

# POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

## What are you doing about holiday shopping this year?



*"I am ordering everything online, and utilizing the post office for delivering gifts, if need be. Or, if local, I'll give them in person."*  
**Melody Frazier, Astoria**



*"I'm making my gifts."*  
**Stanley Kahn, Astoria**



*"A little bit local, and a little online, like Amazon. I'm definitely doing a smaller Christmas this year."*  
**Kirsten Lippy, Astoria**

# Bill to allow killing sea lions heads to Trump's desk

By CASSANDRA PROFITA  
*Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Congress has agreed to make it easier to kill sea lions threatening fragile runs of salmon in the Northwest.

A bill approved by the U.S. House Tuesday changes the Marine Mammal Protection Act to lift some of the restrictions on killing sea lions to protect salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River and its tributaries.

Managers say sea lion populations have grown so large that they no longer need all the protections that were put in place in 1972.

As their populations have grown, more and more sea lions have been making their way up rivers and eating threatened and endangered fish at choke points like Bonneville Dam and Willamette Falls.

In the past, Oregon and Washington state have gone through a long regulatory process to get federal approval to kill sea lions.

The Endangered Salmon Predation Prevention Act had already cleared the U.S. Senate. If it is signed into law by President Donald Trump, it would streamline the approval process for the states of Oregon, Washington state and Idaho as well as several Northwest Tribes.

The Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission welcomed the news that several tribes, including the Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs and Nez Perce, will now have the authority to manage sea lions.

"I suspect many would wish the times were different and this legislation wasn't necessary," said Jaime Pinkham, the commission's executive director. "But the reality

is that this legislation has become necessary."

Under the bill's new rules, the total number of sea lions removed would be limited to prevent damage to sea lion populations.

Critics say sea lions are being unfairly blamed for problems that are actually caused by dams.

Fish managers say killing sea lions is the best option for saving certain runs of fish that can't wait for changes to dams because they're already at a high risk for extinction.

In a statement, U.S. Rep. Dan Newhouse, R-Wash., said he wants to make sure the money invested in salmon recovery isn't lost to sea lion predation.

"Billions of taxpayer dollars have been spent on salmon recovery in the Pacific Northwest only to see invasive sea lions take a bite out of the population," he said.



AP Photo/Don Ryan  
**A California sea lion that was trapped at Willamette Falls waits to be released into the Pacific Ocean near Newport.**

# Lawmakers return to interstate bridge talks, with apologies and questions

By ANDREW THEEN  
*The Oregonian*

PORTLAND — They didn't sing "Kumbaya," and no baked goods were shared, but for the first time in years, a bipartisan group of Oregon and Washington state lawmakers met Tuesday afternoon in north Portland to talk about the interstate bridge.

Seven Washington lawmakers and five guests from the Oregon Legislature sat at the same long table in a conference room near Delta Park for more than two hours. By the end of the meeting, the lawmakers had agreed to continue talking about talking about how to replace the aging span over the Columbia River.

That's about all they agreed on, but the meeting was the latest signal five years after a small group of Washington lawmakers prevented that state from funding its share of the controversial Columbia River Crossing project, the states are taking baby steps toward reviving potentially serious talks to tackle the bridge project once again.

From some lawmakers, there was a thinly-veiled hold your nose and bear it element to the meeting.

"If we don't start something it's never going to happen," said state Rep. Caddy McKeown, D-Coos Bay, "and something needs to happen, we all agree on that."

The public meeting wasn't without strong words from Oregon's representatives.

State Sen. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, who co-chaired the failed effort to approve the previous bridge project, said he was "not enthusiastic" about going through the interstate bridge talks all over again. "I'm wondering if you guys can convince us that you're for real," he said to Washington legislators, adding he was curious if the state was at a point "where they can get their act together."

Other lawmakers struck a conciliatory tone, but the meeting included an undercurrent that both sides hadn't forgotten the amount of legwork and effort that went into the previous attempt to build a bridge, which included a light rail extension to Clark College in Vancouver.

# Hazard investigated at Warrenton Grade School

*The Daily Astorian*

WARRENTON — Officials are investigating an incident involving a substance found in a Warrenton Grade School student's backpack on Tuesday.

A hazardous materials team from the Astoria Fire Department was called to the school just after 10 a.m. The substance was made from household cleaning supplies, according to the school's Facebook page.

The team secured and removed the backpack. The substance was nonexplosive, and no students or staff were in danger, according to the Warrenton Police Department Facebook page.

The police department is working with the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office to determine the next steps, Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman said. The Warrenton School District is also investigating for potential disciplinary action.

## ON THE RECORD

### DUII

• At 9:14 p.m. Tuesday, Jacob Foster Valencia, 25, of Hammond, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on

G Road and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants and hit and run. He allegedly was involved in an earlier accident on U.S. Highway 101 Business.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### WEDNESDAY

- Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.
- Astoria School Board**, 6:15 p.m., study session, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.
- Wickiup Water District Board**, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.
- Astoria City Council**, 6:30 p.m., special session on Fairfield Inn and Suites appeal, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
- Warrenton-Hammond School Board**, 7 p.m.,

Warrenton High School library, 1700 S. Main Ave.

### THURSDAY

- Seaside Convention Center Commission**, 5 p.m., Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave.
- Cannon Beach Academy Board of Directors**, 5:30 p.m., 3781 S. Hemlock.
- Seaside School District Board of Directors**, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin.
- Gearhart Planning Commission**, 6 p.m., 698 Pacific Way, Gearhart.
- Seaside Parks Advisory Committee**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

## LOTTERIES

### OREGON

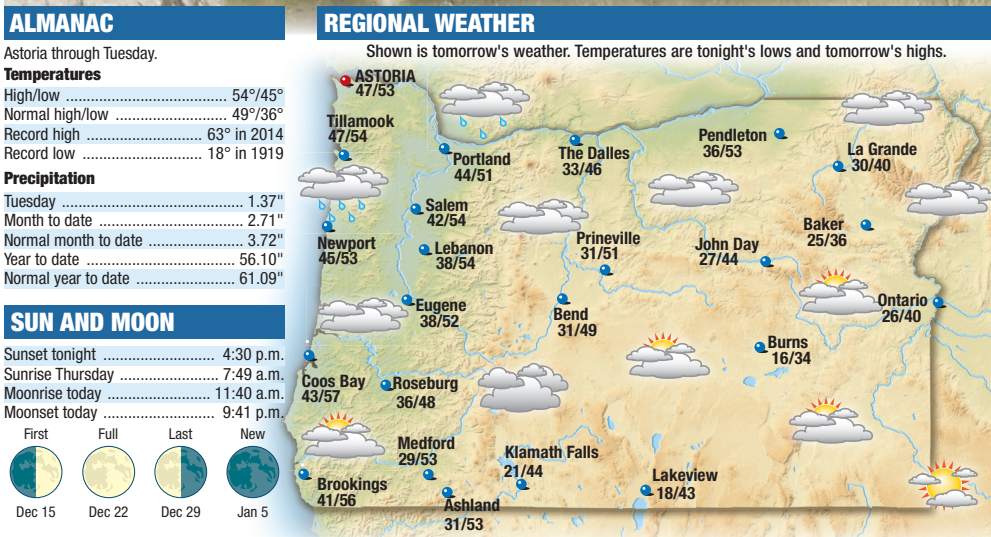
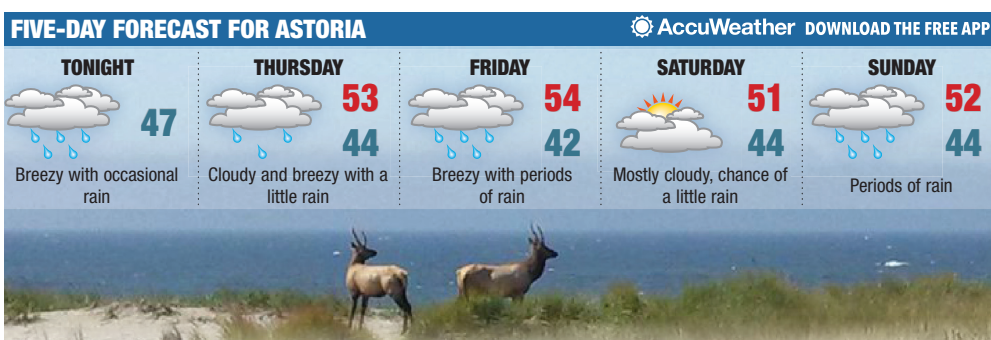
- Tuesday's Pick 4:**
  - 1 p.m.:** 5-0-0-8
  - 4 p.m.:** 3-9-7-0
  - 7 p.m.:** 6-0-1-3
  - 10 p.m.:** 0-5-7-0
  - Tuesday's Lucky Lines:** 1-5-10-14-17-23-26-29
- Estimated jackpot: \$13,000

**Tuesday's Mega Millions:** 4-38-39-54-59, Mega Ball: 12

Estimated jackpot: \$262 million

### WASHINGTON

- Tuesday's Daily Game:** 9-7-3
- Tuesday's Keno:** 04-09-10-12-14-17-21-33-36-37-42-44-47-49-52-70-71-72-74-79
- Tuesday's Match 4:** 11-13-15-24



## UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight's Sky:** The Big Dipper is low above, the northern horizon after sunset. Before sunrise, it will be nearly overhead.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

## TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Low
5:38 a.m.	7.6 ft.	11:11 a.m.	3.7 ft.
4:33 p.m.	7.5 ft.	11:23 p.m.	1.1 ft.

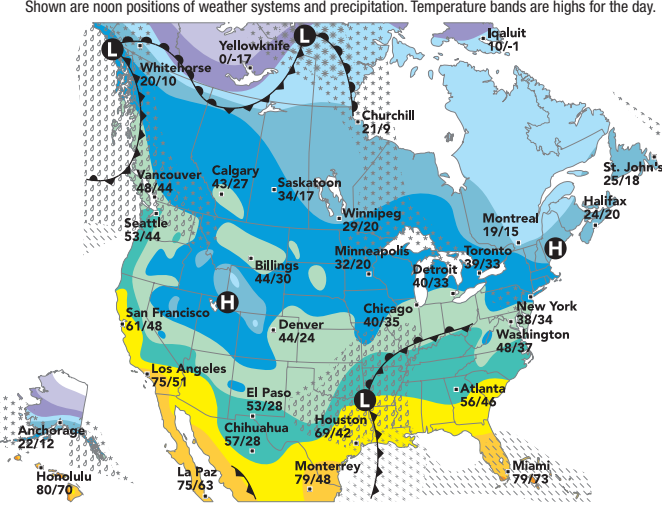
## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	56 40 pc	56 46 c
Boston	37 22 pc	34 29 pc
Chicago	39 26 c	40 35 c
Denver	52 19 s	44 24 s
Des Moines	39 27 c	38 25 pc
Detroit	38 28 sn	40 33 pc
El Paso	63 36 pc	53 28 s
Fairbanks	-2 -9 c	-3 -14 c
Honolulu	81 69 s	80 70 pc
Indianapolis	44 29 c	45 38 c
Kansas City	50 36 c	39 27 sn
Las Vegas	64 39 s	59 41 s
Los Angeles	67 50 s	75 51 s
Memphis	52 48 c	58 43 r
Miami	74 67 pc	79 73 c
Nashville	53 44 c	59 48 c
New Orleans	66 57 pc	68 52 r
New York	42 32 c	38 34 sn
Oklahoma City	57 41 c	44 31 r
Philadelphia	42 30 c	43 36 sf
St. Louis	55 38 pc	48 40 r
Salt Lake City	34 21 sn	36 22 pc
San Francisco	60 44 c	61 48 pc
Seattle	50 46 c	53 44 r
Washington, DC	44 35 pc	48 37 c

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Baker City	40 25 sf	36 23 c	Olympia	49 42 r	49 38 r
Bend	41 31 c	49 33 c	Pendleton	48 36 sf	53 37 c
Brookings	54 41 c	55 46 c	Portland	50 44 c	51 40 r
Eugene	50 38 c	52 35 c	Roseburg	49 36 c	48 37 c
Ilwaco	51 48 r	53 47 r	Seaside	52 42 c	54 37 c
Klamath Falls	39 21 c	44 28 pc	Salem	52 48 r	53 47 r
Medford	50 29 c	53 33 c	Spokane	38 32 c	41 30 sh c
Newberg	51 43 c	52 38 c	Springfield	50 36 c	52 39 c
Newport	53 45 c	53 44 c	Vancouver	50 43 c	51 40 r
North Bend	54 43 c	57 44 c	Yakima	46 31 c	48 30 c

## TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



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