

Dam in Eastern Oregon being removed to ease fish passage

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PENDLETON — Work has started to remove a dam in Eastern Oregon that blocks salmon, steelhead and lamprey.

The effort to remove the Dillon Diversion Dam on the Umatilla River outside of Echo started earlier this month, the East Oregonian reported. The dam is 200 feet long.

Bill Duke, district fish biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, said fish ladders on either side of dam don't always work properly, and the dam was considered a significant problem for native salmon and steelhead.

"Fall Chinook and coho, they tend to come up to that

obstruction and get delayed there," Duke said. "They end up spawning there below the dam."

He said the spot is not conducive for rearing juvenile salmon and steelhead.

The dam built in 1915 served five landowners as part of the Dillon Irrigation Co. with water rights dating to the 1890s. But the landowners say the dam that's 16 feet deep clogs with gravel and is difficult to maintain.

The landowners will now get their water from the upstream Westland Diversion Dam and a 2-mile pipeline completed in March.

The pipeline is being paid for in part with a \$175,000 grant from the Oregon Department of Fish and

Wildlife's Restoration and Enhancement Board.

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, a state agency that provides grants to improve streams, rivers and wetlands, added another \$300,000. Irrigators contributed \$140,000.

The Bonneville Power Administration is paying \$600,000 to remove the dam as part of its requirement to support viable fish populations.

"There's water savings. There's ecological benefits. There's economic benefits for the local irrigation districts," said Michael Ward, executive director of the Umatilla Basin Watershed Council. "This has all hallmarks of a great project."

Man charged in brother's death in Tillamook

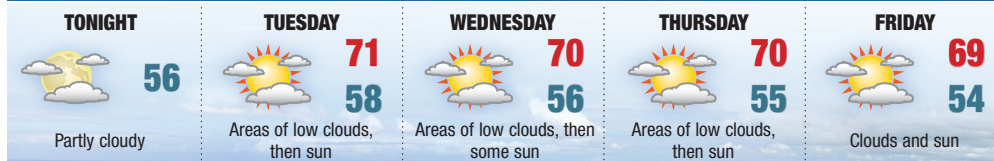
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TILLAMOOK — Authorities arrested a 42-year-old man accused of killing his older brother in Tillamook.

The Tillamook County Sheriff's Office says in a news release that police went to a home on a disturbance call Sunday and found the body of 49-year-old John Armitage.

His brother, Jared Armitage, was booked into jail on a murder charge. Court records show Jared Armitage pleaded guilty in May to misdemeanor harassment of his older brother.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures
 High/low 67°/56°
 Normal high/low 68°/54°
 Record high 91° in 1924
 Record low 44° in 1977

Precipitation
 Sunday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.10"
 Normal month to date 0.83"
 Year to date 49.67"
 Normal year to date 36.74"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:55 p.m.
 Sunrise Tuesday 5:50 a.m.
 Moonrise today 7:23 a.m.
 Moonset today 9:53 p.m.

First Full Last New
 July 30 Aug 7 Aug 14 Aug 21

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Below Hercules is little known constellation called Serpens Caput, the Snake Head.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

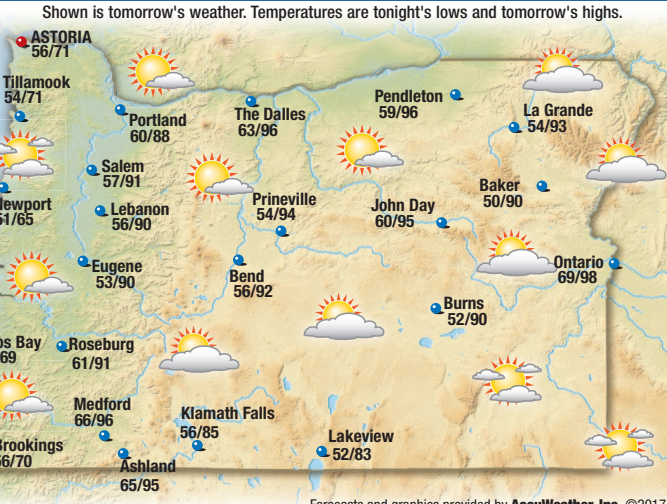
Time	High	Time	Low
2:56 a.m.	9.2 ft.	9:50 a.m.	-1.6 ft.
4:11 p.m.	8.2 ft.	9:58 p.m.	1.3 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.	W	Th	F	S	Sat	Sun
Atlanta	88	73	t	89	73	t		
Boston	65	59	r	68	59	sh		
Chicago	77	61	pc	82	65	pc		
Denver	96	66	pc	95	62	t		
Des Moines	84	67	s	92	75	pc		
Detroit	77	60	pc	81	64	s		
El Paso	89	72	t	92	74	pc		
Fairbanks	62	54	r	64	53	c		
Honolulu	86	75	sh	88	76	t		
Indianapolis	80	61	pc	81	64	pc		
Kansas City	87	69	s	92	74	pc		
Las Vegas	93	79	t	95	83	t		
Los Angeles	81	66	pc	81	65	pc		
Memphis	91	76	t	95	77	pc		
Miami	91	80	t	92	80	pc		
Nashville	93	75	pc	92	73	t		
New Orleans	90	76	t	91	76	pc		
New York	74	64	r	73	65	c		
Oklahoma City	96	72	pc	98	75	pc		
Philadelphia	87	71	c	81	69	pc		
St. Louis	93	72	s	93	77	pc		
Salt Lake City	99	74	pc	86	72	t		
San Francisco	73	58	pc	74	57	pc		
Seattle	81	59	s	85	60	s		
Washington, DC	92	72	pc	85	69	pc		

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

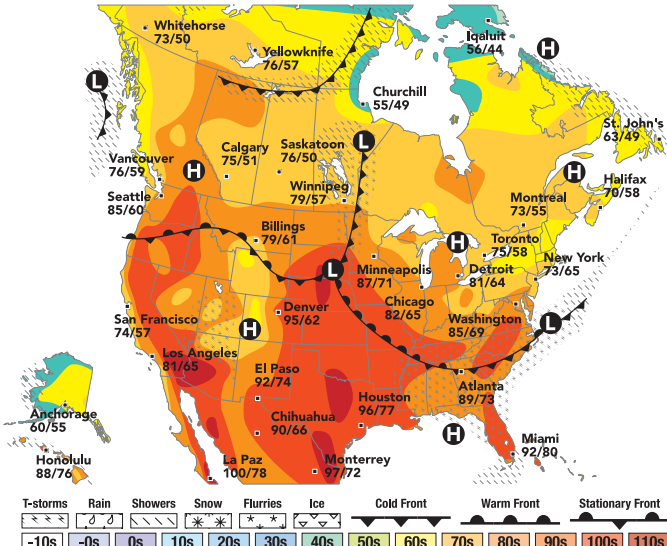
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City	Today	Tues.	W	Th	F	S	Sat	Sun
Baker City	88	50	s	90	48	pc		
Bend	89	56	s	92	59	pc		
Brookings	70	57	pc	69	57	pc		
Eugene	89	53	s	90	54	s		
Ilwaco	69	58	pc	68	59	pc		
Klamath Falls	90	56	s	85	53	pc		
Medford	97	66	s	96	66	s		
Newberg	89	55	s	90	57	s		
Newport	65	51	pc	65	52	pc		
North Bend	67	55	pc	68	56	pc		
Olympia	85	53	s	86	54	s		
Pendleton	92	59	s	96	64	pc		
Portland	87	60	s	88	60	s		
Roseburg	90	61	s	91	60	s		
Salem	91	57	s	91	58	s		
Seaside	72	57	pc	71	59	pc		
Spokane	87	59	s	90	61	s		
Springfield	88	56	s	90	56	s		
Vancouver	87	58	s	87	59	s		
Yakima	94	58	s	96	63	s		

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



In Seaside, a fish(y) story

Brien opens bait and tackle shop

By EVE MARX
For The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — If it's a fishing story you've got to tell or a contractor tale, take a load off and mosey on over to Jim Brien's Bait & Tackle shop on Avenue S in Seaside. Brien, who retired in January as Gearhart's building official, opened his shop last week. The fishermen and the contractors he's known and worked with for years are already dropping in.

"This is custom service for fishermen," Brien said. He made it clear it's not just a boy's club; lady fishermen are very welcome. He's selling his Lightning Strike Lures, which he's been making as a hobby for decades. Most of them are so pretty that minus the hooks, they could pass for jewelry.

"I've been selling them at wholesale prices for awhile now, unofficially," Brien said. The shop is plentifully stocked with alluring lures, each one of them handmade by Brien. "There isn't a lure here that I haven't made."

Brien has been a fisherman since he was 5 years old. He grew up casting off the Redondo Beach pier as a child in California. For most of his life he worked in some capacity as an enforcer of city ordinances. In 1985 he came out to Oregon from Las Vegas. He had a lumber business in Tualatin. He also worked as a foreman overseeing water storm lines.

"I did a stint as a police officer in the city of Tigard," he said.

For a time he was the



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Jim Brien in front of his new bait and tackle shop on Avenue S, which opened last week.

chief law officer of the city of Wilsonville.

In 1985, he became the full-time building official in Seaside and says he was the head of every building department at one point or another in Clatsop County. His last full-time position before retiring was building official for Gearhart.

Customers for his lures are fishing for salmon and steelhead, Brien said.

"You have to walk the river to find the fish," he said. "You have to learn how to cast."

Fishermen, he said, are secretive. They don't want anybody to know their best spots. "I'd just as soon lose the fish than let another fisherman know where I caught it," Brien said with a laugh.

Lightning Strike Lures are immensely colorful. Why is that? Aren't fish colorblind?

"People will tell you they can't see colors," Brien said. "But that's not my experi-

ence." He said they always seem to notice something red on the line. Which is probably why his "Shark Attack" lure is one of his most popular. It really does look like a spray of blood, but in an attractive way. He said Chinook salmon favor lures that are green, while coho tend to like pink.

"The #5 Hula Girl lure is one of my top sellers, too," Brien said.

Who or what wouldn't be lured by a hula girl?

Brien acknowledges there is an art to fly-tying. And knowing what works best for a particular species of fish and knowing which lure is the right one to troll.

He also sells salmon and steelhead fish bait, which means night crawlers, salmon eggs and sand shrimp. "I also sell crab bait," he said, wrinkling his nose. Crab bait is stinky. Not his favorite smell.

Astoria street striping this week

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Annual street striping within the Astoria city limits is scheduled to begin at 8

a.m. Thursday. Short traffic delays may occur. For questions, contact Steve Ruggles, engineering technician at 503-338-5173.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

At 2:17 a.m. Saturday, Dexter Goodrich, 45, of Astoria, was arrested by the Seaside Police Department on the 1100 block of Avenue A and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, attempting to elude a police officer, refusing to take a breath test, open container, driving while suspended, failure to carry and present identification and harassment. Goodrich

allegedly did not stop when pulled over by an officer in the Rite Aid parking lot. He then allegedly sped through the parking lot, onto Lincoln Street and exited his car on Avenue, where he was arrested after attempting to flee on foot.

At 1:32 a.m. Sunday, Carisa Trent, 30, of Corvallis, Oregon, was arrested by the Seaside Police Department on the 30 block of North Prom and charged with DUII.

DEATH

July 20, 2017

CURRY, Jean W., 92, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory, Astoria/Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

Tuesday, July 25

STRATTON, Diana M. — Rosary and Mass at 10:30 a.m., St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church, 79441 U.S. Highway 101 in Arch Cape.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., 989 Broadway.

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