

# Keep 'wild' in Oregon's wildlife with tax donation

SALEM — If you love all things wild, you can help support Oregon's wildlife by filling out your 2014 state tax return and donate to the Nongame Wildlife Fund, Charitable Code 19, in the charitable check-off donation on the 2014 Oregon State tax



PHOTO BY NICK MYATT

Donations to the Nongame Wildlife Fund have helped bring back the bald eagle from the brink of extinction.

Funds support 88 percent of the state's wildlife that are not hunted or fished such

as native frogs, turtles, songbirds and bats.

"The donations we receive from the Nongame Wildlife Fund help us protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations," said Andrea Hanson, Conservation Strategy Coordinator.

Donations have helped:

- Bring back the Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon and Western Snowy Plover from the brink of extinction

- Fund wildlife habitat improvement projects on private and public lands

- Purchase educational materials for science classes as part of the Bird by Bird pilot program in the Portland School District.

- Fund conservation programs for sensitive species including the western pond turtle and Willamette Valley grassland birds

For more information on the Nongame Wildlife Fund, visit the ODFW website at [www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/diversity/tax\\_checkoff/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/diversity/tax_checkoff/).

## ODFW seeks angler input sought on upcoming spring halibut season

NEWPORT — Halibut anglers will have three different ways to weigh in on open dates for the 2015 spring all-depth halibut fishery in the Central Coast subarea. Anglers can submit comments by attending a public meeting, participating in the meeting via webinar, or by taking an online survey.

The Central Coast subarea extends from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain, and includes all developed ports in Oregon except Brookings, Gold Beach, and those in the Astoria area.

The seasons for the Columbia River and Southern Oregon subareas have already been established for this year.

"We want all anglers to have the ability to help shape the halibut season, and understand that many cannot attend the public meeting in person," said Patrick Mirick, halibut assistant project leader for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. "The webinar and online survey provide a means for all anglers to have a voice,"

Participants in the process will help choose the number of

season dates and the weeks in which those open dates will occur.

The public meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the ODFW Newport office, 2040 SE Marine Science

Drive.

Participants also can join the meeting online at [www.global.gotomeeting.com/join/768250205](http://www.global.gotomeeting.com/join/768250205), or dial in at 872-240-3412. Meeting ID: 768-250-205.

Finally, anglers can offer their input through an online survey at [www.oregondas.all](http://www.oregondas.all)

[giancotech.com/cgi-bin/qweb/corporate.dll](http://giancotech.com/cgi-bin/qweb/corporate.dll) available at on the ODFW website.

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