ODFW announces upcoming Family Fishing days

SALEM – The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife invites Oregon families to come fishing at one of 33 free Family Fishing events scheduled throughout the state this spring and summer.

"The events are designed to show families how easy and fun fishing can be," said Shahab Farzanegan, ODFW angler education coordinator.

ODFW provides loaner rods and reels, tackle, instruction and freshly stocked fish everything a family needs for a

successful fishing trip.

Children under the age of 14 can fish for free, kids 14 to 17 and adults will need an Oregon fishing license in order to fish.

For families that can't attend one of the scheduled events, ODFW offers several resources to help you go fishing on your own, including:

• Easy Angling Oregon at www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/ fishing/easy_angling

• 101 great places for families to fish in Oregon at www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/

fishing/where_how/gear.asp

• Rod, reel and tackle recommendations at www.dfw.state. or.us/resources/fishing/where how/trout.asp

• How to fish for trout in rivers and lakes at www. dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/trout.asp

Visit the ODFW website, click on the Fishing tab at the top of the page, select Where and How from the menu.

ODFW Family Fishing events along the coast include: North Coast

• April 18, Hebo, Hebo Lake, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. • May 2, Vernonia, Vernonia

Pond, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mid-Coast

• March 28, Lincoln City,

Regatta Park on Devil's Lake, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. • April 25, Toledo, Olalla Reservoir, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• May 16, Waldport, Eckman Lake, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• June 6, Florence, Cleawox Lake, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• June 6, Newport, Big Creek Reservoir, 9 a.m. to 2

South Coast

p.m.

• April 18, Coos Bay, Middle Empire Lake, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• June 6, Lakeside, Eel Lake in Tugman State Park, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• June 13, North Bend, Pony Village Mall, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• July 4, Coos Bay, Mingus Park, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• August 8-9, Charleston, Charleston Seafood Festival, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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NEWPORT – A massive audience, camera crews, exotic filming locations and a Hollywood smile — most people think that is the recipe for being an ambassador for nature.

At the Oregon Coast Aquarium, folks will find none of that necessary. Interpretive volunteers collectively connect with over 400,000 visitors each year.

Speaking on behalf of animals and their environments is no simple task, which is why the Oregon Coast Aquarium treats its volunteer recruits to a six-weekend crash course, which starts on April 4, on the coastal and marine fauna of Oregon.

Upon graduation, these volunteers spend a few hours each week speaking on behalf of Oregon's marine animals and their environments to aquarium visitors. This exposure provides people a tremendous opportunity to make a positive impact for their local environment, and the ocean on a global scale.

"When a volunteer connects with a visitor about a particu-

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issue like marine debris, they make an impression that may last a lifetime," said Beth Hawkyard, Volunteer Services Manager for the Aquarium. Additional perks for aquari-

lar animal, or a conservation

um volunteers include: • Complimentary Aquarium membership.

 Invitations to participate in exclusive lectures and continuing education programs.

• A behind-the-scenes look at a marine science exhibition facility that is consistently ranked among the 10 best in the U.S.

 Subscription to the monthly newsletter, The Upwelling. • Discounts at the Wildlife Trading Company gift shops

in the aquarium. • The opportunity to join rank with nearly 350 other outstanding volunteers that share a passion for marine science.

To learn how to become one of the newest voices of Oregon's marine and coastal environments, visit www. aquarium.org or contact the aquarium's Volunteer Services department at volunteer@

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