

# Going boating? Make sure you have correct documentation

In Oregon, boaters must have a certificate of title, certificate of number, and validation stickers to operate a motorboat of any length, or sailboat longer than 12 feet, legally on public waterways.

This includes boats that are documented with a recreational endorsement by the U.S. Coast Guard and principally used or moored in Oregon.

Documented boats that have a recreational endorsement do not have an Oregon certificate of title and do not need to dis-

play an OR number, but are required to register and display a current validation sticker on both sides of the aftermost part of the hull in the upper, square foot, below the deck line.

All other recreational boats moored in Oregon are required to have current validation sticker.

The certificate of number, commonly called the "registration card," is a pocket-sized card that must be on board and available for inspection by an enforcement officer whenever

the boat is being operated.

The registration number is specific to the boat and is issued with the title and registration. The registration number (OR#) and validation sticker (decal) must be displayed on the starboard and port side bow of the boat.

Once a number is issued, it can be painted, applied as a decal sticker, or otherwise affixed to the bow and placed above the water line so it can be read easily.

Numbers are read from left

to right on both sides of the bow and must be in 3-inch high block letters (not slanted) and separated by at least 2 inches.

Letters must be in a contrasting color to the boat's hull color or striping.

The validation sticker (decal -good for two calendar years) must be affixed on each side of the boat and placed in line.

The sticker on the port side is after the OR number and on the starboard side, before the OR number (see illustration).

The decal expires on Dec. 31

of the year indicated on the sticker.

The certificate of title, certificate of number and validation stickers (decals) can be obtained by completing an application and submitting the proper fee with documentation to the Oregon State Marine Board.

Many boat dealers will submit the documents on your behalf for an agent fee.

Obtaining a title and certificate of number can take anywhere from a month to four

months, depending on the boat dealer or other documents that may be needed to complete the transaction.

Failure to have a certificate of registration for documented vessels is a B violation and a \$260 fine. Failure for a boat operator to carry a certificate of number is a D violation and a \$110 fine.

Boaters can also be cited with failure to obtain a title, a D violation with \$110 fine.

To learn more at visit [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com).

## Fishing from 1B

**SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead**  
Winter steelhead fishing is slow. This time of year is typically dominated by mostly wild fish. Side drifting, bouncing bottom or bobber fishing can be productive.

**WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook**

Winter steelhead fishing is slow. This time of year is typically dominated by mostly wild fish. Summer steelhead season is around the corner and a few early fish could start to show up at any time.

**YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead**

The river basin is closed to all fishing above the head of tide and will reopen for cut-

throat trout fishing on May 22.

**COOS COUNTY LAKES and PONDS: Trout, warmwater fish**

Bluebill Lake is scheduled to be stocked with legal size trout this week. Trophy and legal size trout were recently stocked into Empire Lakes and Powers Pond. Anglers that catch a tagged trout in Empire Lakes can report the tag number to ODFW by stopping by the Charleston Office, calling 541-888-5515, or report tags online. A few of these tags are worth a \$50 gift card.

Bradley Lake was stocked last week with trophy trout. These fish were planted from the north side of the lake to avoid the aquatic vegetation problem at the boat ramp. Legal size trout have also been stocked recently into Tenmile Lakes and Mingus Park Pond. Fishing in the area lakes for trout has been ok with anglers having the best success using small spinners, spoons, or garlic flavored Powerbait. The daily trout bag limit in these lakes is five trout per day with only one trout over 20 inches.

Largemouth bass fishing is picking up with the warmer days. This time of the year bass will be found in shallow water typically near a weedline or structure. Plastic worms, shallow crankbaits, and spinner baits are good to use for bass.

**TENMILE BASIN: Trout, steelhead, bass**

Streams in the Tenmile Basin are closed for trout fishing until May 22. Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout

but trout fishing has been slow. Trout fishing in Tenmile Lakes has been slow but the lake was recently stocked with legal size rainbows.

Largemouth bass fishing has been good over the past week. Anglers are catching bass in shallow water on spinner baits, jigs, and rubber worms.

**UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead**

The South Umpqua is currently open to adipose fin-clipped steelhead harvest, and a few hatchery winter steelhead are still being harvested below the confluence of Canyon Creek.

There have also been reports of solid bass fishing as the water temperatures become warmer, but remember the South Umpqua is closed to all angling May 1-21.

**WINCHESTER BAY: Bottomfish, perch**

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

**PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: Bottomfish, Dungeness crab, surf perch, salmon, halibut**

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

Anglers fishing the beaches from Coos Bay to Bandon

have been catching redbait surf perch. Sand shrimp or Berkley Gulp sand worms have been working the best for bait. Surf perch fishing is usually best on the incoming tide.

Recreational ocean salmon fishing from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. is open for all salmon except coho salmon.

Anglers are allowed two salmon per day with a minimum size for Chinook at 24 inches or larger. The selective coho (fin-clipped) season will open on June 25 with a quota of 26,000 coho.

The first All-Depth Halibut fishing days from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. will be May 12-14. The Nearshore Halibut season will not open until June 1.

Fishing for bottom fish is now closed outside of a line approximating the 30-fathom curve. Fishing for black rockfish continues to be very good from Charleston to Bandon when the ocean is calm enough for anglers to get out on the water. Fishing for lingcod has been slow recently.

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

Central coast bottom fishing for rockfish has been good, although highly weather dependent. There were a few bar restrictions over the past week making it difficult for smaller sport boats to get out.

But, charter boats did well with limits of rockfish. Lingcod catches have been spotty — likely due to lackluster ocean conditions.

Patchiness aside, there were some large lingcod caught on the central coast. On the north coast rockfishing has been hot — with many near limits and about 1 lingcod per angler (when boats are able to get out).

**SURFPERCH:** Being caught on the beaches on the central and south coast. However, perch haven't moved into the estuaries yet — although that should be happening any day. Surfperch are a diverse group of fish that provide a variety of angling opportunities.

**SHELLFISH:**

Current shellfish harvest closures in the ocean and bays due to elevated levels of domoic acid as of April 15:

- Razor clams: Open north of Tillamook Head to the Columbia River. Closed south of Tillamook Head to the CA border.

- Bay clams: Open coastwide

- Crabbing: Open coastwide
- Mussels: Closed from the Columbia River to Cascade Head (north of Lincoln City) - Open from Cascade Head to the OR/CA border.

Call the ODA shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 before harvesting.

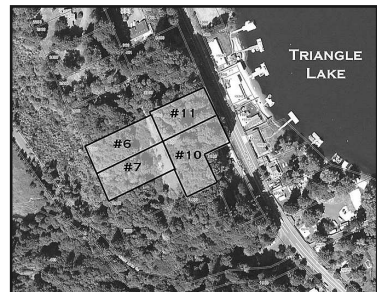
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## Trout from 1B

are also now available in many of the streams that will open Sunday.

The late spring trout opener is an important piece ODFW's "Trout 365" strategy, which aims to recruit and retain anglers by focusing public attention on year-around trout fishing opportunities across Oregon.

Those opportunities include more than 350 stocked ponds, high lakes trout fisheries, a new trophy trout program at five venues around the state, trout fishing "how to" videos, and family fishing events.

For a comprehensive listing, including open areas, bag limits, and gear/bait restrictions, refer to the 2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, which are available free in print form at ODFW license agents, or online.

For more information about trout fishing or fishing in general, please visit the ODFW website at [www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us) and click on the "Fishing" tab.

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