

# ODFW to unveil simplified fishing regulations

SALEM — For new anglers, Oregon's complex fishing regulations can be daunting. Even seasoned anglers claim they frequently need a law degree to help them understand what's allowed and what's not.

Over the years, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has heard an earful from the fishing community about how its regulations make fishing less fun, and pose a barrier to new anglers getting started. Beginning earlier this year, the agency embarked on a process to try to simplify the state's trout and warmwater fishing regulations in time for the 2016 seasons.

"We've looked at every water body across the state, trying to develop common regulations, consistent language, and increased fishing opportunities," said Mike Gauvin, ODFW recreational fisheries

program manager.

Because of their popularity and appeal to beginning anglers, the simplification process is beginning with trout and warmwater fisheries, Gauvin added.

Anglers will have a chance to hear about the results of this effort in a series of eight public meetings to be held throughout the state in June and July.

Gauvin points out that these meetings are not part of the agency's traditional public process for soliciting new regulations.

"We're excited to share with the public the progress we've made simplifying fishing regulations," he said. "There will be time during the meetings for questions about some of the changes we've made, but we will not be accepting new regulation proposals."

The meeting closest to

Florence will be in Newport, July 6, at Hallmark Resort, 744 SE Elizabeth, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Working with local district fish biologists and Oregon State Police officers, the simplification process took aim at the many "special regulations" that applied to individual water bodies across the state.

The goal was to reduce the number of special regulations to those with a clearly identified biological or management purpose, and to streamline the remaining regulations into fewer, more consistent categories, Gauvin said.

Examples of some of the changes include:

- Eliminating the April trout opener and (with a few exceptions) opening those areas to year-round fishing.
- Standardizing catch limits for trout.

• Maintaining consistency in the how the regulations are listed.

"There still will be a few exceptions to the general rules," Gauvin said, "but they will be far fewer and easier to understand."

Not only will the rules themselves be simplified, but there will be an easier-to-read format and clearer language in the sport fishing regulations booklet. Beginning in 2016, regulations will be adopted, and new regulation booklets will be printed, every two years instead of every year.

"Trout and warmwater regulations don't change much from year-to-year, and in-season regulations for salmon are posted on the ODFW website, so we saw an opportunity to save some money and time by printing regulations less often," Gauvin said.

# Cross country team to be washing cars

The Siuslaw High School cross country team will be hosting a car wash Friday, June 12, in the Grocery Outlet parking lot, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Car washes are by donation and 100 percent of the proceeds will go toward helping the team attend the Steens Mountain Running camp — a high-altitude running camp

outside of Burns, Ore.

Participation in this camp builds strength, endurance and teamwork that is in evidence throughout the team's season, and shows itself in the sheer number of district and state titles in the team's history.

Come get your car washed and support the team and its future success.

# National Trails Day hikes target invasive plants today

YACHATS — The Siuslaw National Forest and City of Yachats are hosting a weed-pulling expedition of the invasive plant today, June 6, as part of National Trails Day.

Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center, 2400 S.

Highway 101, where they will then car pool or be shuttled to the nearby Cummins Creek Wilderness.

Tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*) is a yellow flowering plant from Europe that is poisonous to livestock when ingested. Honey and milk

derived from animals exposed to the plant contain the toxin as well.

Volunteers will be treated to a brief Native American flute performance before the event, and then a free lunch afterwards.

Tools and water will be

available during the hike, but participants are encouraged to bring their own gloves, water bottles and gardening tools, if they'd like.

For more information, call Cape Perpetua volunteer coordinator Susan Fox at 541-547-3289.

## View from 1B

the Cardinals' "Gashouse Gang," and he managed "Dem Bums" out of Brooklyn and the Giants out of the Polo Grounds.

He's one of the winningest managers in baseball history, and there's a plaque with his name on it in Cooperstown.

Chances are you never heard of the guy ... but you've heard his catchphrase: "Nice guys finish last."

It has been said that Durocher made that remark in a passive, casual way and not the sneering, cutting way the phrase has often been presented over the years. Talking to one of his ballplayers, he pointed at the Giants taking batting practice, being courteous and nice to people, and he made the observation that they were in last place. "Nice guys. Finish last."

Over the years, like anyone with a catchphrase, he attempted to build off it ... how he would trip his own mother if she was rounding third in a tie ball game in order to win. Sixty ears later, Leo's phrase remains for those who believe in winning at all costs.

A guy named Connie Mack made a living out of baseball, too. Unlike Durocher, he had a pretty unremarkable career as a player. He was a nice guy who famously wore suits in the dugout as manager.

He didn't have a catchphrase; he had a "Code of Conduct" that he passed out to his players. It read as such:

1. I will always play the

game to the best of my ability.

2. I will always play to win, but if I lose, I will not look for an excuse to detract from my opponent's victory.

3. I will never take an unfair advantage in order to win.

4. I will always abide by the rules of the game — on the diamond and in my daily life.

5. I will always conduct myself as a true sportsman — on and off the playing field.

6. I will always strive for the good of the entire team rather than for my own glory.

7. I will never gloat in victory or pity myself in defeat.

8. I will always do my utmost to keep myself clean — physically, mentally and morally.

9. I will always judge a teammate or an opponent as an individual, and never on the basis of race or religion.

I give Connie Mack credit for stopping at nine. Also, give credit to Connie for having the guts to say those things during a time when the game was a sloppy, tobacco-spitting,

drunken circus rife with segregation.

Maybe Durocher was onto something though ... after all, Connie Mack lost more games than any other manager, finished last more than any other manager.

Ah, but Mack also won the most games. He managed 53 years, won nine pennants and five World Series. He's in the same Hall as the other guy. Alas, he has no catchphrase ... you decide who was wisest.

## Run from 1B

waiting at the finish.

The race is a fundraiser for the Siuslaw High School track and cross country teams.

Awards will be given to first overall man and woman, and the first man and woman in 11 different age groups.

Everyone is eligible for random prizes as well.

Entry fee is \$40 with a Nike Dri-Fit shirt, or \$30 without the shirt.

Registration on the day of the race is \$5 more.

Register online with a debit or credit card at [www.electicedge.com](http://www.electicedge.com).

For more information or registration forms, contact Jim Archer at 541-991-6021, or email him at [trailrunner45@gmail.com](mailto:trailrunner45@gmail.com)

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