

State Bar statement on 'white nationalism' criticized as political

PORTLAND (AP) — Two signed statements in the latest Oregon State Bar bulletin — one by the bar condemning speech that incites violence and the other by non-bar specialty groups decrying the rise of the white nationalist movement during President Donald Trump's time in office — have been criticized by some lawyers who say the bar should not and can not allow political statements.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the bar has received requests from six lawyers who wanted refunds of their dues, and has granted one partial refund so far.

Spokeswoman Kateri Walsh said the bar stands by its own statement, but the refund will respond to the second statement that wasn't approved by state bar leadership.

Leaders of the Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Oregon Filipino American Lawyers Association, Oregon chapter of the National Bar Association, Oregon Hispanic Bar Association, Oregon Women Lawyers, OGALLA-The LGBT Bar Association of Oregon and Oregon Minority Lawyers Association signed the supporting statement about white nationalists.

West Linn lawyer Diane Gruber slammed the statements as "blatantly partisan" and in clear

violation of a 1990 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Keller v. State Bar of California*, which held that attorneys required to be members of a state bar association have a First Amendment right to refrain from subsidizing the organization's political or ideological activities.

The Oregon State Bar is a government agency that regulates the legal profession in the state. It publishes a bulletin, a magazine that is mailed to members 10 times a year.

Several lawyers demanded that the bar print a retraction.

The Multnomah County Republican Party also sent the bar a letter, demanding that it "cease its partisan attacks" against Trump. "The bar has no business taking its members' dues money to publish false claims that fringe racist groups constitute the 'base' of the president's support," wrote lawyer James Buchal, a member of the bar and chairman of the county GOP.

Other bar members supported the statements. Portland attorney Eric E. Meyer, for example, applauded the bulletin for publishing a "strong statement against white nationalism" and said that it is crucial for all Oregon attorneys as "guardians of justice" never to be "silent in the face of racism and hatred."



They're back!

Pyrosome population growing again off of Oregon Coast

Laurie Weitkamp/NOAA Fisheries

Pyrosomes that marine scientists pulled out of the Pacific Ocean off the coasts of Oregon and Washington state sit in a tray.

Creatures thrive in warmer waters

By STEVE BENHAM
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They're back. A lot of them. And they're reproducing.

The invasion of the pyrosomes, gelatinous, translucent tube-like creatures ranging in size from less than an inch to a foot or more, continues in force off the coast of Oregon for a second year, baffling scientists.

The creatures, made up of individual zooids — small, multicellular organisms — normally reside in warmer waters, like the tropics, and usually don't travel farther north than the waters off Southern California.

But last spring, scientists pulled pyrosomes out of the Pacific Ocean off the coasts of Oregon and Washington state by the tens of thousands. The pyrosomes also wreaked havoc with the nets of commercial anglers, and they washed ashore by the millions, littering beaches.

Scientists just finished two research cruises aboard a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration fisheries survey vessel, Bell M. Shimada. Oregon State University research assistant Jennifer Fisher was aboard a cruise in early March. She



Laurie Weitkamp/NOAA Fisheries

Pyrosomes litter the deck of NOAA's Bell M. Shimada research vessel during a cruise off the coasts of Oregon and Washington state in March.

said in the seven or eight years she's been sampling the seas off Oregon and California, she's maybe seen the creatures twice. But the last two years have been different.

"We saw a range of sizes, which to me indicates they are reproducing," she said about last month's sampling runs. "To me that indicates whatever conditions they need, they're doing well and they're surviving, clearly, and they're flourishing."

NOAA research fisheries biologist Laurie Weitkamp, who went on a separate Shimada cruise about a week later, said researchers were pulling enough pyrosomes out of the sea to fill up buckets 5 gallons each.

Whatever caused these "pyrosome blooms" has so far stumped researchers, but "something happened," said Weitkamp. "We're all kind of scratching our heads trying to figure out what it was that happened."

Even though scientists haven't confirmed it, they suspect that warmer water brought the creatures here.

Ric Brodeur, also a NOAA research fisheries biologist based in Oregon, raised two possibilities.

"(They) may have arrived during the unusual warm blob we had in 2015 or came north with the large El Niño in 2016 and seem to be sticking around even though the conditions appear to be close to normal," he said.

Brodeur, as well as several other scientists, wrote a paper this winter on the pyrosome invasion that was published by the North Pacific Marine Science Organization.

In it the scientists said the pyrosome bloom of 2016-17 was expected to last into this year but noted that future climate change may also determine the presence of pyrosomes in the Northwest.

"Projected climate change in the coming decades may lead to anomalous events such as the pyrosome bloom becoming more common in the future, requiring continuing monitoring to assess its impacts," they wrote.

Besides being a nuisance to commercial anglers, scientists are concerned about the impact the pyrosomes will have on the oceanic food web.

"They are so numerous and can consume a lot of plankton, so we are concerned about them competing with things like krill and copepods that are the normal base of the food web," said Brodeur.

Tiny crustaceans like copepods, which are also high consumers of phytoplankton, can make good meals for forage fish, which are then eaten by fish like salmon. The copepods that live off the coast of Oregon are good sources of fat in the food web.

Clarification

Saturday's A1 story "FAQ: What the OSU Extension Service District means for voters" stated the city of Hermiston is under tax compression and will not pay more in property taxes if the district passes.

Umatilla County Assessor Paul Chalmers said compression applies on an individual basis, so some Hermiston property owners could be under compression while others are not, and those would see an increase in property taxes. The *East Oregonian* regrets any confusion from the story.

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Sunny and pleasantly warm	Sunny and very warm	Variable cloudiness	Turning cloudy and cooler	Cloudy with a passing shower
78° 45°	80° 48°	78° 49°	64° 45°	57° 42°
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
83° 44°	86° 48°	82° 51°	67° 48°	62° 44°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
83° 44°	86° 48°	82° 51°	67° 48°	62° 44°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	75°	36°
Normals	65°	41°
Records	91° (1977)	21° (1924)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 1.37"
Normal month to date 0.93"
Year to date 5.08"
Last year to date 7.86"
Normal year to date 4.89"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	75°	32°
Normals	67°	41°
Records	84° (1977)	22° (2009)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 1.55"
Normal month to date 0.67"
Year to date 3.93"
Last year to date 5.67"
Normal year to date 3.78"

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny in central parts today; sunny elsewhere. Partly cloudy tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny and very warm today; pleasant. Clear tonight.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight.

Eastern Washington: Sunny today. Clear tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.

Cascades: Mostly sunny and warmer today; pleasant across the north. Clear tonight.

Northern California: Low clouds followed by sunshine at the coast today; mostly sunny elsewhere.

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	75	49	s	63	49	pc
Baker City	76	40	s	79	45	s
Bend	80	44	s	80	48	pc
Brookings	60	47	s	58	47	pc
Burns	77	44	s	80	50	s
Enterprise	73	39	s	76	43	s
Eugene	79	49	pc	72	48	pc
Heppner	76	41	s	79	47	s
Hermiston	83	44	s	86	48	s
John Day	79	46	s	81	49	s
Klamath Falls	80	44	s	80	45	pc
La Grande	76	42	s	79	45	s
Meacham	73	40	s	77	43	s
Medford	88	54	s	82	52	pc
Newport	66	48	pc	57	48	pc
North Bend	64	49	pc	59	48	pc
Ontario	79	46	s	83	48	s
Pasco	82	44	s	86	49	s
Pendleton	78	45	s	80	48	s
Portland	86	59	s	85	54	s
Redmond	83	43	s	84	48	pc
Salem	82	52	pc	78	51	pc
Spokane	72	47	s	76	49	s
Ukiah	75	37	s	78	40	s
Vancouver	83	54	s	83	53	pc
Walla Walla	79	51	s	83	54	s
Yakima	82	49	s	84	53	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	78	52	s	81	54	s
Hong Kong	79	73	c	80	74	pc
Jerusalem	62	51	t	62	53	c
London	57	43	t	57	44	pc
Mexico City	76	56	pc	77	56	pc
Moscow	58	42	r	58	40	c
Paris	62	44	pc	59	44	c
Rome	73	54	pc	74	55	pc
Seoul	71	46	s	67	45	pc
Sydney	75	63	pc	75	63	pc
Tokyo	73	61	r	72	60	s

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	NE 4-8	NE 6-12
Pendleton	N 6-12	N 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

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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.

Legend: -10s, -0s, 0s, 10s, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 100s, 110s
showers, t-storms, rain, flurries, snow, ice, cold front, warm front, stationary front, high, low

National Summary: Rain will soak a large part of the Northeast today. A new batch of rain and thunderstorms will extend from Texas to Arkansas, southern Missouri and Tennessee. Warmth may challenge records in the West.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 100° in Needles, Calif. Low 16° in Yellowstone Lake, Wyo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	72	49	s	80	46	pc
Atlanta	71	54	pc	66	53	r
Atlanta City	59	52	r	65	49	pc
Baltimore	66	49	sh	69	51	pc
Billings	67	35	pc	66	39	s
Birmingham	73	56	pc	65	51	r
Boise	76	48	s	82	51	s
Boston	55	50	r	64	48	pc
Charleston, SC	79	60	pc	79	61	pc
Charleston, WV	61	43	c	64	45	c
Chicago	55	35	pc	63	42	pc
Cleveland	52	38	c	55	40	pc
Dallas	63	46	r	74	52	s
Denver	64	35	s	56	32	c
Detroit	56	37	pc	62	41	s
El Paso	76	53	pc	89	56	s
Fairbanks	49	28	pc	49	27	pc
Fargo	64	43	s	55	40	s
Honolulu	83	73	sh	82	71	pc
Houston	83	55	pc	78	53	s
Indianapolis	64	40	pc	63	45	s
Jacksonville	82	60	s	84	63	pc
Kansas City	55	42	pc	65	42	pc
Las Vegas	92	72	s	96	73	s
Little Rock	70	50	r	68	52	sh
Los Angeles	73	54	pc	72	53	pc
Louisville	68	47	c	67	47	c
Memphis	71	53	sh	65	51	sh
Miami	85	65	pc	85	67	s
Millwaukee	49	35	s	58	39	pc
Minneapolis	61	42	s	59	36	c
Nashville	68	54	sh	63	48	c
New Orleans	81	62	s	77	58	c
New York City	58	52	r	66	52	pc
Oklahoma City	60	40	r	64	46	pc
Omaha	63	41	sh	62	36	pc
Philadelphia	67	51	r	69	54	pc
Phoenix	98	71	s	100	74	s
Portland, ME	52	47	r	59	44	sh
Providence	57	51	r	66	46	pc
Raleigh	71	53	c	74	56	pc
Rapid City	72	40	pc	59	34	pc
Reno	83	54	s	83	52	pc
Sacramento	81	48	s	76	48	pc
St. Louis	67	46	c	66	49	pc
Salt Lake City	74	50	pc	78	52	pc
San Diego	67	57	pc	67	56	pc
San Francisco	66	51	pc	64	52	pc
Seattle	74	51	s	82	51	s
Tucson	95	64	s	97	68	s
Washington, DC	66	52	sh	70	55	pc
Wichita	53	39	sh	64	41	pc

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