

Celebrating 50 years of Oregon's Beach Bill

A beach-walk, speakers and a party will mark the anniversary

CANNON BEACH — To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Oregon Beach Bill, the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition and Haystack Rock Awareness Program are sponsoring a beach-walk, along with speakers and a party, Thursday, July 6. Everyone is invited to this free event.

The bill, which preserved the state's entire shoreline for the public, was signed by Gov. Tom McCall on July 6, 1967.

The celebration begins at 1:30 p.m. at Cannon Beach Community Hall (207 N. Spruce St.).

After refreshments and remarks from Oregon Shores Executive Director Phillip Johnson; Cannon Beach resident and conservationist Ed Johnson; environmental activist,



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People walking the beach at Cannon Beach.

IF YOU GO

A beach-walk, speakers and a party to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Oregon Beach Bill will take place on **July 6 in Cannon Beach. The event will be free.**

author and filmmaker Stephen Grace; and others, the crowd will head to the beach at about 2:15 p.m.

The beach-walk will loop from the shoreline just south of Ecola Creek, south to Haystack Rock and back to the community hall. The route passes the Surfsand Resort, where the campaign for the Beach Bill began in 1967 when the owner (not the present management)

staked out part of the beach for the exclusive use of his guests.

The walk will be accompanied by several guides who will provide expert commentary, including coastal ecologist Stewart Schultz, who will discuss shoreline natural history, and Bonnie Henderson, author of "Day Hiking: Oregon Coast."

Upon returning to the



PHOTO BY JIM YOUNG

Ecologist Stewart Schultz leads a shoreline field trip.

community hall about 4 p.m., celebrants will hear talks by Bob Bailey, an Oregon Shores board member and former head of the state's Coastal Management Program, on the history of the Beach Bill and coastal conservation in Oregon; and Henderson — whose books include "Strand: An Odyssey of Pacific Ocean Debris" and "The Next Tsunami" — on



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Author Bonnie Henderson on Clatsop County's John Day River.

the shoreline as aboriginal trail and highway, leading into the history of the Oregon Coast Trail and its present status.

Refreshments will again be served, including beer donated by Public Coast Brewing Co. The party will continue until 6 p.m.

"We're celebrating a key milestone in Oregon's conservation history," said Oregon Shores' Phillip

Johnson. "The Beach Bill's 50th is a major event for everyone who cares about the Oregon coast."

Preceding public talk

The prior evening, Wednesday, July 5, Oregon Shores and HRAP will host a public talk on beach ecology. The speaker will be ecologist Stewart Schultz, author of "The Northwest Coast: A Natural History." Schultz will speak at 7 p.m. at the Cannon Beach Community Hall.

A leading expert on the natural history of Pacific Northwest shorelines, Schultz will describe the ecosystems found upon and beneath the sand of the beach. The event is free and open to the public.

For information, contact Phillip Johnson at phillip@oregonshores.org or 503-754-9303; or Haystack Rock Awareness Program Coordinator Melissa Keyser at keyser@ci.cannon-beach.or.us or 503-440-0266.

Cross the Columbia and Tillamook bars safely

ILWACO, WASH. — The Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a class covering skills and knowledge necessary when crossing the Columbia River and Tillamook Bay bars 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at the Port of Ilwaco Conference Room (street side upstairs), 165 Howerton Ave.

Want to be prepared to cross the Columbia River Bar, known as the "Graveyard of the Pacific," during this fishing season? Sign up

for this class and learn ways to boat more safely.

Topics include seaworthy vessels, dangers and dangerous areas, reading National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration tides and currents, tide table charts, and how to use nautical charts, understanding weather service forecasts and bar reports, safety equipment for offshore or potentially rough waters, boating in strong waves and distress calls, equipment

and protocols.

Bring questions and leave more informed! The cost is \$5 and includes useful websites and phone numbers.

For further information or to sign up, contact Elena Righettini, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 62, Ilwaco, at mrighettini@yahoo.com or 360-642-0039.

A boat encounters waves.

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