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Razor clamming on Clatsop County beaches has been closed.

Razor clamming closed on Clatsop beaches due to domoic acid threat

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Razor clamming is closed from the Columbia River to Tillamook Head after the state detected unsafe levels of domoic acid in the clams.

The state will not reopen clamming until two consecutive tests, at least one week apart, show levels of the marine biotoxin below the state's closure limit of 20 parts per million.

Testing last week revealed levels of domoic acid in razor clams at Clatsop Beach and Sunset Beach were at 22 parts per million. In early February, domoic acid levels in the same area registered at 14 ppm. Farther south, razor clams tested at Port Orford had 62 ppm as of Feb. 22.

The closure of recreational and commercial clamming was announced Friday evening by the state Department of Agriculture and the state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Elsewhere in Oregon,

razor clamming is closed at Cape Blanco to the California border for elevated levels of domoic acid. Razor clamming remains open from Tillamook Head in Seaside to Cape Blanco. The Clatsop Beach and the Sunset Beach areas are home to popular and highly productive razor clam beds. The 18-mile stretch of beach accounts for 95 percent of Oregon's razor clam harvest, according to the state.

On March 1, when the beaches first reopened to harvest after an extended closure to give small clams more time to grow, approximately 600 harvesters were on Clatsop Beach. The turnout was not too bad considering the opening was midday on a Friday with high surf and a weak low tide, said Matt Hunter, state shellfish biologist.

People were eager to dig for clams even though most of the clams they were finding were still smaller than usual, just

over 3.5 inches. Clatsop Beach is usually closed seasonally from mid-July through September. Last year, the beach closed to digging in July and stayed closed through the winter.

Beaches outside the closure area, such as Indian Beach, near Cannon Beach, and Short Sand Beach, north of Manzanita, also have clams but are not as productive. Clamming areas there can be harder to access depending on how low the low tide gets.

Domoic acid is a naturally occurring marine toxin that can cause amnesic shellfish poisoning. It is produced by diatoms that bloom occasionally off the West Coast.

In recent years, these blooms have become an almost constant consideration in fishery management decisions, at times delaying the opening of valuable commercial Dungeness crab fisheries and causing fishery closures in both Oregon and Washington state.

Tiny homes on tap in Warrenton

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A developer of tiny homes will make a presentation to the Warrenton Planning Commission on Thursday.

The presentation by Nathan Light Watson, CEO of Tiny SMART House, an Albany-based company that builds custom tiny homes and trailers, is intended to be an informational session.

Warrenton is assessing the land it has available for development and will be evaluating the results of a countywide housing study in the coming months. City leaders will be looking at

ways to encourage different housing types as the city's population and regional housing needs continue to grow.

"Is it tiny homes, and if not what is it we're going to support by policy and by code?" said Kevin Cronin, Warrenton's community development director.

"We're just going to begin the conversation, and take the temperature of the community and see where people's interest is."

Under Warrenton's development code, tiny homes are treated as accessory dwelling units, but there is no specific codes that address tiny

homes or city standards for tiny homes on their own.

Cronin says he has not seen much interest from developers or property owners to build neighborhoods of tiny homes. However, there has been interest in providing additional housing on property that might already include more standard-sized housing.

The tiny home presentation will follow an update on a housing needs assessment by the state Department of Land Conservation and Development.

The meeting begins at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

Driver crashes into Hamlet Quick Stop

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A driver crashed into the Hamlet Quick Stop on Friday night.

About 9 p.m., a driver lost control of his vehicle and crashed into the convenience store that sits at the

junction of U.S. Highway 26 and Highway 53, Hamlet Fire Chief Matt Verley said.

Firefighters had to winch the vehicle out of the building and cut the driver out of the car.

The driver suffered

severe injuries, Verley said, and was sent to Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria.

The building was damaged, Verley said, but in a section that did not impact the store itself. The store was closed at the time.

State, political action committee settle voting case

By ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

SALEM — Oregon's elections director and a political action committee that disenfranchised nearly 100 voters by turning their ballots in late have come to an agreement in which most of its fine will be suspended and the group will detail its procedures.

The incident revealed a possible election vulnerability in Oregon, the first state to adopt an all-mail vote.

No one knows how many groups in Oregon collect filled-in ballots from voters in November because state officials in charge of elections have not tracked the activities.

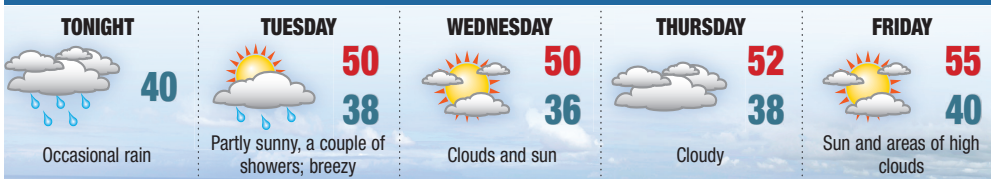
In the agreement provided Friday by the secretary of state's office, the directors of the Defend Oregon PAC agreed to disclose whether people taking completed ballots to the U.S. mail or to official election drop boxes are volunteers, employees or paid canvassers.

In addition the group will detail the training the people receive, the signs they use, and the process employed to gather and deliver ballots.

The group must also describe its procedures to track and count ballots, and how they are stored, secured and prepared for delivery.

More attention is being paid to voting by mail as doubts arise in the nation about the security of election systems that can be hacked and about reliance on aging or inadequate voting machines.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures

High/low	51°/27°
Normal high/low	53°/38°
Record high	75° in 1905
Record low	25° in 1969

Precipitation

Sunday	0.00"
Month to date	0.44"
Normal month to date	2.52"
Year to date	13.03"
Normal year to date	19.91"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	7:15 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday	7:35 a.m.
Moonrise today	10:13 a.m.
Moonset today	none

First Full Last New

Mar 14 Mar 20 Mar 27 Apr 5

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The waxing crescent moon and Mars with 6 degrees.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

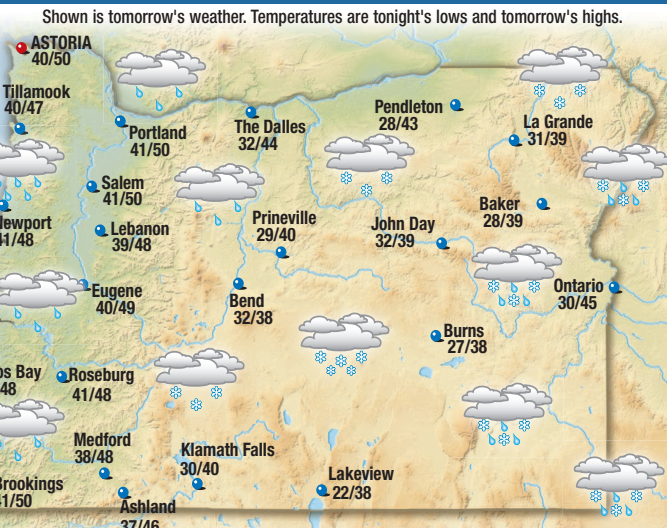
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
5:15 a.m.	8.8 ft.	12:06 p.m.	1.0 ft.
6:30 p.m.	6.6 ft.	11:51 p.m.	2.6 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	62	47	c	70	50	pc
Boston	48	32	pc	43	28	s
Chicago	41	22	s	50	40	pc
Denver	47	29	c	57	32	c
Des Moines	42	26	pc	44	40	r
Detroit	40	22	pc	43	30	s
El Paso	72	56	t	70	45	t
Fairbanks	37	25	c	36	14	sn
Honolulu	81	69	pc	80	69	pc
Indianapolis	45	27	s	50	36	pc
Kansas City	50	35	pc	50	47	r
Las Vegas	64	51	c	69	47	s
Los Angeles	65	52	c	70	51	s
Memphis	60	46	r	61	55	c
Miami	85	68	s	86	70	pc
Nashville	60	39	pc	61	48	s
New Orleans	59	35	c	73	64	c
New York	71	63	s	45	30	s
Oklahoma City	48	44	c	55	50	t
Philadelphia	55	33	s	48	30	s
St. Louis	51	34	pc	54	46	r
Salt Lake City	47	32	pc	51	31	pc
San Francisco	60	46	s	58	45	pc
Seattle	51	41	c	49	39	sh
Washington, DC	62	36	s	52	33	sh

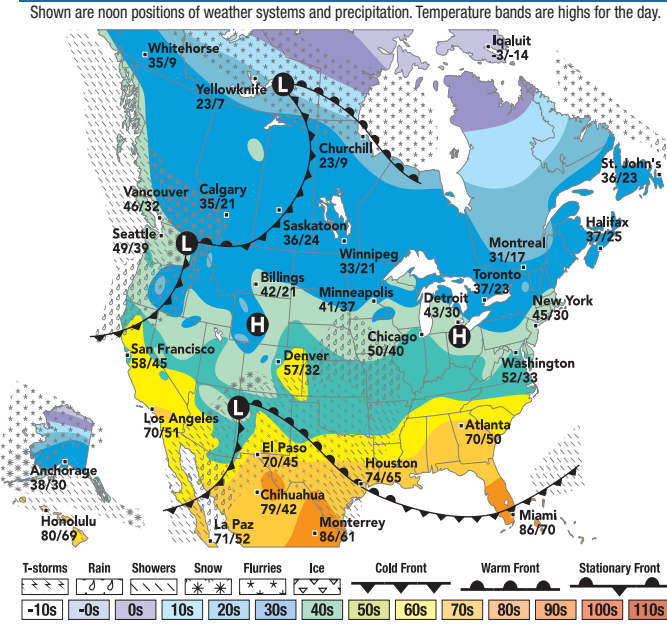
REGIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	43	28	s	39	26	c
Bend	46	32	pc	38	24	r
Brookings	56	42	pc	50	37	r
Eugene	59	40	pc	49	35	r
Ilwaco	49	42	r	48	40	sh
Klamath Falls	47	30	s	40	24	pc
Medford	61	38	pc	48	34	sn
Newberg	55	39	pc	49	35	r
Newport	51	41	pc	48	38	r
North Bend	54	42	pc	49	38	r

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



ON THE RECORD

DUI

- At 2:45 a.m. on Saturday, Tyler William Albright, 26, of Rainier, was arrested by Astoria police for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Albright allegedly reported he had been a victim of a hit-and-run when the officer noticed he appeared to be intoxicated. His blood alcohol content was 0.13

percent.

- At 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jasmine Carlie Jenkins, 25, of Astoria, was arrested by Astoria police on Olney Avenue for DUI.

DEATHS

March 8, 2019

HICKS, Linda Dorene, 72, of Astoria, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

OJA, Georgia F., 83, of Knappa, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Youngs River-Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District Board, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Ave.

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

TUESDAY

Clatsop County Planning Commission, 10 a.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Clatsop Community College Board, 5:30 p.m., workshop,

6:30 p.m., regular meeting, Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Sunday's Pick 4:

- 1 p.m.: 8-6-6-0
- 4 p.m.: 5-2-8-6
- 7 p.m.: 3-2-7-6
- 10 p.m.: 8-5-4-0

Sunday's Lucky Lines: 3-5-10-14-19-22-28-30

Estimated jackpot: \$19,000

Saturday's Pick 4:

- 1 p.m.: 6-7-6-3
- 4 p.m.: 7-8-2-3
- 7 p.m.: 7-8-5-3
- 10 p.m.: 8-5-5-1

Saturday's Lucky Lines: 4-5-10-13-18-21-25-31

Estimated jackpot: \$17,000

Saturday's Megabucks: 3-9-10-30-36-46

Estimated jackpot: \$9.2 million

Saturday's Powerball: 5-6-45-55-59, Powerball: 14

Estimated jackpot: \$448 million

Friday's Pick 4:

- 1 p.m.: 6-3-1-6
- 4 p.m.: 1-9-0-3
- 7 p.m.: 1-9-8-1
- 10 p.m.: 7-3-4-3

Friday's Lucky Lines: 4-6-11-16-18-21-25-32

Estimated jackpot: \$16,000

Friday's Mega Millions: 4-9-42-62-68, Mega Ball: 7

Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

52-55-58-66-67-73-75

Sunday's Match 4: 03-04-07-08

Saturday's Daily Game: 8-1-5

Saturday's Hit 5: 05-08-09-10-13

Estimated jackpot: \$160,000

Saturday's Keno: 02-10-18-27-28-30-33-36-44-46-47-48-53-56-59-66-71-74-75-78

Saturday's Lotto: 13-15-27-28-33-47

Estimated jackpot: \$5.3 million

Saturday's Match 4: 03-14-17-23

Friday's Daily Game: 9-8-8

Friday's Keno: 01-03-06-09-12-13-21-24-34-37-39-50-51-57-60-61-63-64-72-74

Friday's Match 4: 06-07-12-24

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