

Groups warn of lawsuit over logging in Oregon forests

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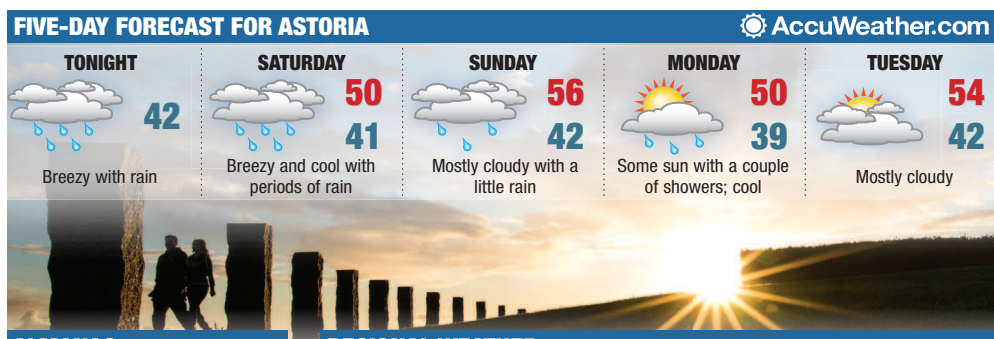
PORTLAND — Fishing and conservation groups are threatening to sue the state Department of Forestry, alleging it has failed to reform logging practices in the Tillamook and Clatsop state forests that harm coho salmon.

One of the groups filing the intent to sue Thursday is the Center for Biological Diversity. It filed a similar notice three years ago, but held off on the lawsuit.

Its endangered species director, Noah Greenwald, says the group was assured by the Forestry Department in 2014 that it would

work with conservationists and the timber industry on a new management plan that would potentially protect salmon and streams. He says that has not materialized.

A Forestry Department spokeswoman did not immediately return a message seeking comment.



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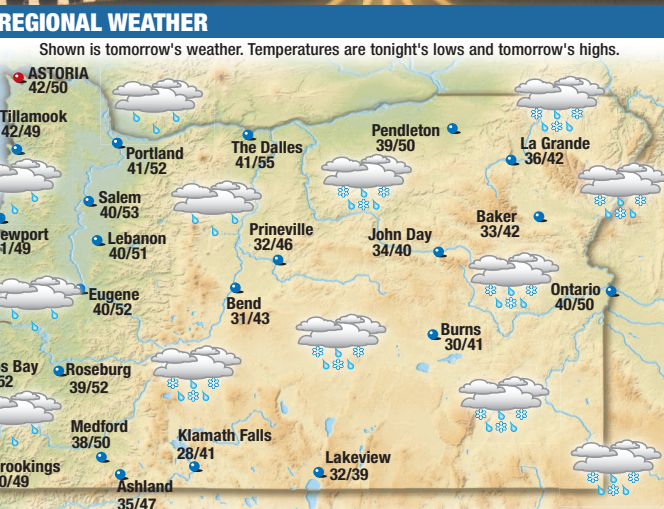
Astoria through Thursday.

Temperatures

High/low 56°/47°
 Normal high/low 55°/40°
 Record high 73° in 2009
 Record low 32° in 1978

Precipitation

Thursday 0.19"
 Month to date 1.84"
 Normal month to date 1.23"
 Year to date 34.17"
 Normal year to date 26.07"



SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 7:52 p.m.
 Sunrise Saturday 6:42 a.m.
 Moonrise today 4:24 p.m.
 Moonset today 5:19 a.m.

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Jupiter will be at opposition and well placed for observation in the constellation Virgo.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

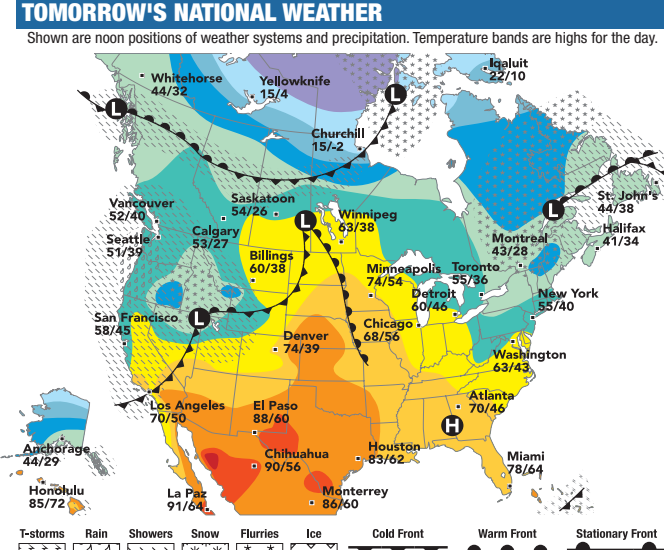
Time	High	Low
12:21 a.m.	8.4 ft.	1.3 ft.
12:22 p.m.	8.2 ft.	0.2 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Sat.	Lo	W
Atlanta	62	42	s	70	46	s		
Boston	53	38	c	51	36	pc		
Chicago	56	39	s	68	56	s		
Denver	74	46	pc	74	39	pc		
Des Moines	60	46	s	74	61	s		
Detroit	50	32	pc	60	46	s		
El Paso	88	57	s	88	60	s		
Fairbanks	33	17	s	35	15	s		
Honolulu	85	73	pc	85	72	pc		
Indianapolis	53	34	pc	63	51	s		
Kansas City	62	50	s	75	65	s		
Las Vegas	83	62	pc	75	51	pc		
Los Angeles	73	56	c	70	50	pc		
Memphis	66	45	s	74	57	s		
Miami	80	58	s	78	64	s		
Nashville	63	37	s	71	49	s		
New Orleans	73	54	s	75	56	s		
New York	50	36	sh	55	40	pc		
Oklahoma City	73	55	pc	80	62	s		
Philadelphia	50	36	c	58	38	s		
St. Louis	60	44	s	74	60	s		
Salt Lake City	68	47	pc	56	35	r		
San Francisco	61	49	t	58	45	sh		
Seattle	56	42	t	61	39	sh		
Washington, DC	52	37	c	53	43	sh		

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Sat.	Lo	W
Baker City	60	33	t	42	26	c		
Bend	51	31	r	43	23	c		
Brookings	51	41	sh	49	39	r		
Eugene	55	40	sh	52	36	sh		
Ilwaco	51	45	r	50	44	r		
Klamath Falls	47	28	r	41	19	c		
Medford	56	38	sh	50	31	sh		
Newberg	54	40	t	51	37	sh		
Newport	52	41	r	49	40	r		
North Bend	54	43	sh	52	40	r		
Olympia	54	39	t	50	36	sh		
Pendleton	60	39	t	50	34	r		
Portland	56	41	t	52	39	sh		
Roseburg	58	39	sh	52	35	sh		
Salem	55	40	t	53	37	sh		
Seaside	52	45	r	50	43	r		
Spokane	56	35	r	47	33	sh		
Springfield	56	40	sh	51	36	sh		
Vancouver	54	41	t	51	38	sh		
Yakima	61	36	t	59	34	sh		



Strong winds blow across Oregon, Washington state

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Strong winds knocked out power this morning to more than 100,000 homes and businesses in Oregon.

A high wind warning is in effect on the North Coast until late this afternoon.

A tree fell into power lines just after 8:30 a.m. on U.S. Highway 101 northbound near

Jim Street in Ilwaco, Washington. The Washington State Department of Transportation was working this morning to clear the tree, which has caused only moderate impact.

Radio stations KMUN and KTCB were temporarily down this morning due to the weather.

Downed trees were also reported on U.S. Highway 101 near Cannon Beach.

Outages were reported in cit-

ies from Portland and the Willamette Valley down toward the California state line, including Albany, Bandon, Grants Pass, North Bend, Roseburg and many other communities.

In Portland, gusty winds tossed debris across downtown streets and forced construction workers to hold on to their hard hats.

The Daily Astorian contributed to this report.

Bill to improve weather forecasts heads to President Trump's desk

Tsunami prep added to bill by Rep. Bonamici

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Weather Service would have to boost research — including some from private companies — to improve forecasts and storm warnings under a bill headed to the president's desk.

Lawmakers said the bill should save lives by giving residents more time to prepare for hurricanes, tornadoes and other deadly storms.

The bill would require the weather service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to advance research on high-tech forecasts and computer models, with an emphasis on accuracy and longer warning times for major weather events.

The legislation includes a tsunami warning provision by U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici,

D-Oregon. "Preparing for tsunami is a life-or-death matter for residents of (Northwest) Oregon and other coastal communities," the congresswoman said in a release Tuesday. "Congress took a step forward today by passing bipartisan legislation to improve our understanding of the threat posed by tsunami events and strengthen forecasting and notification systems."

"Students at Seaside High School in Oregon stepped up to educate their community about the risks of tsunami and now are rebuilding schools on higher ground," she said. "Now Congress is acting to improve warning systems and support state and local preparation efforts."

The House approved the bill by voice vote Tuesday, six days after the Senate backed the measure. The bill now goes to President Donald Trump.

The 97-page bill focuses on a range of weather forecasting, from hurricanes to tsunamis and long-range forecasts used by farmers and utilities. One section would authorize "technology transfers" between the weather service and private sec-

tor weather companies and universities to improve forecasting data.

"With more and better options, we can finally make needed improvements to our weather forecasting capabilities," said U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, chairman of the House Science Committee.

"We cannot stop a tsunami or a hurricane, but better forecasts and better warnings will save lives and livelihoods," said U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii.

The Trump administration has proposed cutting NOAA's funding by 16 percent, but maintains National Weather Service forecasting capabilities by investing more than \$1 billion.

The budget proposal would eliminate funding for a variety of NOAA programs, including external research, coastal management and "coastal resilience," which seeks to help coastal areas withstand major storms and rising seas.

"Now is not the time to cut ocean science, when we need it most," said U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Washington.

OBITUARY

Clarence 'Tize' Tolva Chinook, Washington April 27, 1932 — March 27, 2017



Clarence Thomas "Tize" Tolva of Chinook, Washington, passed away on March 27, 2017, at the home of his nephew and niece, Larry and Jean Murphy, in North Powder, Oregon. A private family gathering was held Sunday, April 2, 2017, in Chinook, Washington.

He was born in Ilwaco, Washington, April 27, 1932, to William and Laura Tolva. He grew up fishing with his family, and served in the Navy during the Korean War. He was discharged in San Diego, California, and soon married Barbara Edwards. They had two children, Laura and Michael Tolva.

He became an ironworker during this time, and retired from the Northwest Ironworkers Union. He also spent many years as a commercial fisherman, fishing in Oregon, Washington state and Alaska. He loved his family, dogs, sport fishing and duck hunting.

He ran his first fishing boat around the age of 6. Actually, he borrowed it from his father (without permission), and when they discovered him and the skiff missing they knew he was headed for the Columbia. Tired of being

left on the beach, and a few years older, he soon became a deck hand. Even in his last months, he still said he was going to make it out for one last season.

In true old Finn style, he made sure he was always there for his family and friends. Taking road trips to visit everyone was one of his favorite things, and if there was a fishing spot nearby, even better. He had a bit of a lead foot, which on occasion made some revenue for the local government and some great stories.

He was preceded in death by his partner Jean Prest; his parents, William Henry and Laura Brooks Tolva; his son, Michael Tolva; his grandchildren LeAnne McClure Hill and Ray Brewer; and his siblings, Marvin, Frank, Theodore, Eleanor, William, Sylvia, Martha, Rosalind and Lorraine.

He is survived by his daughter, Laura Tolva; daughter-in-law, Mimi Tolva; grandchildren, Amy Fisher, Becky Tholberg, Kyle Tolva and Ian Tolva; great-grandchildren, Tiyana, Eric, Joy, Michael and Beya; a sister, Marie; and many nieces and nephews.



Clarence "Tize" Tolva

CORRECTIONS

Party incorrect — Thomas E. Brownhill ran on the Republican ticket for Clatsop County district attorney in the same year as President Dwight Eisenhower's election. A story on 2A Wednesday about Brownhill's death incorrectly

said he ran on the Democratic ticket.
Name incorrect — In the Coast Weekend cover story about the Liberty Theater Thursday, Director Jennifer Crockett's last name was misspelled.

ON THE RECORD

DUI
 • At 4:26 p.m. Wednesday, John George Bockstael, 54, of Hammond, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department near 15th and Duane streets for driving under the influence of intoxicants. Bockstael recorded a blood-alcohol content of 0.12 percent.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY
Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Cannon Beach Rural Fire Department Board, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Ave.
Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Thursday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 4-5-3-5
4 p.m.: 2-4-5-3
7 p.m.: 3-4-7-9
10 p.m.: 2-3-3-9

WASHINGTON
Thursday's Daily Game: 1-1-1
Thursday's Keno: 01-08-09-13-20-24-27-28-29-30-39-53-61-62-67-68-72-74-75-77
Thursday's Match 4: 02-03-19-24

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