

Plan to conserve water for central Oregon river approved

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A habitat conservation plan designed to increase the flow of water in the Deschutes River in winter to protect endangered species has been approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The service adopted the plan after more than a year of review. It was formally adopted Dec. 31, according to a statement from Bridget Moran, the field supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The plan, which was 12 years in the making, was produced by the Deschutes Basin Board of Control member irrigation districts and Prineville. In exchange for increasing the flow of water in Deschutes Basin rivers, the signatories will receive an incidental take permit, which allows them to continue their primary activities without the threat of litigation.

“This is a huge milestone and historic agreement for the districts and the basin,” said Mike Britton, general manager for the North Unit Irrigation District, one of the eight districts involved in the plan. “But really this is only the beginning. We’ve not got to meet the commitments we’ve agreed to as well as completing conservation projects to make sure we stay on track.”

The plan is laid out in a sweeping 850-page document, which details a timeline for the districts to increase the flow of water in Deschutes Basin rivers and other measures to restore habitats that have been degraded due to agriculture.

Districts are spending millions of taxpayer dollars to pipe their canals, the primary strategy for conserving water that can be saved for the river. Central Oregon Irrigation District alone plans to spend over \$100 million over the next decade on piping projects.

High school seniors hold fundraiser

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SEASIDE — The Seaside High School Class of 2021 is holding a plastic bottle and

aluminum can drop-off fundraising event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the old Seaside High School parking lot. For questions or information, email seasideseniors21@gmail.com

RELIGION BRIEFS

Astoria Christian Church

For service information and updates, go to astoriachristian.org or bit.ly/AstoriaChristian, call 503-325-2591 or email Astoria-Christian@gmail.com

Astoria First United Methodist Church

For livestream service information and updates, email the church office at office@unitedmethodistastoria.org or call 503-325-5454.

Grace Episcopal Church

For updates, food pantry hours and in-person and livestream service information, call the church at 503-325-4691, email graceastoria4691@gmail.com or go to graceastoria.org or fb.me/GraceAstoria

Peace-First Lutheran

For service information at the newly

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To receive a DVD of the services and bulletin, call the office at 503-325-6252 and leave a message.

Pioneer Presbyterian Church

WARRENTON — For service information, call the church at 503-861-2421 or go to pioneerchurchpcusa.org

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish

For information about the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry hours, and service and livestreaming information at both the Astoria church and Hammond mission, call 503-325-3671, email office@stmaryastoria.com or go to stmaryastoria.com or bit.ly/stmaryastoria

SENIOR NOTES

Alzheimer’s Association Oregon Chapter

— Information, referral and counseling services for families and caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s, dementia and other related disorders. For information, call 800-272-3900 (24 hours a day).

Clatsop Behavioral Health After Hours Crisis Line — 503-325-5724.

Clatsop Community Action — 503-325-1400. Respite care services, low-income energy assistance, emergency food assistance, housing information, emergency personal care items.

Exploring New Concepts of Retirement Education (ENCORE) — 503-338-2408. Provides a wide assortment of educational experiences for individuals older than 50.

Elder Friendship Line — 800-971-0016. Available from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; crisis calls taken 24/7.

Food Pantries — 503-325-1400. Clatsop Community Action serves six food pantries in Clatsop County through the Oregon Food Bank Network. Call for area locations and hours.

Grief Support Group, Seaside — For information, call Lower Columbia Hospice at 503-338-6230.

Lifespan Respite — 503-325-1400. Provides information, referral, training and paid respite for family caregivers.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline — 800-273-TALK (8255). A 24-hour, toll-free suicide prevention service for anyone in a suicidal crisis. TTY users should dial 800-799-4TTY (4889).

National Alliance on Mental Illness — 800-950-NAMI (6264) or locally, 503-717-1835. Separate support groups for people with mental illness and families of those with mental illness are available.

Northwest Oregon Housing Authority — 503-861-0119. Rent assistance based on income.

NorthWest Senior and Disability Services

— 503-861-4202 or 800-442-8614. Medicaid services, food stamps, information and assistance, family caregiver support services, Medicare choice assistance, home delivered meals, senior meal sites and senior peer counseling.

Oregon Aging and Disability Resource Connection — 855-ORE-ADRC (673-2372), adrcoregon.org. Information and services for older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and families.

Oregon Care Partners — 800-930-6851, oregoncarepartners.com. Provides no-cost in person and online training to family care givers and professionals.

Oregon Home Care Commission Registry and Referral System — 877-867-0077, or hcc.org. Provides lists of home care workers available to hire.

Oregon Law Center — 877-296-4076. Provides free services in civil cases to low income people. In-person clinics in Astoria, Tillamook and Seaside each month.

Partners for Seniors — 503-717-7174. Serves South Clatsop County seniors with volunteer visits, transportation, light housekeeping, yard work, minor home repairs, daily phone calls.

Senior Center, Astoria — Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St., 503-325-3231.

Senior Center, Seaside — Bob Chisholm Community and Senior Center, 1225 Ave. A, Seaside, 503-738-7393.

Senior Center, Warrenton — Warrenton Community and Senior Center, 170 S.W. Third St., Warrenton, 503-861-3502 Mondays and Thursdays.

Senior Peer Mentor Program — Free assistance to seniors, age 60 and older, who are struggling with mild to moderate depression and/or anxiety in Clatsop and Tillamook counties. For information, call 503-861-4210.

Veteran Benefits — 800-827-1000.

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Al-Anon (Astoria) — For information, call 503-325-1087.

Al-Anon (Clatskanie) — For information, call 503-728-3351.

Al-Anon (Nehalem) — For information, call 503-368-8255.

Al-Anon (Seaside) — For information, call 503-810-5196 for information.

Al-Anon (Tillamook) — For information, call 503-842-5094 or 503-730-5863.

Al-Anon Family Groups information — Oregon Area Al-Anon website, oregonal-anon.org

Alateen (Tillamook) — For information, call 503-730-5863.

Alcoholics Anonymous — To find a meeting in Clatsop County, call 971-601-9220, in Tillamook County, call 503-739-4856, or go to aa-oregon.org

Celebrate Recovery — Faith-based 12-step

recovery from hurts, habits and hang ups. For information, call 503-738-7453.

Sexual Purity Recovery Group — Part of the Pure Life Alliance (purelifealliance.org) in Portland. For information, call the confidential voicemail at 503-750-0817 and leave a message.

Narcotics Anonymous — For full schedule details, as well as upcoming special events, call the helpline at 503-717-3702, or go to na.org

Overeaters Anonymous (Astoria) — For information, call 425-287-0806.

Overeaters Anonymous (Seaside) — For information, call 503-738-0307.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) (Astoria) — For information, call Trisha Hayrynen at 503-298-9058.

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