

NOAA conducting patrols as halibut season opens today

Officers from NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement will be conducting patrols during the upcoming commercial halibut fishing opening on the Washington, Oregon and California coast today. The opening began at 8 a.m. today and runs for 10 hours.

The NOAA patrols will focus on ensuring compliance with rules and regulations governing halibut fishing, especially rules requiring proper release of halibut and proper marking of fishing gear. Halibut that are not retained must be released outboard of

the roller and returned to the sea with a minimum of injury by one of three methods:

- Hook straightening
- Cutting the gangion near the hook
- Carefully removing the hook by twisting it from the halibut with a gaff.

Use of these safe release measures promotes survival of released halibut and supports a sustainable fishery. In addition, all setline or skate marker buoys carried on board or used by any U.S. vessel for halibut fishing must be marked with either the vessel's

state license number or registration number. The markings must be in legible characters at least four inches in height and one-half inch in width in a contrasting color visible above the water. All setline or skate marker buoys carried on board or used

by a Canadian vessel used for halibut fishing must be floating and visible on the surface of the water and legibly marked with the identification plate number of the vessel from which that setline is being operated.

LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP PRESERVE OREGON BEACHES WITH SURFRIDERS

Come to the Beachkomber Pub on Wednesday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m., when Surfrider Oregon Field Coordinator, Ryan Cruse will be speaking about the Surfrider mission: who it is, what it does and how the community can become a

Force Program; organizing rapid response beach cleanups; running a monthly marine debris monitoring program; and developing education and stewardship activities related to the recently established Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve.

Consider becoming a member of the Chapter Executive Committee: The Chapter is currently seeking interested individuals who want to be involved with the leadership and development of local programs and events.

Positions available include vice chair, secretary and volunteer coordinator. Visit the chapter's event calendar for meeting details or contact Lisa at chair@siuslaw.surfrider.org. The Surfrider Foundation is

a nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches through a powerful activist network.


Local 'hams' to have 'Field Day' June 25-26

Florence "ham" radio operators will join thousands of amateur radio operators worldwide to demonstrate their effectiveness and proficiency in providing critical communications after a catastrophic event such as an earthquake or tsunami.

On the weekend of June 25-26, members of the Central Oregon Coast Amateur Radio Club (COCARC) will establish three amateur radio stations capable of communicating all over the Pacific Northwest and the west coast — and if conditions are favorable, all over the world.

There are more than 700,000 FCC-licensed Amateur Radio operators in the U.S. and more than 2.5 million around the world. Hams voluntarily provide emergency communications for thousands of state and local emergency response agencies. Wildfires, blizzards, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis are events radio operators endeavor to prepare for and Field Day is a valuable tool to exercise and cultivate readiness and capabilities.

The Central Oregon Amateur Radio Club invites the public to participate in Field Day 2016. Learn more about this valuable group of dedicated radio enthusiasts or how to get your own FCC Amateur Radio license before the next disaster strikes.



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leaders in protecting its local coastline. The Siuslaw Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation covers the Florence region and the chapter's work is focused on monitoring water quality through our Blue Water Task

the top of Mt. Herman Peak. COCARC members will establish and staff four amateur radio stations at Sutton Campground in group area A beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, and will operate continuously for 24 hours until Sunday, June 26, at 11 a.m.

Hams will again demonstrate their ability to send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, internet or any other infrastructure that may be compromised in a crisis. Over the past several years, the news of catastrophic events around the world and here at home have summoned ham operators to volunteer their skill and equipment to aid in saving lives and protecting property.

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Public asked not to release pet turtles into wild

ROSEBURG — A 10-pound snapping turtle recently found at the Yoncalla Water Treatment Plant is a good reminder not to release pet turtles into the wild. It's illegal, and it's harmful for Oregon's two native turtles, the Western Pond Turtle and Western Painted Turtle.

years, and are often released into the wild when people lose interest or tire of caring for them. Pet turtles often suffer from eye, shell or respiratory infections, and these pathogens can be spread to native turtles. "Turtles take a lot of care and have special diet and habitat needs to keep them healthy," says ODFW Conservation Biologist Susan Barnes. "Turtles also carry salmonella which can make people, particularly children, very sick."

Rick Boatner, ODFW Invasive Species Program Manager has some advice. "If you find a native turtle crossing the road, pick it up and put it on the side of the road in the direction it was heading," Boatner said. The Western Painted Turtle and Western Pond Turtle are both classified as "Critical" on Oregon's Sensitive Species list; state law prohibits killing them or taking them from the wild.

Snapping turtles, red-eared sliders, and map turtles are not native to Oregon and are often illegally bought, sold or traded in the state. These are the most common pet turtles but are prohibited by law in Oregon because they are invasive species. ODFW biologists say invasive turtles compete with Oregon's native turtles for food, basking sites and nesting areas. Many grow bigger and lay more eggs than native turtles, and some even predate upon them, hatchlings in particular. Turtles can live 40 to 100


Anyone finding an invasive turtle can turn it into their local ODFW office. Use extra caution when picking up a snapping turtle however; they can and do bite. Pick snappers up by the back of their tail, not the sides — their neck is long enough to swing about half their body size. This time of year, female turtles are moving to nesting

areas. Oregon's native turtles are also identified as priority at-risk species in the Oregon Conservation Strategy due to declining habitat quality and fragmentation, pollution and competition with invasive turtles among other reasons. ODFW tracks native and non-native turtle sightings, and asks the public to help by reporting them on at www.oregonturtles.com.



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