

Washington State Senate OKs steps against salmon net pens

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OLYMPIA, Wash. — In response to a net collapse last summer that released hundreds of thousands of invasive Atlantic salmon into waters famed for their native salmon, the state Senate on Thursday passed a measure that aims to phase out salmon net-pen farming in Washington state.

The Seattle Times reported that the bill passed 35-12 and now heads to the House for consideration. It would end Atlantic salmon net-pen farming in the state as existing leases terminate by 2025.

At a news conference before the vote, Gov. Jay Inslee endorsed the measure, saying that Atlantic salmon farming is “a risk that is intolerable.”

“This risk is simply too great,” Inslee said. “It is no longer acceptable to the people of the state of Washington to expose our waters to the threat of Atlantic salmon net pens.”

The measure comes after last summer’s collapse of Cooke Aquaculture’s Cypress Island farm, which resulted in state officials issuing a \$332,000 fine to the company for alleged violations of Washington state water quality laws.

A report by state agencies found that Cooke Aquaculture Pacific failed to adequately clean nets holding farmed salmon, and nets failed



AP Photo

Washington state lawmakers take a stand against salmon net-pen farming.

because they were excessively laden with mussels and other marine organisms.

That increased the drag on the nets from tidal currents, overwhelming their mooring system leading to a net pen failure.

Company officials disputed the accuracy of that report and argued they were shut out of the investigative process.

Joel Richardson, vice president for public relations for Cooke Aquaculture, said at the time that the company acknowledges that the facility fell behind in cleaning the nets before moorings failed in July.

But he said the company provided records showing it had washed the nets at the site after that July incident and before the Aug. 19 event.

On the Senate floor, state

Sen. Kevin Ranker, D-Orcas Island, said the alleged negligent behavior cited in the state report can’t go unchecked. “More important, the day-in, day-out impacts on the magical, majestic Salish Sea cannot go unchecked.”

Twenty-one Native American tribal chairmen wrote to state lawmakers last month asking the industry be terminated as soon as possible because of the threat to wild salmon.

Sen. Keith Wagoner, R-Sedro-Woolley, voted against the measure, saying the net-pen breach was not an ecological disaster, but a loss for a legitimate business that employs people.

“A businessman lost his product — typically we would be sympathetic, rather than piling on,” he said.

Ecola State Park closes for road repairs

The Daily Astorian

Ecola State Park, continuing to battle damage by active landslides and winter storms, will be closed for road repairs Tuesday.

Park staff have been dealing with slides since the park’s founding, but have dealt with two main spots on Ecola Park Road in recent years. Built on top of slides, Ecola Park Road continues to shift and erode, issues made worse by heavy traffic into the popular park and winter storms. Last year, the park closed in April for several weeks because of damage to the entrance road and again in August for culvert work.

Repair work set to begin Tuesday will focus on three separate sections of Ecola Park Road. Bob McEwan Construction of Seaside will remove additional asphalt on a previously-graveled area and improve slope transition and gravel compaction. The work is expected to cost \$8,500, according to Chris Havel, assistant director for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

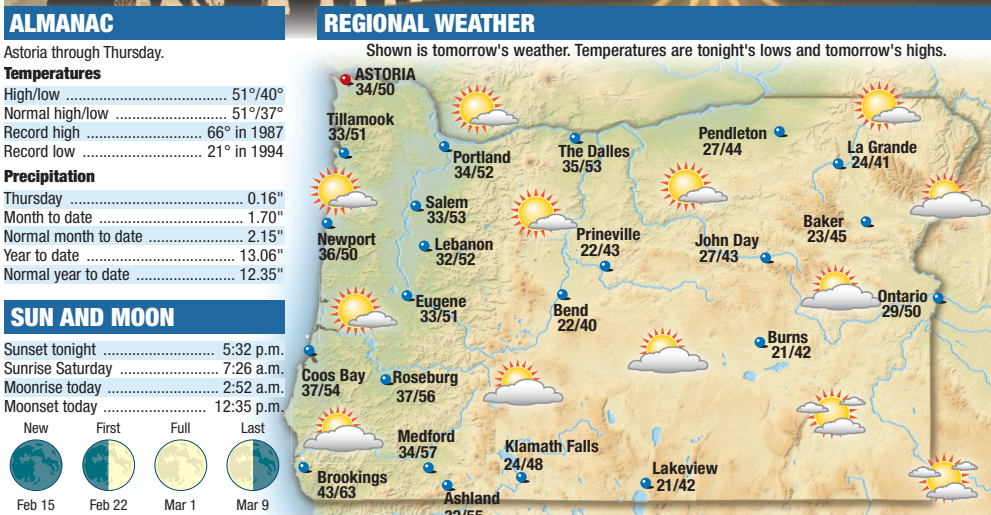
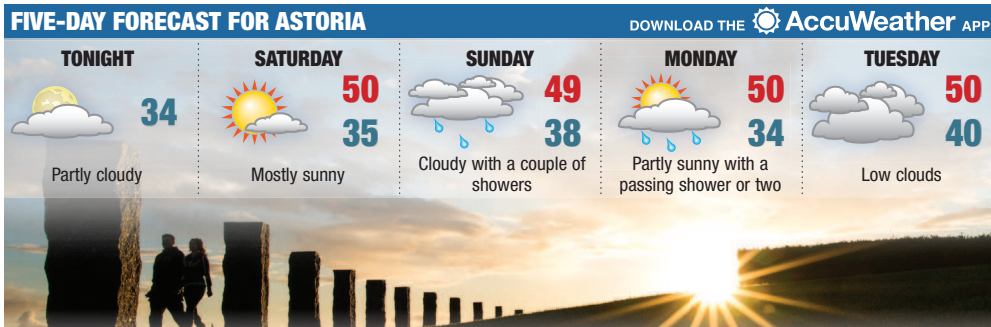
The park will reopen Feb. 16 at 8 a.m.

Ecola State Park as well as Nehalem Bay and Oswald West state parks are part of the state’s Nehalem Bay Management unit and take a beating most winters. This

winter, extreme high tides — called king tides — and storms damaged beach access points at Hug Point and Arcadia Beach.

“In general Ecola held up pretty well,” Park Manager Ben Cox said. Some trails have seen continued erosion, but nothing out of the ordinary, he said. Certainly nothing like the landslide that washed out a hiking trail from Ecola Point to Indian Beach in 2016.

The trail remains closed with signs asking hikers to stay off the slide area. Oregon State Parks and Recreation will likely advertise a trail rebuild project and begin gathering bids from contractors in the spring, Cox said.



ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday.

Temperatures

High/low	51°/40°
Normal high/low	51°/37°
Record high	66° in 1987
Record low	21° in 1994

Precipitation

Thursday	0.16"
Month to date	1.70"
Normal month to date	2.52"
Year to date	13.06"
Normal year to date	12.35"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	5:32 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday	7:26 a.m.
Moonrise today	2:52 a.m.
Moonset today	12:35 p.m.

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Hydra, the sea serpent, slithers into view in the Southeast.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
9:01 a.m.	8.3 ft.	2:55 a.m.	3.7 ft.
10:45 p.m.	6.9 ft.	4:22 p.m.	1.0 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	60 51 c	65 62 sh	Boston	33 29 s	51 41 c
Chicago	28 14 sn	23 14 sn	Denver	48 13 pc	22 11 sn
Des Moines	16 6 sn	15 5 sn	Detroit	28 19 sn	27 21 sn
El Paso	74 47 s	76 50 s	Fairbanks	-3 -18 s	-2 -18 pc
Honolulu	80 67 pc	81 68 pc	Indianapolis	47 28 c	35 24 r
Kansas City	28 13 c	21 11 sn	Las Vegas	78 52 s	77 46 pc
Los Angeles	78 52 s	70 52 pc	Memphis	61 53 s	58 37 r
Miami	84 73 pc	84 75 s	Nashville	64 50 c	59 50 r
New Orleans	72 62 c	74 63 t	New York	37 34 pc	50 46 c
Philadelphia	61 23 s	30 17 i	Portland	39 36 pc	51 46 r
St. Louis	53 27 c	32 20 i	Salt Lake City	61 37 pc	48 29 c
San Francisco	69 52 s	65 49 pc	Seattle	47 36 pc	47 34 s
Washington, DC	47 40 c	53 50 r			

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Seattle clears pot convictions, following San Francisco lead

By GENE JOHNSON
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'For thousands of people in Washington state, a misdemeanor marijuana conviction had huge implications.'

Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan

SEATTLE — More than five years after Washington state legalized marijuana, Seattle officials said Thursday they're moving to automatically clear past misdemeanor convictions for pot possession — a step similarly announced by San Francisco last week.

“For thousands of people in Washington state, a misdemeanor marijuana conviction had huge implications: It could be a barrier to housing, to getting credit, to getting good jobs and education,” Mayor Jenny Durkan told a news conference. “It is a necessary step to right the wrongs of what was a failed war on drugs.”

City Attorney Pete Holmes, who was one of the sponsors of Washington’s 2012 ballot measure to legalize pot for recreational use, said he’s been pressing since it passed for a state law that would help clear prior convictions. But the Legislature has yet to act, and Holmes said he hoped the city’s action would spur other jurisdictions and the state itself.

Eight states have now legalized marijuana for recre-

ational use, and some, including Oregon, California and Colorado, have made it easier for people to petition to have their pot convictions vacated or sealed. But Seattle, San Francisco and San Diego appear to be the only major jurisdictions erasing convictions without even requiring the defendants to request it.

Seattle has long taken a lenient view of marijuana. It’s been home to HempFest, a “protestival” where huge crowds of people openly smoke pot, since 1991. And in 2003, voters passed a measure making minor pot crimes the Seattle Police Department’s lowest priority.

The city doesn’t actually have that many convictions to clear: between 500 and 600 over the span of about 13 years, Holmes said. They date from

about 1997, when the Legislature dictated that municipal courts, rather than county district courts, would handle those misdemeanors, and 2010 — when Holmes became city attorney and stopped prosecuting low-level pot cases entirely.

“I have never filed one — except, as we understood it, one slipped by in that first few days in office, where a plea was entered,” he said. “I’m anxious to find that particular one to make sure it’s teed up, right up front.”

Durkan said clearing the convictions is a necessary — but insufficient — step toward undoing the disproportionate effect the drug war had on minority communities. She noted that prior to legalization, blacks were three times as likely as whites in Washington state to be arrested for pot possession.

OBITUARIES

Marvis Taylor Warrenton

Sept. 24, 1920 — Jan. 30, 2018



Marvis Taylor

Marvis Taylor died at his home peacefully on Jan. 30, 2018.

Marvis owned a share in the Astoria Plywood Mill, where he worked for 30 years until his retirement in 1982. After his retirement, he and his wife, Marjory, traveled the country in their motor home for several years. Marjory preceded him in death Feb. 7, 2014.

Marvis was a private pilot and avid flyer all of his adult life. He served in the Army during and after World War II, being part of the occupation force of Japan.

Marvis is survived by his three children, Glenn Taylor and daughter-in-law, Teresa Taylor, of Seaside, Oregon, and grandsons Jeff Taylor (Becca) and Brian Taylor (Kelli); Kathleen Martin of Gilbert, Arizona, and grandsons Kevin Hendricks (Kerri) and Ryan Hendricks (Cheri); and Leon Taylor and daughter-in-law, Marcia Taylor, of Gearhart, Oregon, and grandsons Tim Hill (Bridget) and Jason Schamber (Stacy), and granddaughter Tiffany Schamber (Kevin); and 15 great-grandchildren.

At Marvis’ request there will be no service.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

• At 2:59 a.m. Thursday, Daniel W. Morgan, 30, of Longview, Washington, was arrested by Astoria police on U.S. Highway 101 just west of

the New Youngs Bay Bridge and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. His blood alcohol content was 0.15 percent.

• At 1:46 a.m. Thursday,

Sean Michael Warren, 20, of Astoria, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office on Youngs River Road near Lewis and Clark Road and charged with DUII.

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.

BIRTHS

Feb. 2, 2018
LuCORE, Katarina and Keifer, of Astoria, a girl, Ava LuCore, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Melton and

Julie LuCore of Astoria and Brian and Laurie Callahan of Grants Pass.

Jan. 17, 2018
LEE, Trish and Robert, of Seaside, a boy, Jason Tyler

Lee, born at Providence Seaside Hospital. Grandparents are Mark and Karen Deutschman of Seaside and Chuck and GG Lee of Lincoln City.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Thursday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 5-3-9-1
4 p.m.: 7-6-9-3
7 p.m.: 6-8-5-1
10 p.m.: 2-8-4-2

Thursday's Lucky Lines: 04-07-10-14-19-21-27-29
Estimated jackpot: \$23,000

WASHINGTON
Thursday's Daily Game: 7-2-4

Thursday's Keno: 11-15-23-25-27-28-33-35-38-41-42-43-47-52-55-56-58-67-68-74
Thursday's Match 4: 11-14-15-18

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