

# OSP 'DRIVE SOBER' CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY THROUGH LABOR DAY

SALEM – Over the next two weeks, the Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State Police and law enforcement agencies around the state will join the nationwide effort to keep impaired drivers off the roads as the summer travel season winds down.

The “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign concludes after the Labor Day weekend. Last year in Oregon, five people died over the holiday and one of those fatalities resulted from an alcohol-involved crash.

The campaign uses funds from ODOT’s Transportation Safety Division to pay for over-time enforcement, with a goal

of keeping those driving, riding or walking on the transportation system safe.

Like the rest of the country, Oregon is experiencing a spike in traffic fatalities with a 33 percent increase so far in 2015. Preliminary numbers show that as of Aug. 14, 261 traffic deaths were reported statewide compared with 197 over the same period in 2014.

Pedestrian fatalities have also increased: 47 so far this year compared to 25 last year.

There are a variety of reasons for the increase, but preventing impaired drivers, riders and pedestrians from taking to the transportation system could help keep that number from

growing.

Recent reports have noted that traffic counts are also up across the country, and Oregon is no different. August is also a busy time for vacation travel, with people out and about not only in cars but on motorcycles, on bicycles and on foot.

No matter which mode, it is vital that people stay alert and focused on safety. ODOT’s safety message this summer has been focused on taking personal responsibility and getting ‘back to the basics’ to protect yourself and your loved ones.

ODOT and OSP, along with local and county law enforcement and safety advocates across the state, offer the fol-

lowing safety reminders for holiday travel:

- Know before you go. Visit TripCheck.com or call 511 for the latest in road conditions and incidents.
- Follow the rules of the road. Watch out for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorcyclists — and bicyclists, pedestrians and motorcyclists should watch out for drivers who don’t ‘see’ you. Wear reflective clothing, signal your intentions, help make yourself be seen.
- Drive sober. Plan ahead so if you are drinking or become impaired, you will have plans in place for alternate transportation.
- Be watchful for emergency

vehicles. If you can do so safely, move over when you are approaching any type of emergency vehicle, tow truck or roadside assistance vehicle stopped on the roadside with emergency lights activated.

• Get rested before you are tested. Fatigued drivers are more frequent during holiday weekends because of increased travel and activity. Allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

• Be alert for work zones. In work zones, even when workers are not present, all speed limits still apply and fines double. Inactive work zones still have equipment, detours, and incomplete changes in the road-

way so drivers need to slow down and be alert.

• Buckle up every trip, every time. Be sure to use child safety seats correctly.

• Turn off your mobile phone and focus on the task at hand. Whether you are walking, riding or driving, you should be alert and you should avoid distractions — they can be deadly.

Everyone is urged to play a role in keeping our roadways safe by immediately reporting aggressive, dangerous, and intoxicated drivers to the Oregon State Police at 1-800-24DRUNK (1-800-243-7865) or call 9-1-1.

# PUBLIC INPUT, COMMENT SOUGHT FOR COUNTY PARKS MASTER PLAN

Lane County invites public comment on its draft of the 20-year Parks Master Plan, which will guide the management of county parks from 2016 to 2036. This is the first comprehensive update to the original 1980 master plan.

The draft plan identifies

strategic investments in parks and open space throughout Lane County that is consistent with identified recreation needs and public input.

“We are excited to get citizen feedback on how the county should be investing in parks and open space during the next

20 years,” said Mike Russell, Lane County parks manager. “Our parks are a valuable community resource and provide wide-ranging opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.”

The drafted master plan is available online at [www.bit.ly/1h3GVtW](http://www.bit.ly/1h3GVtW). There are opportu-

nities to submit comments on that webpage.

Copies of the draft master plan are also available at the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St. in Florence.

There are five open house meetings scheduled this fall to allow community members to

provide feedback and ask questions of parks staff.

All five meetings are open to the public and scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m.

The first will be held Thursday, Sept. 10, in the Council Chambers at Florence City Hall, 250 Highway 101.

Community members are also welcome to share their favorite photos of Lane County parks that may be used in the final master plan document.

Photos can be submitted to [laneparks@co.lane.or.us](mailto:laneparks@co.lane.or.us).

## Fishing from 1B

fishery is fair in the mainstem and in some of the large tributaries. With the low and warm river conditions the best opportunities will be in the early morning when water temperatures are the coolest. Small spinners are typically productive as well as small spoons or fly fishing with nymphs or streamers.

**SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead, cutthroat trout**

Summer steelhead fishing is fair in the upper river. Low flows and warming river tem-

peratures are making new fish race up into the cooler holding waters of the gorge area. New fish will continually be moving into the river through the summer with peak numbers typically in July. River flows are much lower than normal for this time of year so think small and subtle presentations. Typical steelhead tactics apply such as bobber and jig / bait, or casting spoons or spinners.

Cutthroat trout are now also open to harvest and can be found throughout the mainstem river and many large tributaries.

**WILSON RIVER: Steelhead,**

**Chinook, cutthroat**

Summer steelhead fishing is slow. Fishing for cutthroat trout should be fair. Use lighter gear for best results as the water is extremely low and clear. Spring Chinook fishing closed July 31. All angling is closed after 2 p.m. above tide-water until further notice.

**YAQUINA RIVER:**

**Cutthroat trout**

Cutthroat trout fishing is slow to fair. The best opportunities are coming in the early mornings when river temperatures are the coolest. River conditions are very low and warm for this time of year. The

mainstem Yaquina and Big Elk Creek are good places to try casting small spinners or spoons as well as bait fishing near the head of tide.

**UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead**

The South Umpqua River, including all tributaries, is closed to fishing for trout, steelhead, and salmon from 2 p.m. until an hour before sunrise. The mainstem South Umpqua upstream to Jackson Creek Bridge opened to fishing on May 23, with trout fishing being strictly catch and release. Catch and release trout fishing in South Umpqua tributaries below Jackson Creek Bridge also opened on May 23, with fishing restricted to the use of artificial flies and lures.

Smallmouth bass fishing, which remains open under normal rules, should be productive especially in the morning and late afternoon/early evening.

**COOS COUNTY LAKES/PONDS: Largemouth bass, bluegills**

Fishing for largemouth bass and bluegills has been good in many of the Coos County lakes. Fishing for bass will be best in the mornings and late evenings. Fish for bluegills around structure like sub-

merged logs and weed lines.

**TENMILE BASIN: Trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch**

Streams in the Tenmile Basin are open for trout although there is a 2 p.m. fishing closure for trout, salmon, and steelhead in streams above tidewater. Most of the larger rivers will be too warm for trout and the water level in many of the smaller streams is extremely low. Fishing is restricted to artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater.

The water level in Tenmile Lakes is extremely low and boat anglers should use caution when boating in the lakes. Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout but trout fishing has been slow.

Bass anglers have been catching several largemouth bass in Tenmile Lakes. Bass can be found this time of the year in shallow water near structure like logs or weed lines.

**WINCHESTER BAY:**

**Bottomfish, perch**

Fishing for bottomfish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful. Perch fishing has been productive in the bay, and it was reported that good size striped perch were being caught along the jetty.

Crabbing has been improving, and there have been reports of coho and Chinook being caught in the ocean off of Winchester Bay.

**PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: Bottomfish, salmon, Dungeness crab, tuna**

The ocean is open for harvest of Dungeness crab and it’s been good outside of Coos Bay and Winchester Bay.

Recreational ocean salmon season from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. is open for Chinook salmon. The fin-clipped coho season closed on Aug. 9 and the non-selective coho season does not open

until Sept. 4. The bag limit is two salmon per day, and a minimum size for Chinook salmon at 24-inches or larger. Fishing for Chinook from Bandon to Winchester Bay has been slow.

Tuna fishing along the south coast was spotty. Some boats did very well with most fish caught 20-30 miles off shore.

The nearshore halibut season opened on July 1. The fishery is open seven days per week inside the 40-fathom line. Anglers were catching a few halibut near Bandon inside 40-fathoms this past weekend. As of Aug. 2, 72 percent of the nearshore halibut quota remains. The Summer All-Depth halibut season opened this past weekend and will be open every other Friday-Saturday until the quota of 43,908 pounds is met.

Fishing for bottom fish is restricted to inside the 30 fathom curve.

• **SALMON**

Much of the Oregon coast (Cape Falcon to the OR/CA border) is now closed to coho salmon fishing. This area remains open for all salmon except coho, but Chinook fishing has been only fair out of most ports. Remaining coho quota will be transferred to the non-selective coho salmon season that opens Sept. 4 from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.

North of Cape Falcon, the fin-clipped coho fishery remains open and has been very good to anglers. Anglers fishing in this area are reminded that no more than one Chinook is allowed in the daily limit of two salmon.

The Columbia River Control Zone is closed.

• **PACIFIC HALIBUT**

The Columbia River Subarea (Cape Falcon north to Leadbetter Point, Wash.) nearshore fishery is open daily until Sept. 30.