

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What's your favorite thing at the fair?



"I always like the music."

Simone Mohr, Aloha



"The corn dogs."

Julz Banse-Fay, Tualatin



"The snacks. I like the funnel cakes."

David Beck, Nashville, Tennessee

Bonamici visit highlights salmon recovery efforts

Money key for habitat projects

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici visited a proposed restoration project Tuesday at South Tongue Point, highlighting the importance of the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund in aiding local habitat projects.



Edward Stratton/The Daily Astorian
U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, center, visited South Tongue Point on Tuesday to learn more about the effort to restore and preserve 90 acres of wetlands.

The Columbia Land Trust recently secured federal and state grants to purchase 90 acres of South Tongue Point. The Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce will oversee the restoration. Afterwards, the property will be transferred to Clatsop Community College for use as a living laboratory in a new environmental sciences program.

The grants for the South Tongue Point acquisition included \$1 million from the national coastal wetlands conservation program and a \$332,000 local match from the state Watershed Enhancement Board. Dan Roix, conservation director for the land trust, said much of the funding for the watershed board comes from the salmon recovery fund and helps provide matching grants leveraged with larger pots of money.

The grant program, managed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, helps fund Pacific salmon and steelhead trout recovery projects along the West Coast and in Idaho. NOAA

has found that every \$1 million invested from the fund leads to 17 new jobs and \$1.8 million in economic activity. President Donald Trump's proposed budget would eliminate the program, part of a proposed \$250 million in cuts to NOAA programs.

Without the recovery fund, Roix said, "the whole funding strategy unravels on a lot of this."

Bonamici is pushing to maintain the \$65 million budget for the recovery fund but said it has been difficult convincing congressional colleagues outside of the five states it serves.

"It's a constant struggle as the administration keeps eliminating all these programs," the Oregon Democrat said.

Christopher Breitmeyer, the college president, said the South Tongue Point property will change the face of the institution, providing a lab where environmental sci-

ence students can practice hands-on stewardship and data collection.

"My hope is that students will get actual real-world science experience with publications," Breitmeyer said. "That's something when I was an undergrad, I didn't have an option for that. I didn't know anything about that."

"That really increases your chances of going on to graduate school, if you've got that publication already, and you have a demonstrated ability to do science."

Austin Tomlinson, a steward with the land trust, is originally from Seaside. Had such a program been available locally, he said, he would have taken advantage instead of going to Humboldt State University in California.

"I always wanted to come back and live here and work here, so having that opportunity for kids here is awesome," he said.

Large wildfires in southwest Oregon threaten to meet

By JES BURNS
Oregon Public Broadcasting

Fire conditions in southwest Oregon improved slightly over the past couple of days, as stagnant smoke helped raise the humidity. Those conditions started to change Tuesday morning, which is expected to increase activity on multiple wildfires burning in the region.

West of Grants Pass, the boundaries of the Taylor Creek and Klondike fires had grown to within 3 miles of each other Tuesday. Fire information officer Bill Queen said crews will try to maintain the gap because of what lies in between.

"There's some recreational infrastructure between the two fires over in Briggs Valley that we don't want to burn up," he said.

This includes trailheads, a campground, horse camp and interpretive sites.

But keeping the fires separate may not be possible, and the commands in charge of each are starting to plan how to combine resources.

"A lot of coordination there to figure out how these two fires might end up coming together. And (how) our operations can be organized and coordinated for the highest effect with the resources we have," said Kale Casey with the Southwest Oregon Joint Information Center.

The Taylor Creek Fire, which was broken off from a larger complex of fires Monday and given its own command structure, has been the latest focus for crews. Several



Darren Stebbins/U.S. Forest Service
The smoke of the Taylor Creek Fire still plumes behind the Joint Information Center, just outside of Grants Pass.

areas on the outskirts of Grants Pass remain under evacuation notice. In addition, part of the Rogue River has been closed to public access.

In total, wildfires in the region had burned more than 50,000 acres of forestland by Tuesday afternoon. The immediate impacts are being felt by people living near the fires, but communities downwind are feeling the effects as well.

The 150,000 people that live in the Rogue Valley — southern Oregon's largest population center — have been breathing unhealthy levels of smoke for going on two weeks.

It's making life much more complicated for those wanting to be outdoors. For example, in Ashland, the Southern Oregon University football and soccer teams have been forced

to practice inside. The athletic department says they make a call every morning based on air quality.

Across the valley in Jacksonville, the popular outdoor Britt Music Festival has decided to move its classical performances to a local high school.

"This is going to have a tremendous impact on the Britt organization. Absolutely. It's going to be very costly," said festival CEO Donna Briggs.

And for more than a week, Oregon Shakespeare Festival has canceled its main outdoor performances due to smoky conditions deemed too dangerous for its company.

The smoke in southwest Oregon has mostly been coming from the Taylor Creek, Klondike and Garner Complex fires.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA AccuWeather DOWNLOAD THE APP

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
57	65 57	66 54	68 54	66 56
Increasing clouds, rain and drizzle late	Low clouds followed by some sun	A shower in the morning; rather cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, rain possible in the p.m.

ALMANAC
Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

High/low	66°/59°
Normal high/low	68°/54°
Record high	93° in 1913
Record low	46° in 1970

Precipitation

Tuesday	Trace
Month to date	0.09"
Normal month to date	1.03"
Year to date	35.74"
Normal year to date	36.94"

REGIONAL WEATHER
Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

City	Hi	Lo	W	Thu	Lo	W
Astoria	57	65				
Tillamook	56	67				
Portland	60	77				
The Dalles	65	84				
Pendleton	63	90				
La Grande	57	89				
Salem	57	78				
Lebanon	56	77				
Prineville	53	88				
John Day	60	90				
Baker	52	92				
Ontario	69	99				
Burns	49	90				
Coos Bay	58	86				
Roseburg	58	81				
Eugene	52	77				
Medford	58	90				
Brookings	51	65				
Klamath Falls	48	85				
Lakeview	45	87				
Ashland	60	90				

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SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	8:46 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday	5:59 a.m.
Moonrise today	11:19 p.m.
Moonset today	10:42 a.m.

Last New First Full
Aug 4 Aug 11 Aug 18 Aug 26

UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: Maria Mitchell's birthday (1818).

TOMORROW'S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
5:09 a.m.	7.1 ft.	11:26 a.m.	0.3 ft.
5:54 p.m.	7.6 ft.	none	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	77 69 t	78 69 t
Boston	81 76 pc	91 76 pc
Chicago	85 67 pc	82 60 t
Denver	87 60 t	92 66 s
Des Moines	85 61 pc	83 65 s
Detroit	80 63 c	85 66 pc
El Paso	96 74 pc	99 73 t
Fairbanks	67 53 r	70 55 c
Honolulu	89 78 pc	88 78 pc
Indianapolis	78 62 pc	84 66 s
Kansas City	87 64 s	90 66 s
Las Vegas	108 86 s	105 84 t
Los Angeles	89 70 pc	88 68 s
Memphis	85 67 pc	88 69 s
Miami	89 78 t	89 79 t
Nashville	84 69 pc	85 69 t
New Orleans	86 75 c	87 75 t
New York	84 75 t	87 75 t
Oklahoma City	88 66 s	89 68 pc
Philadelphia	88 76 t	88 74 t
St. Louis	85 69 pc	90 70 s
Salt Lake City	97 74 pc	92 73 pc
San Francisco	66 52 pc	66 52 pc
Seattle	77 58 pc	71 59 pc
Washington, DC	88 77 t	87 76 t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Baker City	98 52 s	92 45 s
Bend	92 50 s	86 45 s
Brookings	63 51 pc	64 52 pc
Eugene	86 52 s	77 53 s
Ilwaco	64 58 pc	63 57 c
Klamath Falls	91 48 pc	85 42 pc
Medford	96 58 pc	90 55 pc
Newberg	85 55 s	76 56 pc
Newport	62 54 pc	62 55 pc
North Bend	66 57 pc	66 56 c
Olympia	77 53 pc	70 54 pc
Pendleton	97 63 s	90 57 s
Portland	86 60 s	77 60 pc
Roseburg	88 58 s	81 59 s
Salem	88 57 s	78 58 pc
Seaside	67 56 pc	65 57 pc
Spokane	93 61 s	87 56 s
Springfield	86 55 s	77 54 s
Vancouver	83 58 s	74 58 pc
Yakima	97 56 s	90 50 s

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

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

DEATHS

July 31, 2018
FAUSETT, Wendy, 55, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

July 30, 2018
RAMBERG, Phyllis

A., 79, of Nehalem, died in Nehalem. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

July 21, 2018
HODNEY, Virginia "Delores," 85, of Albany, formerly of Warren-

ton, died at home. Fisher Funeral Home of Albany is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be left at fisherfuneralhome.com. Private family services will be held in Eugene.

MEMORIAL

Saturday, Aug. 4
BALLARD, William T. (Bill) — Celebration of life at noon with Coast Guard flyover and return to the sea, Sunset Beach (north of ramp) in Warrenton, followed by a potluck at the Pacific Grange, 90475 U.S. Highway 101 in Warrenton.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY
Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Board, 10 a.m., NOHA office, 147 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.
Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 7-0-6-3
4 p.m.: 0-0-3-1
7 p.m.: 8-5-4-9
10 p.m.: 3-6-0-9

Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 04-07-12-15-17-21-28-32
Estimated jackpot: \$11,000

Tuesday's Mega Millions: 12-15-35-64-69, Mega Ball: 9
Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

WASHINGTON
Tuesday's Daily Game: 2-2-5
Tuesday's Keno: 01-03-04-06-13-16-18-26-35-39-43-46-48-49-57-60-65-70-76-80
Tuesday's Match 4: 04-17-18-19

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