

# POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK



"I thought the snow was lovely. We drove over to Fort Stevens and saw a tree tunnel on the way. It was a winter wonderland. We also drove to Long Beach, Saddle Mountain and the Astoria Column."  
Amanda Mears, Astoria

## Did you enjoy the snow?



"I was working, so I didn't really get out in it. But it was beautiful. I wish it would snow more, we need it for the snowpack."  
Josie Peper, Astoria



"Yes, I like it once in a while, it's fun. I walked around a little. I grew up in a snowy place, so it's a novelty to have it here."  
Sid Deluca, Astoria

# Long Beach opens for clamming on Sunday

By LUKE WHITTAKER  
Chinook Observer



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Clamming is popular on the Long Beach Peninsula.

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Grab your boots and get your shovel, razor clamming will return for a one-day evening dig on the Long Beach Peninsula this weekend.

The dig was approved for Sunday by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife after marine toxin tests showed the clams are safe to eat.

Local retailers are rejoicing the announcement, which is likely to send a boost in business.

The economic impact of the razor clam season is profound, particularly for the peninsula, which offers some of the most desirable clamming destinations in the state.

A state economic impact report estimated that diggers bring \$22 million during an average season. On a single day, razor clam

digs can draw up to 30,000 people to Washington's beaches, according to state figures, with a high percent-

age coming to Long Beach. Retailers and restaurants benefit from open clamming days as crowds

from Seattle, Portland and surrounding towns often descend on the peninsula for the digs.

At Dennis Co. in Long Beach, selling a "couple hundred" licenses ahead of single-day clam dig isn't uncommon.

"A lot of people come looking for a clam license and they often leave with supplies too," Jose Hernandez, the assistant manager, said.

"People always seem to forget their boots."

The store carries an array of clamming gear and accessories from \$5 plastic clam nets to \$150 steel clam guns and maximizes sales by offering discounts in anticipation of the seasons.

At Sportsmen's Cannery in Seaview, owner Tina Ward has made special adjustments ahead of the increasingly popular razor clam seasons. Ward recently installed a new freezer to accommodate their growing line of frozen seafood, including scallops, prawns and razor clams.

The expansion was largely driven by customer demand for razor clams.

"When there's no digs, people still want clams," Ward said in between boiling batches of Dungeness crab. About a month ago, the store started selling razor clams harvested from Alaska and Washington state beaches, in Quinalt.

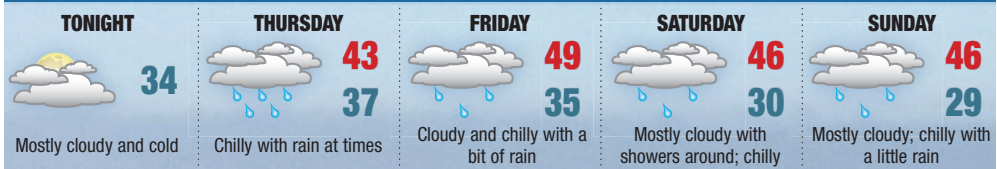
"We had so many people asking for clams that we brought in both kinds," Ward said.

The business also cleans clams for \$10.50 per limit, or 15 clams. Ward is hopeful the weather this weekend will cooperate allowing for ideal conditions for diggers, and ultimately more business for her Seaview store.

"It's really going to depend on the weather. If it's clear, we'll do really well, but not if the surf's pounding and there's a big surge," Ward said.

"I'm excited."

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

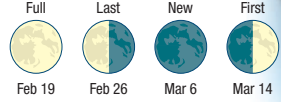


## ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.  
**Temperatures**  
 High/low ..... 47°/37°  
 Normal high/low ..... 51°/37°  
 Record high ..... 67° in 1996  
 Record low ..... 23° in 1905  
**Precipitation**  
 Tuesday ..... 1.34"  
 Month to date ..... 4.67"  
 Normal month to date ..... 3.23"  
 Year to date ..... 9.60"  
 Normal year to date ..... 13.43"

## SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight ..... 5:38 p.m.  
 Sunrise Thursday ..... 7:21 a.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 11:45 a.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 1:47 a.m.



## UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight's Sky:** At this time of year, The Big Dipper appears above the northeast horizon after sunset. Before sunrise, it is nearly overhead.

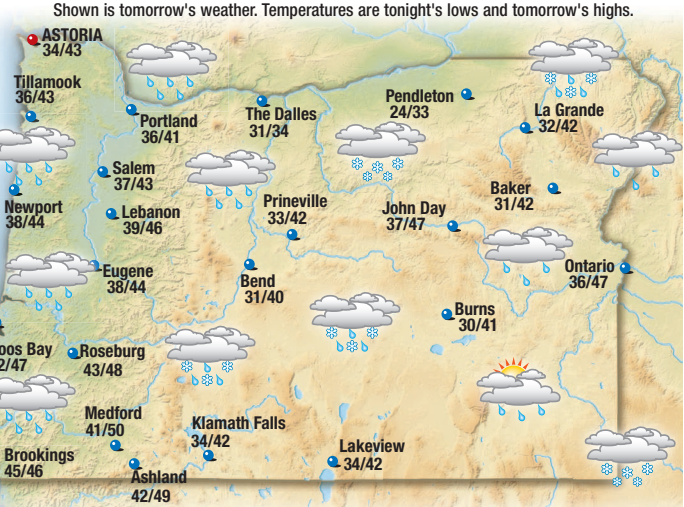
## TOMORROW'S TIDES

Time	High	Time	Low
7:37 a.m.	8.7 ft.	1:24 a.m.	3.5 ft.
9:46 p.m.	6.5 ft.	3:16 p.m.	1.0 ft.

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	56	37	s	65	48	pc
Boston	46	29	sh	41	34	pc
Chicago	28	24	pc	44	16	c
Denver	55	36	pc	52	24	pc
Des Moines	29	27	pc	35	3	c
Detroit	30	21	sf	42	29	c
El Paso	66	47	pc	74	59	pc
Fairbanks	15	-9	sf	1	-16	s
Honolulu	75	63	sh	75	66	sh
Indianapolis	34	28	pc	48	24	c
Kansas City	51	38	pc	47	14	c
Las Vegas	59	48	sh	56	44	r
Los Angeles	59	52	r	62	49	r
Memphis	58	44	s	63	49	c
Miami	75	63	r	78	65	pc
Nashville	53	39	s	60	50	c
New Orleans	63	47	s	72	60	c
New York	42	29	pc	46	41	pc
Oklahoma City	60	43	pc	66	31	pc
Philadelphia	42	28	pc	48	37	pc
St. Louis	48	39	s	57	19	c
Salt Lake City	43	39	sn	49	37	sh
San Francisco	62	56	r	57	46	r
Seattle	40	30	pc	40	35	r
Washington, DC	46	32	pc	55	46	pc

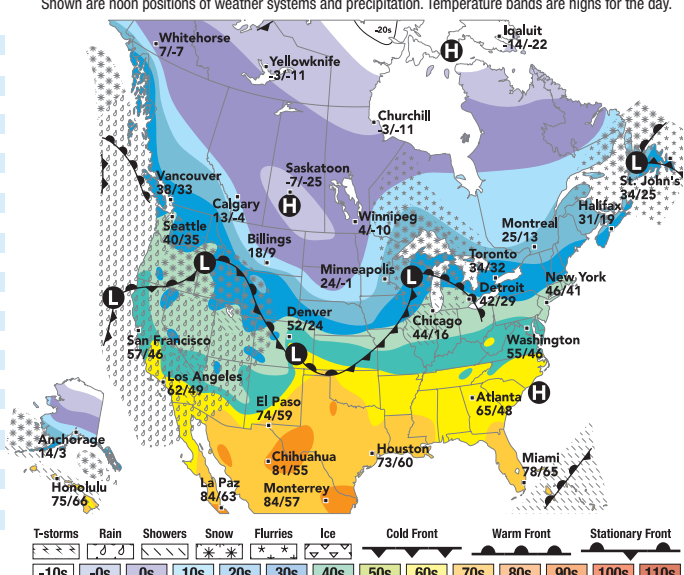
## REGIONAL WEATHER



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City	Today	Thu.	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	39	31	sn	42	31	sh
Bend	41	31	sn	40	28	sn
Brookings	51	46	r	47	38	r
Eugene	45	38	c	44	36	r
Ilwaco	44	35	pc	43	41	r
Klamath Falls	38	34	sn	42	27	sn
Medford	46	41	r	50	34	r
Newberg	45	37	c	43	38	r
Newport	47	38	c	44	39	r
North Bend	49	40	sn	47	39	r
Olympia	40	26	pc	36	31	r
Pendleton	33	24	sn	33	29	sn
Portland	45	36	c	41	36	r
Roseburg	45	43	r	48	38	r
Salem	45	37	c	43	37	r
Seaside	45	35	pc	43	40	r
Spokane	31	14	sn	33	25	sn
Springfield	46	40	c	46	38	r
Vancouver	45	35	c	41	38	r
Yakima	33	21	sn	31	22	sn

## TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



# Road closures, flooding in Northwest

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Rain, snow and flooding continued to cause problems in parts of Washington state and Oregon, with several major roadways closed following more than a week of severe winter weather.

In western Washington, about 17,000 Puget Sound Energy customers remained without power today. The

main east-west highway in Washington — Interstate 90 — was closed for a second day across Snoqualmie Pass in the Cascade Mountains.

In Oregon, transportation officials closed the west-bound lanes of Interstate 84 in the Columbia River Gorge due to icy conditions that caused numerous wrecks.

And areas around Portland saw flooded roadways after several inches of rain

fell across the region in 24 hours. Authorities said high standing water on U.S. Highway 30 in Rainier forced drivers to take a short detour.

Snow remained an issue for some communities. The town of North Bend, Washington, declared a state of emergency because it was dealing with several feet of snow. The declaration by the mayor allows the city to call in additional resources.

## MEMORIAL

Saturday, Feb. 16

WEAVER, Janice Marie — Celebration of life at 3 p.m., Knappa Assembly of God, 41767 Old U.S. Highway 30. A potluck dinner directly follows.

## BIRTH

July 10, 2018

DUGAN, Kori and PEON, German, of Warrenton, a boy, Gianni Michael Peon-Dugan, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Linda Zaranda and Patrick and Ingrid Dugan.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>Seaside Convention Center Commission, 5 p.m.,</b> Seaside Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave.	<b>Gearhart Planning Commission, 6 p.m.,</b> City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.
<b>Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m.,</b>	<b>Warrenton Planning Commission, 6 p.m.,</b> City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.
Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.	<b>Wickiup Water District Board, 6:30 p.m.,</b> 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

## LOTTERIES

OREGON	WASHINGTON
<b>Tuesday's Pick 4:</b> 1 p.m.: 5-0-4-1 4 p.m.: 2-2-9-8 7 p.m.: 4-6-1-2 10 p.m.: 9-7-6-0 <b>Tuesday's Lucky Lines:</b>	1-7-10-16-18-22-26-32 Estimated jackpot: \$46,000 <b>Tuesday's Mega Millions:</b> 15-32-39-50-65, Mega Ball: 7 Estimated jackpot: \$190 million
	<b>Tuesday's Daily Game:</b> 5-5-8 <b>Tuesday's Keno:</b> 01-04-18-25-27-30-32-33-35-37-44-49-52-53-55-59-64-66-70-76 <b>Tuesday's Match 4:</b> 03-04-11-24

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