



In this Sept. 2014, file photo, a fisherman stands on his boat looking across the Snake River near Homedale, Idaho.

Feds reject request to delist Snake River fall chinook

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The first attempt to delist one of the 13 species of Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead protected under the Endangered Species Act has been denied by federal authorities.

The decision made public Thursday by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries cites concerns Snake River fall chinook wouldn't remain viable without continued protections.

Scott Rumsey, NOAA's branch chief for the protected resources division, said the agency wasn't surprised that the first petition to delist came for what he called one of the healthiest of the listed stocks in the basin.

"We're encouraged that we're getting close, but in this determination we're saying we're not quite there yet," he said.

An Alaska commercial fishing advocacy group called Chinook Futures Coalition requested the delisting in January 2015.

The group is concerned that protected Snake River fall chinook limit quotas of king salmon because of incidental catching of the protected Snake River fish that travel to waters off Alaska. The group was hoping to get the species delisted ahead of Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiations between the U.S. and

Canada. The current treaty runs through 2018.

The coalition, in a statement emailed to The Associated Press, said it was disappointed in the decision and believes that the best available science supports a decision to delist.

"The Coalition continues to be committed to promoting sustainable, responsibly-managed salmon fisheries in southeast Alaska and will be discussing how to proceed in coming weeks," the group said.

Researchers estimate 500,000 Snake River fall chinook returned in the late 1800s but that fell to 350 by 1992 when the salmon were listed as threatened.

Biologists say the species is limited to about 20 percent of its former range, spawning in a 100-mile section of the Snake River above Lower Granite Dam up to the Hells Canyon Complex of dams in the Snake River Canyon. The fish also spawn in the Clearwater River.

Officials say the five-year average of fish spawning for 2010 to 2014 is about 38,000 fish, with about 70 percent of those of hatchery origin.

Chinook Futures Coalition in its delisting petition contended NOAA needed to count the hatchery fish. But NOAA rejected

that argument, saying that federal officials must be certain a naturally producing population of chinook will remain viable without human intervention.

Federal officials in a recovery plan released last November suggested returning Snake River fall chinook above the Hells Canyon Complex of dams to have a second population of spawning salmon as a way to achieve delisting.

The building of the dams in the late 1950s and 1960s cut off 367 river miles to salmon.

Idaho Power operates the Hells Canyon Complex, one of the company's main sources of power generation for southern Idaho. The company in 1991 started controlling flows at the dams to create stable spawning conditions for salmon as well as better egg incubation and rearing conditions, federal officials say.

The two main problems with opening spawning habitat upstream is getting fish past the dams and habitat degradation above the dams.

That means, currently, survival of the fish is dependent on the single population below the Hells Canyon Complex. That's a concern for biologists, Rumsey said, because "all the eggs are in one basket."

Report: Portland chief smelled of alcohol after shooting

PORTLAND (AP) — Documents say the Portland police chief who was put on leave after revelations he may have lied about accidentally shooting a friend in the back during a hunting trip smelled of alcohol during an interview afterward.

The *Oregonian* reported that a sheriff's deputy said in an Oregon Fish & Wildlife report that Larry O'Dea also seemed nervous and had bloodshot eyes after the April 21 shooting.

O'Dea told deputies at the scene that the victim accidentally shot himself. Four days later, he told the mayor that he accidentally shot his friend with a .22-caliber rifle.

The chief stepped aside this week after multiple agencies launched investigations. They began a month after the shooting, when officials discovered O'Dea was involved.

Portland police said O'Dea wasn't available for comment.

Portland map shows buildings that may not survive earthquake

PORTLAND (AP) — The city of Portland has released a map and database showing about 1,800 unreinforced masonry buildings that may be vulnerable to shaking during an earthquake if they are not structurally retrofitted.

These buildings were generally constructed before the 1960s using brick with little to no steel reinforcement in the walls.

The building data was collected as part of a Portland seismic retrofit project, that is being led by the Portland Bureau of Development Services, the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and the Portland Development Commission. They are working with community members to reduce the risk posed by these buildings.

Since the last time Portland collected data about unreinforced masonry buildings, about 13 percent of those structures were fully or partially upgraded and another 8 percent were demolished.

Hayes must cover Oregonian legal costs

PORTLAND (AP) — A judge has ordered former Oregon first lady Cylvia Hayes to pay *The Oregonian* \$127,760 to cover the news organization's legal costs in her failed public records lawsuit. Hayes had tried to block the

BRIEFLY

paper from obtaining her emails in the wake of an influence-peddling scandal that led to Gov. John Kitzhaber's resignation.

The *Oregonian* reports Marion County Judge Tracy Prall notified attorneys about her decision Wednesday. It came nearly 18 months after the paper first requested Hayes' emails.

Federal agents are still investigating the former governor.

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum ordered Hayes to turn over messages from her private account that concerned public business. Hayes refused and filed a lawsuit in February 2015 to block the email release.

She contended she wasn't a public official and not subject to the Oregon Public Records Law. Judge Prall ruled in news organization's favor in August. A different judge then reviewed more than 72,000 emails and decided nearly two-thirds of the messages should be released.

Senators' bill would block mining in Methow Valley

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington's U.S. senators have proposed a bill that would prevent mining on about 340,000 acres of public land in the Methow Valley.

The legislation introduced Wednesday would withdraw U.S. Forest Service land in northcentral Washington from potential mining leases.

Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell said in statements that the bill is needed to protect water, salmon and other natural resources in the region.

The Seattle Times says that in 2014 Blue River Resources filed a permit for exploratory drilling on Flagg Mountain to assess copper deposits. The Vancouver, British Columbia-based company wants to use existing roads to access 14 locations to drill test borings to determine the possible value of its copper mining claim.

A Forest Service district ranger says the company's proposal for exploratory drilling could be approved as soon as Aug. 1.

Company officials could not be reached Wednesday for comment on the legislation.

Corrections

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
66° 43°	71° 48°	77° 49°	77° 44°	83° 51°
70° 46°	75° 47°	81° 51°	81° 45°	87° 50°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 69°	48°
Normals 73°	49°
Records 99° (1936)	29° (1918)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.19"
Normal month to date	1.11"
Year to date	5.59"
Last year to date	4.42"
Normal year to date	6.26"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 70°	52°
Normals 75°	49°
Records 100° (1947)	34° (1999)

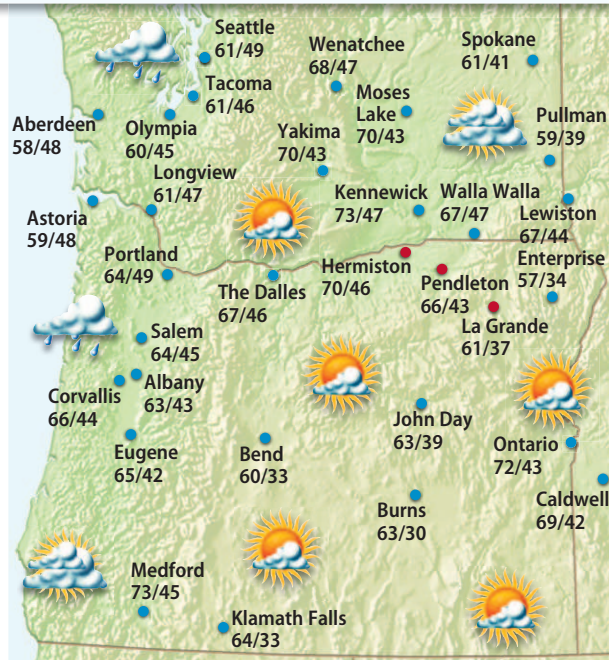
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.25"
Normal month to date	0.94"
Year to date	4.23"
Last year to date	3.14"
Normal year to date	4.96"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:12 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:33 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:21 a.m.
Moonset today	10:39 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
May 29	June 4	June 12	June 20



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Clouds and breaks of sun today; a couple of showers across the north.

Eastern Washington: Some sun today. A thunderstorm in spots in the north; a shower in the mountains.

Cascades: Partly sunny today; a passing shower across the north. Mostly cloudy tonight.

Northern California: Turning sunny today. Clear tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Intervals of clouds and sun tomorrow.

Western Washington: Rather cloudy today and tonight with a couple of showers.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	59	48	sh	63	50	pc
Baker City	61	31	pc	67	35	pc
Bend	60	33	pc	66	40	pc
Brookings	65	49	c	67	51	pc
Burns	63	30	pc	66	36	pc
Enterprise	57	34	c	63	41	pc
Eugene	65	42	c	72	46	pc
Heppner	62	38	pc	69	44	pc
Hermiston	70	46	pc	75	47	pc
John Day	63	39	pc	70	46	pc
Klamath Falls	64	33	pc	71	40	pc
La Grande	61	37	pc	66	42	pc
Meacham	58	34	pc	63	40	pc
Medford	73	45	pc	80	49	pc
Newport	57	45	sh	60	49	pc
North Bend	61	48	c	64	51	pc
Ontario	72	43	pc	73	45	pc
Pasco	72	46	pc	74	48	pc
Pendleton	66	43	pc	71	48	pc
Portland	64	49	sh	71	54	pc
Redmond	62	33	pc	69	39	pc
Salem	64	45	c	71	49	pc
Spokane	61	41	pc	63	45	pc
Ukiah	58	31	pc	64	40	pc
Vancouver	61	47	sh	68	52	pc
Walla Walla	67	47	pc	71	50	pc
Yakima	70	43	pc	73	47	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	87	59	pc	89	62	c
Hong Kong	90	83	c	89	81	sh
Jerusalem	69	55	s	70	55	s
London	66	50	pc	68	52	t
Mexico City	80	57	t	81	57	pc
Moscow	75	56	pc	76	60	sh
Paris	74	56	t	74	57	t
Rome	79	59	pc	78	61	pc
Seoul	80	60	pc	80	59	pc
Sydney	67	50	sh	62	50	sh
Tokyo	74	65	r	76	67	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	WSW 10-20	SW 6-12
Pendleton	WSW 10-20	WSW 6-12

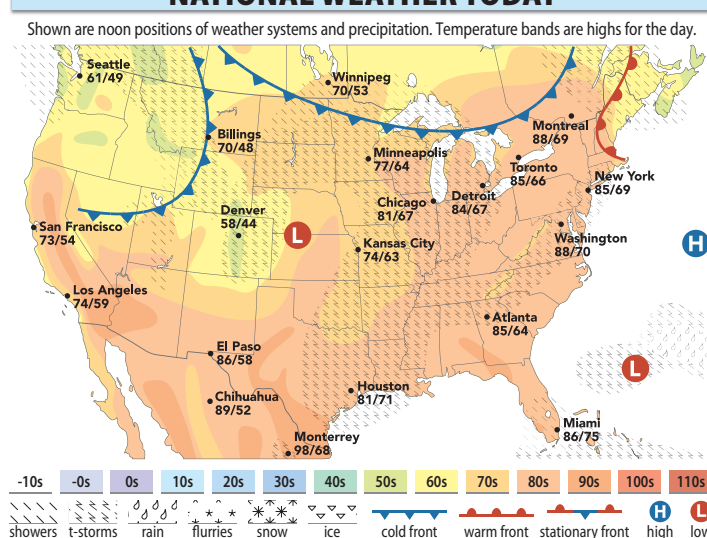
UV INDEX TODAY

2	5	7	6	4	2
8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.
0-2, Low	3-5, Moderate	6-7, High	8-10, Very High	11+, Extreme	

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



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

National Summary: Showers and thunderstorms will dot the Appalachians and Atlantic coast today. Severe storms will affect parts of the Mississippi Valley and Plains. Storms will dot the interior West.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 99° in Pecos, Texas Low 21° in Antero Reservoir, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.				Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	79	52	pc	81	55	pc	Louisville	88	70	c	82	68	pc
Atlanta	85	64	pc	86	63	pc	Memphis	86	70	c	82	68	pc
Atlanta City	75	63	pc	74	62	pc	Miami	81	75	pc	88	75	t
Baltimore	87	67	pc	85	64	pc	Millwaukee	77	63	t	79	62	c
Billings	70	48	t	66	46	pc	Minneapolis	77	64	t	79	62	r
Birmingham	88	68	pc	84	66	t	Nashville	88	68	c	82	64	pc
Boise	68	41	pc	70	47	pc	New Orleans	87	74	pc	87	73	pc
Boston	80	65	pc	84	65	pc	New York City	85	69	pc	87	70	pc
Charleston, SC	86	66	pc	81	68	pc	Oklahoma City	82	65	t	86	66	c
Chicago, IL	89	67	pc	87	66	pc	Omaha	79	61	t	76	58	r
Cleveland	85	68	t	88	67	t	Philadelphia	89	69	pc	90	66	pc
Dallas	83	71	t	89	71	pc	St. Louis	93	70	s	97	70	pc
Denver	58	44	r	69	46	pc	Portland, ME	65	56	c	81	54	pc
Detroit	84	67	t	87									