

# Aquarium seeks volunteers to speak for animals

NEWPORT — Picture your favorite ambassador for nature. Chances are, they reached you courtesy of camera crews, exotic filming locations and a Hollywood smile.

At the Oregon Coast Aquarium, people wishing to make their own mark will find those accoutrements unnecessary. Interpretive volunteers connect with over 400,000 visitors each year without the help of a television screen.

Speaking on behalf of animals and their environments is

no simple task, which is why starting Oct. 3, the aquarium will treat new volunteer recruits to a six-weekend crash course 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 glob-

al scale. "Volunteers connect with visitors every day about animals or a conservation issue like marine debris. The in-depth insights they share not only add to the aquarium experience, they can make impressions that last a lifetime," said Beth Hawkyard, volunteer services manager for the aquarium. Additional perks for aquarium 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 newsletter, The Upwelling.
- Discounts at the Wildlife Trading Company Gift Shops in the aquarium.
- The opportunity to join ranks with nearly 350 other outstanding volunteers that

share a passion for marine science. To become one of newest voices of Oregon's marine and coastal environments, fill out an online application at [bit.ly/aquavol](http://bit.ly/aquavol). Applications are due by Friday, Sept. 18. For more information, visit [aquarium.org](http://aquarium.org) or contact the aquarium's volunteer services department at [volunteer@aquarium.org](mailto:volunteer@aquarium.org).

## Fishing from 1B

river temperatures 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 and early fall. 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 main stem 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 is closed. All angling is closed after 2 p.m. above tidewater 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 is open to fishing, with trout fishing being strictly catch and release. Catch and release trout fishing in South Umpqua tributaries below Jackson Creek Bridge is also open, 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 submerged 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 non-selective coho season opened 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 have been catching a few halibut near Bandon inside 40-fathoms.

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 open for all salmon, including coho as of Sept. 4 for nonselective coho salmon season 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 or the quota has been met; fishing has been slow.

The all-depth Pacific halibut fishery in this subarea is closed for the remainder of 2015.

**TUNA**

Recreational albacore catches picked up last week. South coast anglers averaged four per person, and landings elsewhere were good if perhaps spotty. By most accounts, fish were cruising 30-40 miles offshore.

**BAY CLAMS**

Coos Bay, Yaquina Bay, Netarts Bay, and Tillamook Bay are four bays where bay clams, like gaper clams, butter clams and cockles, can be taken if not affected by shellfish safety closures. Recent stock assessments have revealed abundant populations and that current harvest levels are sustainable.

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racehorses), to represent him again. This time, he was looking to quarterback out in Los Angeles, where they had not one, but two pro teams in town. "I'm perfect for the Raiders offense," he said, beginning to sob. "It's the perfect offense for me ... long bombs on every single play ... but the owner and GM ... this one guy ... he won't sign me. What can I do?"

To his surprise, Vito jumped up and smacked him. "You can be a RAM!"

Tom was dispatched to negotiate the very next day. At first, the owner/GM would not take his call. Upon learning of

his pedigree, however, he changed his tune and invited him to his palatial estate for dinner.

Before dinner, the owner took Tom on a tour of his walk-in closet.

"Tom ... why didn't you tell me you were sent by Genco Beverages? Anyway, these are my leather jackets ... and this one ... this one I won't even wear. It was worn by Henry Winkler when he jumped the shark on 'Happy Days.' No ... this one stays here."

He petted the jacket, softly cooing, "Fonzi ... Fonzi ..."

But dinner did not go so well. The mere mention of Leather Tuscedero sent the owner/GM into a fit.

"He never gets that starting job! And let me tell you another thing, bucko! I ain't gonna sit on it for anyone! I ain't no Richie Cunningham!"

Tom wiped his mouth and excused himself as the owner carried on.

The next morning the owner/GM woke up to find his prized leather jacket replaced with a jean jacket. On the back, a red patch was sewn reading "Joanie loves Chachi."

The screams could be heard all the way back to Oakland.

A few weeks later, the Godfather got a bunch of flowers sent to his office. The quarterback had gotten the starting job.

"How'd you do it," he was asked.

He shrugged.

"I gave him a jacket he couldn't use."

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