

IN BRIEF

County to distribute booster shots against virus

Clatsop County will begin offering booster shots of all three coronavirus vaccines for people who are eligible.

Pfizer vaccine boosters will be available by appointment on Tuesdays at Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine boosters will be offered from 4 to 7 p.m. by appointment weekly starting Nov. 3 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

Only booster shots will be offered at the clinics and people must show proof of their original vaccinations.

Federal regulators endorsed the option of people getting a different booster shot from the vaccine they originally received.

Moderna and Pfizer boosters, which are recommended at least six months after initial vaccination, are available to individuals 65 and older or adults who are considered high risk. All adults ages 18 and older who received the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine are eligible to receive a second dose two months after their first shot.

State discloses more virus cases at local schools

The Oregon Health Authority has disclosed four new coronavirus cases at schools in Clatsop County.

Three of the cases were students at Lewis and Clark Elementary School, according to the health authority's weekly outbreak report. The other case was a student at Seaside Middle School.

The health authority also disclosed one new virus case for the county on Thursday. Since the pandemic began, the county had recorded 2,433 virus cases and 27 deaths as of Thursday.

Staples in Warrenton to close

Staples in the Warrenton Highlands shopping center is closing on Nov. 19.

Harbor Freight Tools, a tool and equipment retailer, is planning to replace the office supply store on Ensign Lane, according to Scott Hazelton, the city's planning director.

Port, city to host meeting on waterfront plan

The Port of Astoria and the city are hosting a public meeting to discuss the waterfront master plan.

The project will seek to reinvent the Port's industrial waterfront between Pier 1 and the Astoria Bridge.

The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 via Zoom.
— *The Astorian*

MEMORIALS

Saturday, Oct. 23
SECOND, Jeanne M. — Visitation from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Mission Christian Fellowship Church, 525 N.W. Warrenton Drive in Warrenton, followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. Cald-

well's Luce-Layton Mortuary was in charge of the arrangements.

Friday, Oct. 29
MILLER, Edith Henningsgaard — Memorial at 3 p.m., Peace First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St.

ON THE RECORD

Arson
• James Daniel O'Neill III, 44, of Astoria, was indicted on Tuesday for arson in the second degree, attempted arson in the second degree and criminal mischief in the second degree. The alleged crimes occurred earlier in the month.

Assault
• Hunter Kane Piver, 23, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, was arrested on Tuesday at Marine Drive and 33rd Street in Astoria for assault in the fourth degree.

Burglary
• Michael Edward Dilahunt, 54, of Astoria, was indicted on Tuesday for burglary in the first degree, criminal trespass

in the first degree and theft in the third degree. The alleged crimes occurred earlier in the month.

Criminal mischief
• Corey Elizabeth Jones, 27, of Astoria, was arrested on Wednesday at Walgreens in Warrenton for criminal mischief in the third degree.

Theft
• Joshua Ryan Mcalpin, 33, of Seaside, was arrested Thursday at Walmart in Warrenton for theft in the third degree and criminal mischief in the third degree.

• Derrick Ray Maxhimer, 33, of Astoria, was arrested on Sunday at Walmart in Warrenton for theft in the second degree.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Clatsop County Planning Commission, Countywide Citizen Advisory Committee, 9 a.m., joint meeting, (electronic meeting).

Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Board, 5:15 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

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

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WARNING SIGN

A woman takes photos of waves crashing near Haystack Rock during a rip current warning and high surge alert in Cannon Beach.

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Legal battle over salmon paused until next summer

By COURTNEY FLATT
Northwest News Network

A long-standing court battle over the federal government's plan to manage dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers could be on hold until next summer.

A coalition of Gov. Kate Brown, conservation and fishing groups and the Nez Perce Tribe requested on Thursday to pause litigation that fought the latest federal dam operation plan to protect endangered salmon.

In the meantime, the coalition and the Biden administration hope to find a long-term solution to help endangered salmon and steelhead runs.

For now, the compromise would require dam operators to spill more water over the tops of dams this spring to help juvenile salmon migrate out to sea. Young salmon face many challenges in their journey to sea, including swimming through dam turbines, which can cause physical challenges similar to the bends in deep sea divers.

Fish advocates said spilling additional water will help juvenile salmon avoid turbines. However, dam advocates have raised concerns about less energy generation when the federal government has agreed to increased spill operations in the past.

Nez Perce Tribe chairman Samuel N. Penney said these newest measures will help salmon in the short term. However, the coalition challenging the federal government called the compromise a stop-gap measure.

"This temporary compromise, which provides incremental benefits for fish, will have been a critical turning point if it enables a com-

prehensive resolution that prevents the extinction of salmon and steelhead populations, which is clearly on the horizon," Penney said.

The Nez Perce Tribe has long said the federal government isn't honoring the Treaty of 1855, which guaranteed tribes the right to fish in all usual and accustomed places, because the hydro-power system has decimated salmon runs.

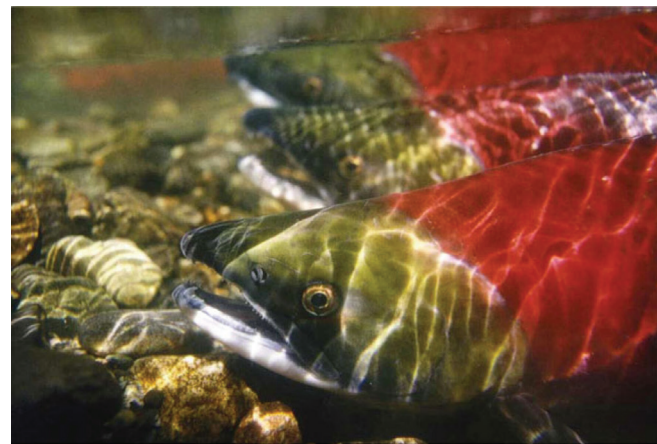
"Tribes, maybe more than anyone, understand the moment we face: a salmon crisis, a climate crisis and a long-overdue opportunity to address 90 years of tribal injustice imposed by the Columbia power system on Indian people and their homelands," said Shannon Wheeler, Nez Perce Tribe vice chairman.

The Biden administration called the compromise an important step toward an agreement on the Columbia River system operations. This agreement will guide operations at eight dams in 2022 on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

"This agreement opens an opportunity for states, tribes, federal agencies, Congress and all stakeholders to work together to forge enduring solutions that are so badly needed," said Brenda Mallory, White House Council on Environmental Quality chair.

The administration is committed to finding a long-term solution for salmon and clean energy, Mallory said.

For more than 20 years, the coalition repeatedly challenged the federal biological opinion, or BiOp, which guides dam operations on the Columbia River system, arguing the federal government did enough to protect



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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The federal government has rewritten its plan multiple times after various federal judges rejected the plan.

If a federal judge approves this compromise, it will pause litigation until July 31.

The conservation groups and Nez Perce Tribe said their decision comes after U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and U.S. Sen. Patty Murray vowed to take serious looks at removing the four dams on the lower Snake River.

Simpson, an Idaho Republican, suggested a \$33.5 billion proposal that would have removed the four dams and funded solutions for irrigation, transportation and renewable energy that could be lost if the dams are removed. That plan never gained much steam from congressional members from the Northwest.

Removing the four lower Snake River dams would require an act of Congress.

More recently, Inslee said he and Murray, a Washington Democrat, would begin talks across the region about issues on the Snake River. At a roundtable this month, Inslee said a report on those talks would be ready by next summer.

Conservation groups said these sorts of discussions led the way for the compromise.

However, the groups are ready to head back to court if the talks don't move forward, said Liz Hamilton, the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association's executive director.

"We urgently need a real, comprehensive solution that works for all interests and believe these discussions can deliver that result for salmon and salmon-dependent communities and others," Hamilton said.

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