



Katie Frankowicz/The Daily Astorian

Haystack Rock is a popular destination, drawing thousands of people every year.

# Oregon had more than 29 million overnight visitors last year

The coast ranked third in the state

By MEERAH POWELL  
Oregon Public Broadcasting

A new economic impact report released by the Oregon Tourism Commission shows continuous growth in the state's tourism industry.

Visitation and spending increased for the ninth consecutive year in 2018.

Travel spending in the state was \$12.3 billion in 2018 — a 4.2% increase from 2017. The report estimates that more than 29 million overnight visitors came to Oregon last year.

Oregon also saw an increase in the number of overnight visitors and travel-generated employment.

"We've been coming back quite robustly from the Great Recession of 2008 and 2009," said Todd Davidson, Travel Oregon's CEO.

As for particular regions

of the state, the Portland area saw the most overnight visitors last year with 26.6 million visits from single travelers and 13.1 million visits from traveling groups.

The Willamette Valley came in second, followed by the Oregon Coast. Mount Hood and the Gorge saw the least number of overnight visitors last year, with 3.5 million single travelers and 1.4 million traveling groups.

Davidson said he found it encouraging that tourism growth is occurring throughout the state, not only in specific spots.

"The benefits of the visitor industry are being felt statewide," he said. "As tourism has grown in Oregon roughly 4% year over year, we were seeing similar rates of growth in regions throughout the state."

Travel-generated employment in Oregon was also high last year. There were more than 115,000 employees hired in trav-

el-related jobs such as accommodation and food services, retail and transportation. That's an almost 3% increase from 2017.

A number of factors point to Oregon's tourism industry continuing to grow over the years, Davidson said, including increased visitation and spending from international travelers.

"Our growth in international spending is outpacing the national average rate of growth for last year nearly 4-to-1," he said.

"The nation grew about 1-1.2% and we grew nearly 5% in international visitor spending."

Davidson said he also expects the International Association of Athletics Federation's World Championships, being hosted in Eugene in 2021, to draw in tourists.

"It's going to be Oregon's opportunity to be showcased on a global stage," he said. "We'll have competitors here from over 200 different countries."

# Washington state budget scrimps on replacing salmon-blocking culverts

By GENE JOHNSON  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Washington faces a federal court order to fix under-roadway pipes that block migrating fish by 2030, but a budget passed by lawmakers puts the state at risk of missing the deadline and could delay salmon recovery even as the Pacific Northwest's endangered orcas are starving.

The Legislature's two-year transportation budget, approved last weekend, devotes \$100 million to fixing culverts — large pipes that allow streams to flow under roadways, but can prevent salmon from reaching their spawning grounds.

The \$100 million is about one-third of what Gov. Jay Inslee requested, and far less than what many — including some lawmakers, state officials, conservationists and Native American tribes — agree is necessary.

"We are extremely disappointed in the Legislature's last-minute decision to underfund culvert removal," Lorraine Loomis, chair of



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Melissa Erkel, a fish passage biologist with the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, looks at a culvert along the north fork of Newaukum Creek near Enumclaw, Wash., in 2015.

the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, said in a written statement. "Underfunding culvert removal at this point makes it almost impossible to meet the court's deadline and will slow salmon recovery."

Salmon recovery has become an urgent priority as the region's resident killer whale population has fallen. The whales primarily eat

Chinook salmon.

The Legislature did direct about \$50 million to other important salmon-restoration efforts, including a dam removal on the Nook-sack River and flood-plain work along the Dungeness and Cedar rivers. But even lawmakers who wrote the transportation budget said they were unhappy with the culvert money.

## Douglas 'Doug' Starkey Shadbolt Corvallis

Dec. 1, 1948 — March 28, 2019

Doug Starkey Shadbolt passed peacefully at his home in Corvallis, with family members by his side. He was a remarkable man with a unique eye for beauty, a sly sense of humor and a love for his work, especially ceramics, where his skills and vision were centered in recent years.

Doug was raised in Portland. He was a graduate of Grant High School in Portland and attended Lane Community College, Clatsop Community College, and did his work most recently in the ceramics studio at Linn-Benton Community College. When complimented, he never failed to honor his teachers, books, tools and schools.

Doug was passionate about wild places, especially the North Coast. Retiring from the Oregon Department of Forestry in 2005, he led fire protection crews and enforced regulations in the Clatsop State Forest for upward of 20 years.

He had a strong affinity for Northwest mountains, desert, rivers and forests. Beginning in 2010, he tirelessly helped build a family farm in Oregon's Eola Hills. His skills included releasing tractors hopelessly stuck in the muck.

He is survived by his twin sister, Candy; his brothers, Mike (Marsh) and Larry (Catherine); his niece, Celeste; his nephew, Ernst; and their families.

His family thanks the many caregivers, including his friends and hospice providers. His spirit lives on in each of us who were touched by him.

A celebration of life will be held for family and caregivers in the early summer.

Donations in his memory should be sent to The Hunger Project, Plan International USA or the Tillamook County Women's Resource Center.



Douglas Shadbolt

## Place Matters Conference tackles public health in June

The Daily Astorian

People interested in gaining new insights, skills and connections to help address the leading preventable causes of death in Clatsop County are invited to the Clatsop County Place Matters Conference on June 4.

The conference is an

opportunity for people to learn more about what they can do to reduce public health issues like tobacco, poor nutrition, physical inactivity and excessive alcohol use. Through speakers and interactive sessions, participants will explore new and different ways to promote health, as well as prevent and manage

chronic disease.

The event's keynote speaker is Debra Furr-Holden, an epidemiologist with expertise in addiction, prevention science and behavioral health equity research.

The event takes place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Clatsop County Fair and Expo.

### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
45	63 / 47	60 / 46	64 / 47	62 / 47
Mainly clear	Sunshine and patchy clouds	Sunshine and patchy clouds	Mostly sunny	Sunshine and patchy clouds

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### ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday.

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 56°/47°  
 Normal high/low ..... 59°/43°  
 Record high ..... 78° in 1909  
 Record low ..... 34° in 1948

**Precipitation**

Thursday ..... Trace  
 Month to date ..... Trace  
 Normal month to date ..... 0.25"  
 Year to date ..... 20.35"  
 Normal year to date ..... 30.29"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight ..... 8:26 p.m.  
 Sunrise Saturday ..... 5:58 a.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 5:53 a.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 7:13 p.m.

New  
May 4

First  
May 11

Full  
May 18

Last  
May 26

### 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: Just above the northeast horizon is brilliant Vega of Lyra, the Harp.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

### TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	High	Time	Low
1:30 a.m.	8.7 ft.	8:13 a.m.	-0.1 ft.
2:22 p.m.	7.6 ft.	8:04 p.m.	1.8 ft.

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### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	84	68	c	84	65	t
Boston	56	51	sh	60	48	c
Chicago	57	41	pc	64	42	pc
Denver	64	40	s	69	43	s
Des Moines	59	41	pc	68	49	s
Detroit	55	43	c	63	44	pc
El Paso	88	60	s	90	64	t
Fairbanks	46	31	sn	48	27	pc
Honolulu	85	71	sh	80	66	sh
Indianapolis	66	51	sh	69	48	r
Kansas City	59	45	sh	59	50	s
Las Vegas	87	65	s	91	66	s
Los Angeles	74	55	pc	72	54	pc
Memphis	80	63	t	71	59	t
Miami	87	74	pc	88	75	t
Nashville	81	64	pc	73	58	t
New Orleans	85	73	pc	80	71	t
New York	59	54	c	70	54	pc
Oklahoma City	66	52	r	72	50	pc
Philadelphia	72	61	t	76	57	pc
St. Louis	67	54	sh	66	49	r
Salt Lake City	68	47	s	73	52	s
San Francisco	67	49	pc	65	51	pc
Seattle	64	47	pc	67	49	s
Washington, DC	86	65	t	80	64	t

### TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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

## MEMORIAL

**Monday, May 6**  
 LOVE, William F. — Visitation at 10 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1403 S. Wahanna Road in Seaside. Love, 77, of Seaside, died Thursday, May 2, 2019, in Portland. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary of Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

## DEATHS

**May 2, 2019**  
 GOODRICH, Henry Howard, 85, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.  
 NETZEL, Helmi Lillian, 97, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**FRIDAY**  
 Public Safety Coordinating Council, 2:30 p.m., 800 Exchange, Suite 430, Astoria.  
**MONDAY**  
 Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

## LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
**Thursday's Pick 4:**  
 1 p.m.: 1-9-0-0  
 4 p.m.: 6-7-1-0  
 7 p.m.: 4-5-6-7  
 10 p.m.: 1-3-4-0

**Thursday's Lucky Lines:** 1-5-3-2-9  
 9-14-20-22-27-31  
 Estimated jackpot: \$37,000

**WASHINGTON**  
**Thursday's Daily Game:**  
 02-08-10-16-25-27-29-30-31-36-37-41-49-53-57-59-67-70-71-75  
 Thursday's Match 4: 04-18-21-23

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### WEATHER

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

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