

Salmon fisheries set as managers look to protect orcas

Chinook catch could be lower

By JES BURNS
Oregon Public Broadcasting

The organization that sets limits for commercial, recreational and tribal salmon fisheries in the Pacific Northwest wrapped up their work Tuesday at a meeting in Northern California.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council bases the limits on salmon run projections up and down the coast. While the Chinook salmon catch will be slightly lower than last year, the coho fishery in Washington state and northern Oregon will be much improved. Recreational anglers would benefit most from this trend.

In addition, the council is starting work on plans to rebuild five Northwest fish runs considered to be “overfished,” a technical designation for when the three-year average of salmon returning to a river to spawn falls below a threshold set by fishery managers.

“The overfishing doesn’t necessarily mean we caught too many fish. It could be because of a drought. It could



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The population of endangered southern resident killer whales has dwindled.

be a result of many, many environmental things that’s going on in the streams,” said Butch Smith, a charter fisherman who chairs the salmon advisory subpanel for the council.

The overfished runs include fall Chinook from the Klamath and Sacramento rivers and coho from the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Snohomish and Queets rivers.

Over the next few months,

the council will determine if fishing limits should be adjusted next year to help increase the number of salmon.

The Pacific Fishery Management Council also kicked off a process that could lead to more salmon being available for orcas in the Pacific Northwest. The council learned last month that the National Marine Fisheries Service, the agency responsi-

ble for administering Endangered Species Act protection for marine species, is planning to step in to assess how fishing affects southern resident orcas.

The endangered southern residents spend most of their time in Puget Sound, but feed off Oregon and California during certain parts of the year. There are fewer than 80 left and they depend on Chinook salmon for food.

Ten years ago, a similar assessment determined commercial, recreational and tribal fisheries did not have a significant effect on the orcas’ food supply. But in a lawsuit, the Center for Biological Diversity argued new information about where the whales get their food warrants another look.

“We definitely intend for this consultation to not just result in a new document

with a new date stamp on it, but it will actually inform how they manage these fisheries. And they could take measures that are going to help the orcas recover,” said Julie Teel Simmonds, a lawyer for the center.

New science shows that the southern resident orcas depend on several of the same salmon runs regulated by the fisheries council — runs on rivers as far south as the Rogue, Klamath and Sacramento.

The notice to council members said, “any activities that affect the abundance of Chinook salmon available to southern resident killer whales have the potential to impact the survival and population growth of the whales.”

There has been concern that Northwest fishermen will disproportionately be penalized in order to protect the orcas.

“It’s just not a one-stop shopping fix. I think a country (Canada) and Alaska have to also be engaged in the recovery of these whales,” Smith said.

The consultation won’t affect this year’s fishery, but officials aim to have the process complete in time to set salmon limits in 2020.

ASTORIA
50/55

50

Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers

FRIDAY

55
43

A little morning rain, then a shower

SATURDAY

58
41

Mostly sunny

SUNDAY

57
42

Mostly sunny

MONDAY

58
47

Intervals of clouds and sunshine

ALMANAC

Astoria through Wednesday.
Temperatures
High/low 59°/48°
Normal high/low 57°/41°
Record high 85° in 2016
Record low 30° in 1967
Precipitation
Wednesday 0.02"
Month to date 4.88"
Normal month to date 3.21"
Year to date 19.93"
Normal year to date 28.05"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:06 p.m.
Sunrise Friday 6:23 a.m.
Moonrise today 7:25 p.m.
Moonset today 6:29 a.m.

Full

Last

New

First

Apr 19

Apr 26

May 4

May 11

REGIONAL WEATHER

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

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UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: Hercules climbs the eastern sky this evening. Look for a keystone pattern of dim stars low in the northeast by the middle of the evening.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES			
Astoria / Port Docks			
Time	High	Time	Low
1:49 a.m.	9.4 ft.	8:19 a.m.	-0.6 ft.
2:24 p.m.	8.5 ft.	8:25 p.m.	0.6 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES						
City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Fri.	W
Atlanta	80	64	pc	66	44	r
Boston	54	52	r	70	60	c
Chicago	54	40	r	50	38	pc
Denver	61	36	pc	73	47	s
Des Moines	56	39	c	64	39	s
Detroit	70	40	t	48	39	r
El Paso	79	55	s	86	59	s
Fairbanks	43	30	c	43	25	pc
Honolulu	85	70	s	85	70	pc
Indianapolis	66	41	t	48	35	r
Kansas City	62	41	pc	65	38	s
Las Vegas	85	65	s	89	67	s
Los Angeles	83	57	s	81	57	s
Memphis	72	46	t	55	42	sh
Miami	86	75	pc	87	67	t
Nashville	78	50	t	52	39	sh
New Orleans	80	56	t	70	51	pc
New York	63	59	r	70	61	t
Oklahoma City	66	45	pc	67	46	s
Philadelphia	78	64	pc	78	64	t
St. Louis	58	45	r	59	42	r
Salt Lake City	64	45	s	74	54	s
San Francisco	74	51	s	67	52	pc
Seattle	62	53	r	58	45	r
Washington, DC	81	66	pc	77	64	t

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

Long Beach OKs fireworks after all

By ALYSSA EVANS
Chinook Observer

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The city’s Fourth of July fireworks show will happen after all.

The Long Beach City Council on Monday approved a fireworks contract, officially making the previously canceled fireworks show a reality.

City councilors

approved fireworks contracts for the Fourth of July, International Kite Festival and New Year’s Eve. The combined contracts will cost \$26,750.

The Long Beach Merchants Association donated \$20,000 for the Fourth of July show, which was in danger due to cost.

“The merchants came up with the money to pay for this event at the last min-

ute,” City Administrator David Glasson said.

The city’s prior decision to cancel the fireworks show to direct money at other priorities generated a large backlash on social media. The City Council eventually decided to go ahead with fireworks, providing funding could be obtained from private sources, as had been the case years ago.

Memorial service set for slain deputy

Associated Press

KELSO, Wash. — A memorial service for slain Cowlitz County sheriff’s deputy Justin DeRosier will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Portland.

Cowlitz County Sheriff Brad Thurman and the DeRosier family said the service will be held at The Earle A. & Virginia H. Chiles Center at the University of Portland.

The 29-year-old DeRosier had been a deputy since 2009 and was the married father of a 5-month-old daughter. He responded alone Saturday night to a motor home blocking a road near Kalama and reported

over police radio that someone was shooting at him.

The Clark County Medical Examiner said DeRosier died of a gunshot wound to the chest.

Authorities said Brian Butts fatally shot DeRosier and that Butts was shot to death by law enforcement Sunday following a manhunt.

Investigators said Butts was last known to be living in Longview and the motor home was registered to his mother in Columbia County.

In a public Facebook post, the Daily News reported that Butts’ ex-girlfriend Sara Elliott wrote that after the “cold blood mur-

der,” she wants the public to understand that the families of both DeRosier and Butts are grieving.

“No mother ever raises their children to intentionally become addicts and to intentionally kill people especially cops ... Neither man’s child will have a father. Neither man’s mother will ever hug their son. Neither man’s wives will have their husbands home,” she wrote.

“I stand with law enforcement and I am praying for the hearts everywhere,” she continued. “However I am also able to see past the b—— and see the man for who he was. I love the person but hate the sin.”

THURSDAY

Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Wednesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-0-9-3
4 p.m.: 1-5-6-5
7 p.m.: 9-3-5-4
10 p.m.: 9-9-4-9
Wednesday's Lucky Lines:
3-6-12-16-19-23-26-30
Estimated jackpot: \$22,000
Wednesday's Megabucks:

12-13-14-25-37-40

Estimated jackpot: \$1.8 million
Wednesday's Powerball:
1-15-17-46-66, Powerball: 15
Estimated jackpot: \$136 million
WASHINGTON
Wednesday's Daily Game:
0-4-1
Wednesday's Hit 5: 01-08-24-

30-38

Estimated jackpot: \$150,000
Wednesday's Keno: 01-03-04-14-17-24-31-34-36-38-44-47-48-49-59-64-66-68-75-79
Wednesday's Lotto: 10-15-30-31-41-43
Estimated jackpot: \$7.1 million
Wednesday's Match 4: 02-12-22-23

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