

Biden aims at China in new illegal fishing policy framework

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LISBON, Portugal — The Biden administration is stepping up efforts to combat illegal fishing by China, ordering federal agencies to better coordinate among themselves as well as with foreign partners in a bid to promote sustainable exploitation of the world's oceans.

On Monday, the White House released its first ever national security memo on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, or IUU, to coincide with the start of a United Nations Ocean Conference in Lisbon, Portugal.

Nearly 11% of total U.S. seafood imports in 2019 worth \$2.4 billion came from illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, according to the U.S. International Trade Commission, a federal agency.

While China isn't named in the lengthy policy framework, language in it left little doubt where it was aimed. The memo is bound to irritate Beijing at a time of growing geopolitical competition between the two countries. China is a dominant seafood processor and through state loans and fuel subsidies has built the world's largest distant water fishing fleet, with thousands of floating fish factories spread across Asia, Africa and the Americas.

Specifically, the memo directs 21 federal departments and agencies to better share information, coordinate enforcement actions such as sanctions and visa restrictions and promote best practices among international allies.

It will also be followed in coming days by new rules from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration expanding the definition of illegal fishing to include related labor abuses, a first step to the eventual black-listing of flag states that fail to comply.

Conservation groups praised the effort, which builds on work started under the Obama administration to clean up U.S. seafood supply chains.

"American fishermen have to follow a lot of rules and regulations by the U.S. government," said Beth Lowell, vice president for Oceana, a Washington, D.C., based nonprofit. "By taking actions against other countries like China that have a poor labor and environmental record, it levels the playing field and that benefits legal fishermen all over the world."

The action plan also calls for expansion of the U.S. seafood import monitoring program, which requires importers to provide documentation from the point of catch to insure that illegally caught fish don't slip into the U.S. Currently, the program only covers about a dozen species. Groups like Oceana have been pushing for the program to cover all imports.

"Until the United States holds all seafood imports to the same standards as U.S.-caught fish, illegally sourced seafood will continue to be sold alongside legal catch," Lowell said.

The action plan also doesn't provide any additional resources to enforce laws already on the books.

"Fighting IUU fishing is resource intensive," said Evan Bloom, a former State Department official who negotiated several

international fishing agreements and who now is a senior fellow at the Wilson Center. "Whether the U.S. really does more may depend on whether NOAA directs more funds to enforcement efforts, intel gathering and inspections."

In Lisbon, where officials and scientists from more than 120 countries were attending the five-day conference, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres criticized some countries — which he did not identify — for looking out for their own economic interests instead of the needs of the entire planet.

"International waters are ours," Guterres insisted, referring to all the planet's inhabitants.

The U.N. is hoping the conference will bring fresh momentum to the protracted efforts for a global ocean agreement that covers conservation efforts on the high seas. Oceans cover some 70% of the Earth's surface and provide food and livelihoods for billions of people. Some activists refer to them as the largest unregulated area on the planet.

What's known as the Treaty of the High Seas is being negotiated within the framework of the United Convention on the Law of the Sea, the main international agreement governing maritime activities.

After 10 years of talks on the treaty, however, as recently as three months ago, a deal is still not within sight. A fifth round is scheduled for August in New York.

"The world's largest ecosystem ... is still unprotected and is dying as we watch," the activist group Ocean Rebellion said.

Guterres said "significant progress" has been made toward a deal on a high seas treaty and that the world stands at "a crucial moment" for the future of the oceans.

"We need to make people put pressure on those who decide," Guterres said, appealing for people to raise their voices and be heard.

Threats to the oceans include warming and acidification from carbon pollution, massive plastics contamination and other problems, the U.N. says. Potentially harmful deep-sea mining also lacks rules.

The conference is also expected to reaffirm and build upon the some 62 commitments made by governments at the previous summit in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2018, from protecting small island states with ocean-based economies to sustainable fishing and combatting warming waters.

On the sidelines of the event, Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon, announced \$50 million in new grants to help meet a goal of protecting 30% of the planet's land and sea by 2030. Currently, less than 8% of the ocean is zoned as marine protected areas.

More than half of the money being donated by the Bezos Earth Fund will support organizations working in Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Panama in strengthening the Eastern Tropical Marine Corridor. The four countries banded together at last year's U.N. Climate Change conference to announce the creation of a Spain-sized marine protected area containing such environmental hotspots as the Galapagos Islands.

U.S. climate envoy John Kerry and French President Emmanuel Macron are among those attending the event.

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SPORTS

Warriors no-hit Clatskanie, twice

The Astorian

SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
Junior baseball — Ilwaco at Warrenton, 4 p.m. (2)

FRIDAY
Junior baseball — Santiam Christian at Warrenton, 4 p.m. (2)

SUNDAY
Baseball — Warrenton alumni game, noon

The Warrenton 17U summer baseball team swept a doubleheader Monday at Clatskanie, 15-0 and 14-1.

Warrenton pitchers Dawson Little and Brayden Greenawald tossed a no-hitter in Game 1, followed by a combined no-hitter for Dylan Atwood and Cam'Ron Daniels in the second game.

The Warriors host a doubleheader Thursday with Ilwaco at 4 p.m., with Santiam Christian visiting Warrenton for a doubleheader Friday at 4 p.m.

OBITUARIES

John Henry Newman Cannon Beach

June 19, 1964 — June 19, 2022

John Henry Newman, 58, passed away suddenly on June 19, 2022.

John was born on June 19, 1964, in Glendora, California, to his loving father and mother, Herald Gerald Newman and Sesame Smith.

John is survived by his cherished wife, Sandy; his sisters, Kelly and Mary Newman; his brothers, Matt Newman (Shawn), Buddy Harry Gerald Newman III and Will Moore; his sister-in-law, Paula Mushrush (Russell); his nieces, Megan Terry, Caitlin Terry, Lisa Williams (Jamie), Heather Hamilton (Waqar), Irene Allman and Jade Puschautz (Paul); and his nephews, Jeremy Hansen, Alex Newman and Kyle Terry (Kim).

He was a "Great Funkle" to grandnephews, Seth Hansen and Ace Boling, and grandnieces, Joy Hansen, Skye Hansen and Margaret Puschautz. He is dearly remembered by his loving Uncle Bob Smith and Aunt Lois, Uncle Rich (Valerie), and aunts, Diana Newman, Barbara Alfaro and Marilyn Korade, and countless beloved cousins and friends throughout the U.S.

During his distinguished career, John achieved tremendous recognition for his culinary expertise. He graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in New York in 1990. Early on, he worked at the prestigious Silks Restaurant at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in San Francisco. In 1995, John became executive chef for the Stephanie Inn Dining Room in Cannon Beach.

Over the years, chef Newman cooked several times at the James Beard House in New York City. John was a four-time champion at the Tillamook County Iron Chef Black Box competition. He was also a guest chef at the 2002 Capitol holiday tree lighting ceremony. In 2006, in perhaps their crowning achievement, John and Sandy opened Newmans at 988, which has won many accolades and has become a landmark restaurant in the area.

John loved to teach, and was a mentor to many aspiring culinary students. As the culinary instructor at Seaside High School, John's students won the Ore-

gon ProStart competition two years in a row, sending them to nationals. In his heart, John truly loved giving to others and showing how hard work, positive belief and spiritual conviction can carry us to our dreams.

Together with his wife, Sandy, they mentored countless young people through cooking, surfing and volunteering with a variety of organizations. John was an avid surfer, and he rode waves with friends from Bali to Morro Bay, California, to the East Coast, often accompanied by his dogs, most recently his beloved "Remy" who passed with John. He had an endless stoke, and wanted everyone to experience the thrill of surfing.

When we remember John, we can't help but think of his smile. He welcomed everyone in the same way — no matter who you were, or where you stood in life, up or down, rich or poor, the smile was always there. We love him so much for his giant heart and true humility.

John worked hard, was very serious about morality and had a code in life. He had a deep belief in God, and his purpose. It is John's unique spirit and caring heart that affects us so deeply, and that we will remember forever.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to be made in John's name to any of the following organizations: Seaside High School Scholarships (Seasidescholarships.com) or the Cannon Beach Christian Culinary Academy (christianchefs.org), where they are setting up a future culinary scholarship in John's name, or in Remy's name at your local animal shelter.

A surf paddle out is planned during the Surf Contest in Pacific City Sept. 17 and Sept. 18. Please contact Moments Surf Shop in Pacific City for more information at 503-483-1025.

A memorial service will be held later at North Coast Family Fellowship in Seaside. John will be laid to rest in Cayucos, California, on the central coast with his mother, and where John and Sandy first met and started their epic love story.

Ronald Derek Sterling Tacoma, Washington

Oct. 16, 1962 — Jan. 14, 2022

Ronald Derek Sterling, or "Ulcer" to his friends, was born in Longview, Washington, on Oct. 16, 1962, and passed away on Jan. 14, 2022, after complications from COVID-19.

He is survived by two sisters, five uncles, three aunts, three nieces and nephews, plus many friends who considered him part of

their family. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday on Sunset Beach, just south of the access ramp, starting at about 5 p.m.

There will be a bonfire and stories. Friends of Noah Shoemaker, who also recently died, are more than welcome.

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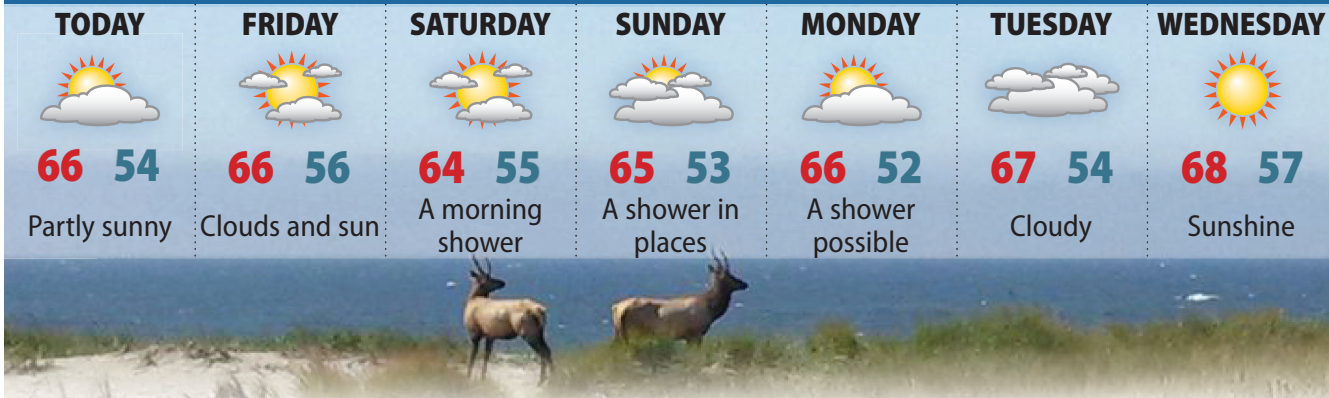
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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low 63/56
Normal high/low 66/52
Record high 86 in 1951
Record low 40 in 1985

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.16"
Month to date 3.81"
Normal month to date 2.21"
Year to date 42.55"
Normal year to date 37.08"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Virgo, the Maiden, low above the western horizon.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:27 a.m.
Sunset tonight 9:11 p.m.
Moonrise today 6:31 a.m.
Moonset today 10:54 p.m.

First Full Last New
July 6 July 13 July 20 July 28

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
1:59 a.m.	8.0	9:24 a.m.	-0.7
3:53 p.m.	6.6	9:09 p.m.	3.8

Cape Disappointment

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
1:41 a.m.	8.1	8:30 a.m.	-0.8
3:32 p.m.	6.4	8:15 p.m.	3.6

Hammond

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
1:51 a.m.	8.3	8:49 a.m.	-1.1
3:43 p.m.	6.7	8:39 p.m.	3.4

Warrenton

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
1:54 a.m.	8.4	9:08 a.m.	-0.6
3:48 p.m.	7.0	8:53 p.m.	3.4

Knappa

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
2:36 a.m.	8.3	10:25 a.m.	-0.6
4:30 p.m.	6.9	10:10 p.m.	2.8

Depoe Bay

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
12:52 a.m.	8.1	8:01 a.m.	-1.1
2:49 p.m.	6.5	7:44 p.m.	3.6

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	85/71/t	82/72/t
Boston	81/67/pc	91/72/pc
Chicago	92/72/s	83/62/t
Dallas	98/77/pc	94/75/t
Denver	84/58/t	82/58/t
Honolulu	87/76/pc	86/75/c
Houston	87/75/t	86/76/t
Los Angeles	80/61/s	80/60/s
Miami	88/80/t	88/79/t
New York City	88/72/s	92/75/s
Phoenix	103/85/t	104/85/pc
San Francisco	67/55/pc	67/55/pc
Wash., DC	91/74/s	93/76/s

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

