

# West Coast governors, Trump argue over wildfire prevention efforts

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Gov. Kate Brown and her fellow governors in Washington state and California say President Donald Trump is rebuffing their attempts to work cooperatively with him on wildfire safety.

The three Democratic governors reacted angrily after Trump renewed his threat to withdraw federal emergency aid to wildfire survivors in California, saying the state had mismanaged its forests.

Trump's latest tweet came just one day after Brown, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and California Gov. Gavin Newsom sent the president a letter asking him to double funding for wildfire prevention projects on federal lands. They say federal spending has been flat while the states have been upping their budgets to thin forests and take other steps to reduce the severity of wildfires.

The federal government is the largest landowner in all three states. But Trump has repeatedly charged that

California is to blame for the severe wildfires that have devastated the state in recent years.

"Billions of dollars sent to the State of California for Forest fires that, with proper Forest Management, would never happen," Trump said in his latest tweet. "Unless they get their act together, which is unlikely, I have ordered FEMA to send no more money. It is a disgraceful situation in lives & money!"

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has been providing millions of dollars in disaster aid to wildfire survivors, including in and around Paradise, California, where 86 people died in this fall's Camp Fire. Just the day before Trump's latest tweet, Newsom said he was pleased Trump had never "played politics with disaster declarations" that allowed emergency aid to flow to the state.

It's unclear if Trump's latest threat would affect the FEMA actions. The agency has so far not responded to news media requests for comment.

On Wednesday, the three

governors were united in condemning the president.

"We have been put in office by the voters to get things done," Newsom tweeted, "not to play games with lives."

"We asked for a constructive dialogue to ensure the safety of our people, and instead we got an angry tweet" from the president, added Brown. "Matters of public safety should not be politicized."

Inslee, the Washington governor, added in a tweet that, "The president's political threats are counterproductive at best, dangerous at worst."

The three Democratic governors have repeatedly fought Trump on a wide variety of issues, ranging from immigration to climate policy.

In their forestry letter, the three governors urged the president to focus on forest management projects that have already passed environmental review. The Trump administration has supported easing environmental laws to allow more widespread logging on federal lands.

# Oregon starts killing sea lions at Willamette Falls

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The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has started killing sea lions below Willamette Falls to protect a fragile run of winter steelhead.

The state got a federal permit in November to kill up to 93 California sea lions per year below the falls. So far, officials have killed three sea lions using the same traps they used last year to relocate the animals to the coast.

A recent study found sea lions were eating so many threatened winter steelhead at Willamette Falls that certain runs were at a high risk of going extinct. One year, they ate about a quarter of a run that was already down to about 500 fish.

Bryan Wright, program manager for the Department



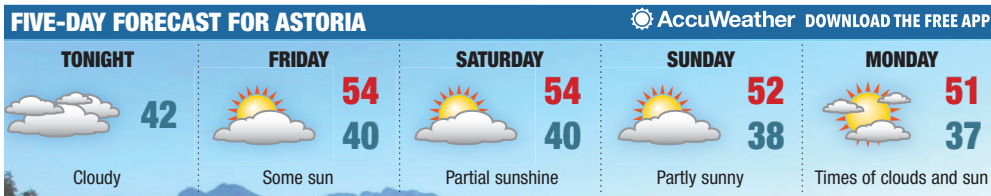
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Sea lions have been eating steelhead and other fish at Willamette Falls in ever greater numbers.

of Fish and Wildlife, said half a dozen sea lions are eating steelhead below the falls right now.

"The only fish in the river right now are the winter steelhead," he said. "If we can remove all these sea lions right now that will be a

huge benefit to them."

Wright said the state plans to kill about 40 of the sea lions that frequent the falls by May. Then, he said, the number of sea lions returning in future years should drop to single digits.



**ALMANAC**

Astoria through Wednesday.

**Temperatures**

High/Low ..... 54°/46°  
Normal high/low ..... 49°/38°  
Record high ..... 60° in 1941  
Record low ..... 15° in 1974

**Precipitation**

Wednesday ..... 0.30"  
Month to date ..... 2.15"  
Normal month to date ..... 3.14"  
Year to date ..... 2.15"  
Normal year to date ..... 3.14"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight ..... 4:50 p.m.  
Sunrise Friday ..... 7:56 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 10:38 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 9:33 p.m.

First Full Last New  
Jan 13 Jan 20 Jan 27 Feb 4

**UNDER THE SKY**

Tonight's Sky: Aries, the Ram, is located between Taurus and Pegasus nearly overhead before midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
4:51 a.m.	8.0 ft.	10:37 a.m.	3.2 ft.
4:08 p.m.	7.7 ft.	10:41 p.m.	1.0 ft.

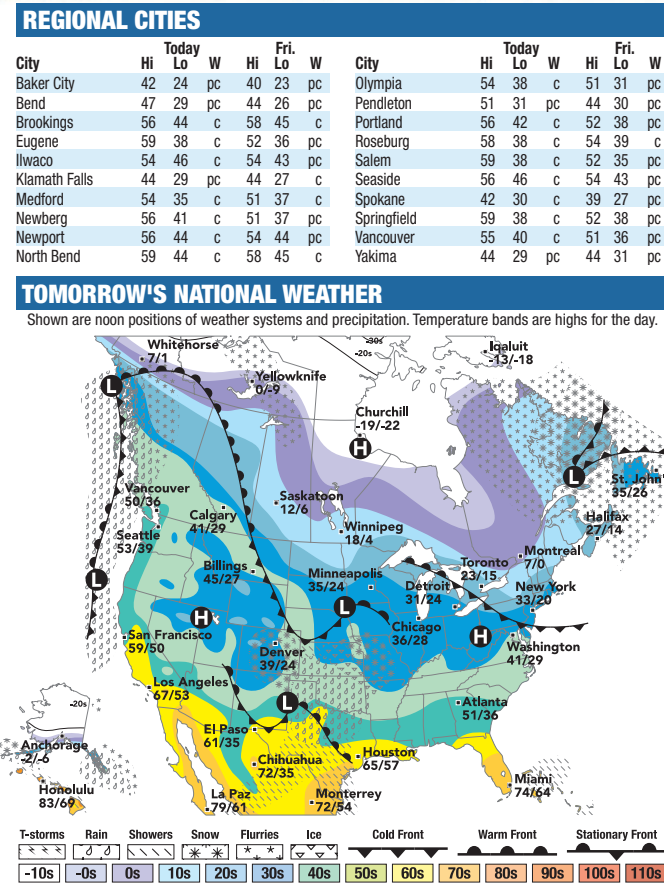
**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Hi	Lo	W	Fri.	W
Atlanta	46	29	pc	51	pc
Boston	40	20	c	30	s
Chicago	29	21	pc	36	pc
Denver	58	28	s	39	sn
Des Moines	35	24	pc	39	pc
Detroit	29	18	c	31	pc
El Paso	60	45	r	61	pc
Fairbanks	-18	-31	c	-27	pc
Honolulu	83	69	s	83	pc
Indianapolis	32	21	pc	38	pc
Kansas City	42	31	c	41	sn
Las Vegas	62	42	pc	59	pc
Los Angeles	66	49	s	67	pc
Memphis	45	29	c	46	pc
Miami	70	53	s	74	pc
Nashville	40	24	pc	45	pc
New Orleans	57	42	pc	62	pc
New York	37	22	pc	33	pc
Oklahoma City	49	39	c	45	pc
Philadelphia	37	24	pc	34	pc
St. Louis	36	24	s	39	pc
Salt Lake City	38	29	sf	38	pc
San Francisco	59	49	pc	59	pc
Seattle	55	44	c	53	pc
Washington, DC	41	29	s	41	pc

**REGIONAL WEATHER**

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

City	Today	Fri.	W	City	Today	Fri.	W
Baker City	42 24	pc	40 23	Olympia	54 38	c	51 31
Bend	47 29	pc	44 26	Pendleton	51 31	pc	44 30
Brookings	56 44	c	58 45	Portland	56 42	c	52 38
Eugene	59 38	c	52 36	Roseburg	58 38	c	54 39
Ilwaco	54 46	c	54 43	Salem	59 38	c	52 35
Klamath Falls	44 29	pc	44 27	Seaside	56 46	c	54 43
Medford	54 35	c	51 37	Spokane	42 30	c	39 27
Newberg	56 41	c	51 37	Springfield	59 38	c	52 38
Newport	56 44	c	54 44	Vancouver	55 40	c	51 36
North Bend	59 44	c	58 45	Yakima	44 29	pc	44 31



# Portion of Dolphin Road to close

The Daily Astorian a month starting Jan. 21. Clatsop County public works has scheduled repairs for a bridge over the Skipanon River. The timeline for repairs depends on tides and rainfall. Signs will be in place to redirect traffic, according to county public works.

# OBITUARIES

## Master Sgt. Robert C. Killion Jr. (Ret.) Spokane, Washington June 5, 1961 — Jan. 5, 2019

Robert C. Killion Jr. passed away peacefully at the Spokane Veterans Home on Jan. 5, 2019. Bob, or "Bobby" to some, was born June 5, 1961, in Astoria, Oregon, to Robert and Cathie Killion.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert C. Killion Sr., and his brother, Scott Killion. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Terri (Buckman); his mother, Cathie (Farrell); his daughters, Michelle and her husband, Alex Seguin, and Lindsay and her husband, Dustin Funderburke; and his cherished granddaughter, Alexis Seguin. He is also survived by his sister, Sally Brown.

Bob grew up in Warrenton, Oregon, and graduated from Warrenton High School, where he was the Associated Student Body president. He joined the Air Force in 1984, and went on to serve 17 years before being medically retired in 2002. He loved his time in the Air Force, and the amaz-

ing friendships he gained at numerous bases, including Royal Air Force Greenham Common in England, Fairchild Air Force Base in



Robert Killion Jr.



Spokane, and Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 910 at the University of Washington. He retired as a master sergeant.

Bob knew no stranger, only someone he hadn't met yet. If you knew Bob, you knew how big his spirit was. He would often be found singing, telling jokes and sharing his remarkable Hank Hill impression. He was a devoted, loving father and husband. His face would light up when he spoke of his daughters and Terri, and

would share with anyone who would listen about how proud he was of them.

Bob had a deep love for music, all things sports, and politics. He had an amazing ability to retain random facts and trivia about these topics. He leaves behind a big void in this world, but we rest in the fact that he is no longer in pain, and is now with his loving savior and reunited with his father and brother.

The family would like to thank the amazing nurses, certified nursing assistants and staff at the Spokane Veterans Home for the great care and love they showed Bob.

Bob's viewing will be Friday, Jan. 11, from 12 to 5 p.m., and his memorial service will be Saturday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m., with a reception to follow, at Hennessey Funeral Home, 2203 N. Division St. in Spokane, Washington. Please share condolences with the family at hennesseyfuneralhomes.com

# ON THE RECORD

**Assault**

• At 8:01 p.m. Wednesday, Alijah Dontae Myers, 23, of Seaside, was arrested by Seaside police on the 560 block of South Columbia Street and charged with fourth-degree assault. He allegedly grabbed a woman, pushed her to the ground and dragged her across the floor by her hair during a domestic dispute.

# PUBLIC MEETINGS

**THURSDAY**

**Astoria City Council**, 4:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.  
**Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission**, 5 p.m., 415 First Ave.  
**Cannon Beach Academy Board of Directors**, 5:30 p.m., 3781 S. Hemlock St.

# LOTTERIES

OREGON	WASHINGTON
<b>Wednesday's Pick 4:</b> 1 p.m.: 1-4-7-2 4 p.m.: 4-0-7-4 7 p.m.: 9-6-4-5 10 p.m.: 7-3-5-2	<b>Washington's Daily Game:</b> 0-4-5
<b>Wednesday's Lucky Lines:</b> 2-7-12-14-17-21-27-29 Estimated jackpot: \$12,000	<b>Washington's Hit 5:</b> 03-06-16-
<b>Wednesday's Megabucks:</b>	22-31 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Wednesday's Powerball:</b> 6-19-37-49-59, Powerball: 22 Estimated jackpot: \$96 million	<b>Wednesday's Keno:</b> 02-04-06-10-17-20-26-27-47-49-51-59-63-64-68-69-71-77-78-79
	<b>Wednesday's Lotto:</b> 02-12-15-33-38-42 Estimated jackpot: \$2.7 million
	<b>Wednesday's Match 4:</b> 02-04-08-10

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