

THE RECORD

Tsunami debris, invasive species to be discussed

Oregon has seen an upsurge of tsunami debris in the recent months, everything from buoys to bottles, washed out to sea during the Japanese tsunami of 2011, carried around the Pacific gyre for five years and finally swept onto our shores.

Most impressively, but also most worrisomely, we've seen seven boats or fragments of boats appear on Oregon beaches.

On Tuesday, May 17, Hatfield Marine Science Center researcher John Chapman will provide background information on this phenomenon, explaining what has been learned regarding the tsunami debris that continues to wash up on Oregon beaches.

Dr. Chapman speaks at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at the Lane Community College Florence branch, 3149 Oak St., in room 103.

The talk, offered by the CoastWatch program of the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, is free and open to the public (a \$5 donation is suggested).

Tsunami debris, but especially large pieces with cavities which could provide protected temporary habitat, pose threats



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Tsunami debris like this small boat can harbor invasive species in breaches and barnacles.

because they could harbor non-native species that have survived the journey, and might prove invasive in this new territory.

CoastWatch cooperates with scientists who are studying these non-native species by reporting tsunami debris found on the shoreline and the pres-

ence of possible invasive organisms, and where possible actually carrying the material to the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

Dr. Chapman, an invertebrate zoologist who studies aquatic biological invasions, collects tsunami debris and samples the organisms clinging

to it to measure the abundance and diversity of these non-native species.

He will discuss the scientific research that has been done by himself and others on tsunami debris since 2012.

He and CoastWatch Volunteer Coordinator Fawn Custer will also provide information on how CoastWatchers and others can assist by scouting for and reporting on potential tsunami debris.

For more information about the event, or about CoastWatch and its citizen science activities, contact Fawn Custer at 541-270-0027, or email fawn@oregonshores.org.

Police seatbelt blitz in May

Oregon State Police, county sheriffs offices and local police will be working day and night to increase proper safety belt and child carseat use during a statewide traffic enforcement "blitz" from Monday, May 16, through Sunday, May 29.

Officers will also be on the alert for persons riding illegally in the open bed of pickup

trucks and child safety seat usage.

For help with child seats, refer to the seat manufacturer's instructions, vehicle owner's manual or your local child seat fitting station.

A list of fitting stations can be found at: www.nhtsa.gov/apps/cps/index.htm or at <http://oregonimpact.org/car-seat-resources/>.

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Timothy Michael Hinde pleaded guilty of harassment and disorderly conduct. He was sentenced to two days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$325 in fines and not contact or be in or about the

residence or place of employment of the victim.

Bryan Wayne Beaudro pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license. He was sentenced to 15 days in Florence City Jail and must pay \$2,175 in fines.

Alexander Daniel Sholberg pleaded no contest to criminal trespass. He was sentenced to five days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$50 in fines and not contact or be in or about the premises or place of employment of the victim.

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