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Discovery series begins today at Cape Perpetua

YACHATS — The blue-collar logging community of Waldport hardly would seem the birthplace for the radical peace movement of the 1960s.

But a war a generation earlier and a conscientious objectors camp on the Siuslaw National Forest may have laid the groundwork for the ensuing cultural revolution.

Author and historian Steve McQuiddy will discuss his book "Here on the Edge" at 2 p.m. today, as part of the Winter Discovery Series at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center, 2400 S. Highway 101.

From October 1942 until April 1946, Camp Angell was the second conscientious objector's camp in Oregon, detaining about 120 objectors.

A brochure circulated at the time, penned by renowned poet William Everson, described the camp as a "School for Fine Arts," and men with interests or experience in the creative arts were invited to transfer to the camp.

"These people had an enormous effect on an entire generation," McQuiddy said. "But many Americans today are not even aware that there were conscientious objectors at all during World War II."

During the day, the men worked planting trees, crushing rock, building roads, chopping wood and fighting forest fires.

At night, however, they produced books, plays, art and music — giving up to 15 community performances a week.

The camp produced such literary works as "War Elegies" and "Waldport Poems" by Everson and "Horned Moon" by Glen Coffield.

After the war, McQuiddy said, camp members went on to influence other cultural events which eventually led to the radical peace movement of the '60s.

"Nearly all the great social movements in history can be traced to small groups working in obscurity, sometimes for years," McQuiddy observes.

"It's powerful to actually see the evidence of how small actions really can make a big difference."

McQuiddy has won awards for his feature writing, while "Here on the Edge" was a 2014 finalist for the \$10,000 Dayton Literary Peace Prize. He is an honorary director of the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission and teaches writing at Lane Community College in Eugene.

The Cape Perpetua Winter Discovery Series is an opportunity to explore topics and resources relevant to the Oregon Coast during the off-season months between November and March.

Upcoming Winter Discover Series events:

• Feb. 27 (2 p.m.) — Whales of the Oregon Coast: Joy Primrose, president of the Oregon Chapter of the American Cetacean Society, will discuss the diverse species of whales, dolphins and porpoises found off the Oregon

Coast. No RSVPs necessary.

• March 5 (2 p.m.) — The Amanda Story and Trail: Learn the tale behind the trail. Doc Slyter, an elder, flutist and tribal council member for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, along with Yachats resident and trails enthusiast Joanne Kittel, will tell the story of a native woman and her people's forced march over Cape Perpetua's rocky headland to a resettlement camp and the legacy they left behind. No RSVPs necessary.

• March 20 (2 p.m.) — Children's Stories and Tidepool Walk: Children's author Kizzie Jones will read from one of her latest books, and then lead families down to the tidepools for a guided tour. Jones blends her love of dachshunds and the ocean to create whimsical tall tales. Titles to her credit include "How Dachshunds Came to Be: A Tall Tale About A Short

Long Dog" and "A Tall Tale About A Dachshund And A Pelican: How A Friendship Came To Be."

No RSVPs necessary. • March 26 (2 p.m.) — Oregon Dunes: They're more than just sand. Learn about the origins, shapes and future of the longest stretch of coastal dunes in the United States.

Dina Pavlis, author of "Secrets of the Oregon Dunes" will share photos, stories and knowledge gained from living and playing within the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. No RSVPs necessary.

All presentations and guided walks are free, but a Northwest Forest Pass, Oregon Coast Passport, federal recreation pass or \$5 day-use fee is required within to the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area.

For more information, contact the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center at 541-547-3289.

Fishing from 1B

have both boat and bank access.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Steelhead

The winter steelhead fishery is fair to good for both the Siuslaw and Lake Creek systems. With so much rain this winter, anglers have not had that many quality fishing days so get out there when you can because the next few weeks are typically peak season.

During higher flows, the Lake Creek basin tends to fish better and clear more quickly. Casting lures, bobber fishing or pulling plugs are good options.

ALSEA RIVER: Steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing is good with anglers doing well in the upper to mid river sections. With so much rain this winter, many fish have pushed upstream quickly. During higher flows, the upper river fishes well. During lower clear flows, it's better to focus efforts in the mid to lower river sections. Casting spinners / spoons, or floating bait or a jig are good options.

SALMON RIVER: Steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing is fair and fish can be found throughout the mainstem as river conditions allow. Casting lures, bouncing the bottom or drifting jigs or bait under a bobber are good techniques to consider.

SILETZ RIVER: steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing is fair to good with both bank and boat anglers hooking fish through the mainstem as river conditions allow.

The river should fish well most of this week. Side drifting, bouncing bottom or bobber fishing can be productive.

WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook

Steelhead angling should be good as the river drops from recent high water. Fish are spread out through the system. Angling for Chinook is closed.

An error in the 2016 Fishing Regulations mistakenly lists river as open for hatchery Chinook beginning Jan. 1; the correct opening date is April 1.

YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead

The winter steelhead fishery is fair in the Big Elk and should continue to produce over the next few weeks.

Look for the next good rain to push in another batch of fish. Anglers are reminded that there is a lot of private property along the Big Elk. Casting lures or bobbers fishing are the best techniques for this river.

COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: Trout

Lakes in Coos County are open all year for trout fishing. Last week 30 hatchery steelhead, that returned to Eel Lake trap, were stocked into

Butterfield Lake to provide additional fishing opportunity for trout anglers.

These steelhead stocked into Butterfield Lake are no considered trout and may be harvest.

The daily trout bag limit in Butterfield is 5 trout per day with only 1 trout over 20 inches per day.

COOS RIVER BASIN: Dungeness crab, steelhead, bay clams

Steelhead anglers are catching lots of steelhead when conditions are right. With the recent rain the river might be fishable today but too high and muddy tomorrow.

Anglers are catching steelhead drift fishing corkies or eggs. Jigs fished under a bobber area also catching several steelhead.

The West Fork Millicoma River is the first river to clear after a rain followed by the East Fork Millicoma and South Fork Coos rivers.

Anglers fishing the South Fork Coos River above Dellwood will need a permit from Weyerhaeuser, which they can pick up at the Dellwood office.

In the Coos Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

Recreational harvest of crab re-opened from the Columbia River to the California border.

TENMILE BASIN: Trout, steelhead

Streams in the Tenmile Basin are now closed for trout fishing until May 22. Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout but trout fishing has been slow.

Steelhead fishing has been

slow in Tenmile Creek and Eel Creek. Thirty five hatchery steelhead from the Eel Lake Fish Trap were recycled back into the fishery at Spinreel Park. In the Tenmile Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead

The South Umpqua is currently open to adipose fin-clipped steelhead harvest, and winter steelhead fishing will improve as water levels recede.

There will be excellent hatchery steelhead harvest opportunities on the South Umpqua as the season progresses, especially around Stanton Park in Canyonville.

WINCHESTER BAY: Bottomfish, perch

Fishing for bottomfish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful.

PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: Bottomfish, Dungeness crab

Recreational harvest of crab is open along the entire Oregon Coast. It is still recommended you discard the crab viscera (guts/butter) before cooking.

Fishing for bottom fish is open to fishing at all-depths. Fishing for black rockfish and lingcod continues to be very good from Charleston to Bandon when the ocean is calm enough for anglers to get out on the water.

The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (2).

Anglers can only keep 3 blue rockfish and 1 canary

rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of China, quillback, or copper rockfish. Retention of cabezon is prohibited through June 30.

BOTTOM FISHING

• Cabezon retention is prohibited through June; this is an annual seasonal closure.

• The few boats that were able to get out of Newport last week had limits of large rockfish and nearly one lingcod per angler. Effort in other places was limited due to rough seas.

• There's a new rockfish on the block. Deacon rockfish is a newly identified species that was formerly referred to as the solid version of blue rockfish.

What does that mean for you? Nothing in 2016. Every rule that refers to blue rockfish (like the daily bag limit of 3) now applies to blue rockfish and deacon rockfish combined.

SHELLFISH

• A couple of regulations were inadvertently left out of the 2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulation booklet: (1) The daily bag limit for shrimp (edible) is 20 pounds in the shell; may be taken by traps, pots or rings. (2) Each razor clam digger (as with all clams) must have his or her own container, and may not possess more than one limit of clams while in the digging area (except under a Disabled Clam Digger Permit).

Current shellfish harvest closures in the ocean and bays due to elevated levels of domoic acid as of Feb. 1:

- Razor clams: Closed south of Tillamook Head
- Bay clams: Open coast-wide
- Crabs: Open coastwide
- Mussels: Open coastwide



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