c	62	35	r		
Bend	50	39	r	55	37	r		
Brookings	58	51	r	57	45	t		
Eugene	53	45	r	63	45	r		
Ilwaco	51	46	c	55	46	r		
Klamath Falls	59	43	c	55	38	t		
Medford	64	49	c	65	44	t		
Newberg	55	45	c	60	46	r		
Newport	53	47	r	56	45	r		
North Bend	60	51	r	61	47	r		
Olympia	51	41	pc	56	43	r		
Pendleton	48	38	pc	49	40	r		
Portland	54	43	c	61	45	r		
Roseburg	60	50	r	65	45	r		
Salem	55	44	r	61	45	r		
Seaside	52	47	c	56	46	r		
Spokane	50	38	pc	49	39	r		
Springfield	56	48	r	63	46	r		
Vancouver	55	45	c	60	47	r		
Yakima	53	40	c	52	36	r		

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

Alicia A. Hess

Astoria

July 29, 1964 — March 14, 2017

Alicia A. Hess, 52, of Astoria, lost her battle with cancer at home, peacefully, on March 14, 2017.

She was born in Astoria, on July 29, 1964, the daughter to Jim and Jane Hill. She spent her childhood enjoying 4-H as a "Trailblazer," showing Morgan horses and winning high awards throughout the Western U.S. as a junior rider. A proud member of the Oregon Morgan, and American Morgan Association, she enjoyed taking neighborhood kids for rides. Her close bond with school friend, Robin, and other Knappa classmates, lasted her lifetime.

Alicia married Sam Hess at the United Methodist Church on July 12, 1985. During their 32 years of marriage together, they loved sneaking away for massages and food adventures, long drives on logging roads and rooting for the Ducks while visiting their children at college.

She completed her dental training at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, and had a long career as a dental assistant to Dr. Pedersen, Dr. Carneiro, and as an oral surgeon assistant to Dr. Malmquist, sharing her upbeat attitude alongside her fellow "Tooth Fairies." She and her husband were co-owners of a bagel shop in Astoria and Long Beach, Washington, rehabbed a double-decker food bus that traveled along the Northwest Coast, and she was the proud maker of Astoria's Caramel Crack Corn, along with her son.

Alicia was a strong member of Gateway Community Church, in Hammond, Oregon, and enjoyed spreading God's love by doing mission work in Mexico and Thailand. She loved cooking with her many friends and "Whisking Chicks." She was always the life of the party and a risk taker, going skydiving twice and nearly breaking her tailbone, as she

was determined to land on the bullseye, even though she was going too fast on her descent from the plane.

"Momma Hess" was always hosting impromptu visits from friends and family from around the globe. You always knew you could pop in to say "Hi," and that you'd have a great meal, bed and a lot of laughs. Her last few years were committed to being a fun "Jamma" to her two grandsons; which she was one of the best! She retired and dedicated herself to them, teaching them sign language, a love for books, the importance of manners and prayers and the joy of getting a little dirt on your hands when you have a full day of playing outside.

She was known for her capacity to be friends with many types of people, all of whom felt like they could call her "family." She loved big, and blessed all of us with her positive energy, zest for life and motto, to always "be good to each other."

Alicia is survived by her husband, Sam Hess, of Astoria; daughter, Krysta Houseknecht (Damian) of Bay Center; son, Steven Hess of Astoria; grandsons, Sawyer and Sven Houseknecht of Bay Center; mother, Jane (Maki) Hill of Svensen; brother, Jim R. Hill (Wendy) of Reedsport; parents-in-law, Carol and Dan Hess and sister-in-law, Tina Hess, all of Astoria; and numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, James M. Hill, of Astoria, in 2015.

Her celebration of life will be held Saturday, March 25, at 11 a.m., at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, Astoria, Oregon, with a reception to follow.

Memorial donations may be made to North Coast Christian School, P.O. Box 188, Hammond, OR 97121.



Alicia Hess

ON THE RECORD

Strangulation

• At 8:31 a.m. Friday, Christopher Duane Reimers, 46, of Astoria, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department on Halsey Road for strangulation and domestic violence. He allegedly strangled his child.

DUI

• At 4:19 p.m. Friday, Pat-

rick Allan Ryan, 62, of Seaside, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department on U.S. Highway 101 near the east side of the Youngs Bay Bridge for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving. Ryan allegedly was tailgating another vehicle using only one headlight. He was also

cited for driving uninsured.

• At 6:22 p.m. Sunday, Robin Marie Martin, 61, of Mulino, Oregon, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department at the intersection of Southeast Dolphin Avenue and U.S. Highway 101 for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Coast Guard rescues hikers

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GALES CREEK — The U.S. Coast Guard rescued two hikers stranded in deep snow on King's Mountain in the Tillamook State Forest Saturday.

At approximately 6:30 p.m., the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center con-

tacted Coast Guard watchstanders at Sector Columbia River in Warrenton requesting assistance in lifting the stranded hikers.

After beginning their hike at 8 a.m. Saturday, the pair called 911 stating they were hypothermic and stuck on a ledge in 3 to 4 feet of snow with no overnight supplies.

BIRTH

Feb. 28, 2017

WEEKS, Jessica and Jason, of Warrenton, a girl, Ellie Rose Weeks, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Andrew Castoldi, Philip and Gloria Liefeld and Terry Weeks, all of Spokane, Washington, and Tracy Castoldi of Phoenix, Arizona.

DEATHS

March 18, 2017

GIRARD, William K., 66, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Services of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

March 16, 2017

HILL, Doris Alma, 93, of Seaside, died in Seaside.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

March 15, 2017

LOVELL, Evelyn Claire, 96, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Knappa School Board, 5:30 p.m., Knappa High School library, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.

Clatsop County Fair Board, 5:30 p.m., 800 Exchange St., Room 430

Astoria City Council, 6 p.m., work session on construction excise tax, 7 p.m., regular meeting, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

TUESDAY

Sunset Empire Park and Rec District, 4 p.m., 1225 Ave. A,

Seaside.

Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council, 4 to 5:30 p.m., 800 Exchange St., Room 430.

Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission, 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Seaside School District, 6 p.m., 1810 S. Franklin, Seaside.

Port of Astoria Commission, 6 p.m., 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.

Shoreline Sanitary District Board, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.

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