

# Chinook fishing, bag limit reduced on Willamette

CLACKAMAS, Ore. — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announced Thursday that salmon and steelhead anglers will be limited to a three-day-per-week schedule and a one-Chinook bag limit in the lower Willamette River, beginning Monday, May 8.

Under the new rules, until further notice Chinook and steelhead retention will be open three days a week — Thursday,

Friday, and Saturday — downstream of Willamette Falls, including the Multnomah Channel, Gilbert River and the Clackamas River downstream of the Highway 99E Bridge.

The daily adult salmonid bag limit is two hatchery fish, but only one may be a Chinook.

The department did not modify current rules that allow the two-rod angling validation and use of barbed hooks.

The reduced season structure was implemented as a cautionary approach to managing the fishery in the face of continued low passage of both steelhead and Chinook salmon, according to Tucker Jones, ODFW's Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program manager.

As of May 3, only 51 adult spring Chinook had crossed Willamette Falls compared to the 10-year average of 7,558

Chinook; with a previous low passage at this date of 416 in 1993.

To date, winter steelhead passage is 721 adult fish, compared to the 10-year average of 5,163.

"The cumulative passage at Willamette Falls is substantially lower than anything we've seen before," said Jones, adding, "Water temperatures should be increasing and we

hope to see passage improve dramatically.

"If this happens, and other signs improve, we might loosen restrictions but if poor counts continue, an outright closure might be warranted."

Current regulations for the Willamette River and tributaries upstream of Willamette Falls and Clackamas River (upstream of the Highway 99E Bridge) remain unchanged.

Chinook and steelhead retention remains open under permanent rules, and the previously adopted two-rod angling validation remains in effect.

For more information, visit ODFW's online Willamette Zone Regulation Update Page online at [www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/reg\\_changes/willamette.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/reg_changes/willamette.asp).

## FALL CONTROLLED HUNT APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 15

Fall may be months away but it's time to start planning for the big game hunt. Applications are due by Monday, May 15, at 11:59 p.m.

Apply online at [or.outdoorcentral.us/or/license](http://or.outdoorcentral.us/or/license), at a licensed sales agent or ODFW office that sells licenses.

The cost is \$8 per application and hunters need a 2017 annual hunting license to apply.

Last year, more than half of the 467,028 applications were submitted in the last week before the deadline, including nearly 74,149 on deadline day. Many hunters wait until the last minute to apply, which can cause long lines at license sales stores and ODFW offices.

"Get your application in early to avoid the long lines and if you do wait until the last

minute, be sure to check store hours where you plan to apply," said Linda Lytle, ODFW license sales manager. "Remember you can submit an application online until 11:59 p.m. on May 15."

Lytle also urged hunters to avoid common mistakes on applications.

"Double check your hunt number against the 2017 Oregon Big Game Regulations, make sure your party leader number is correct, and check your current preference points at the My Hunter Information page," she said. "And before you walk out of the store or ODFW office, check your application to be sure it's correct."

New this year as part of efforts to simplify the regula-

tions, final tag numbers are already printed in the 2017 Oregon Big Game Regulations. Previously, big game tag numbers for fall were not formally adopted until June.

Due to the severe winter in parts of eastern Oregon and higher winter mortality of wildlife, there have been some tag reductions for deer and pronghorn hunts in Baker, Union and northern Malheur county units.

ODFW limits the number of tags for some hunts (all rifle deer and most rifle elk hunting in eastern Oregon, plus all pronghorn, Rocky Mtn goat and bighorn sheep hunting) to fairly distribute tags and control hunting pressure. Hunters who apply for one of the controlled deer, elk or pronghorn

hunts and don't draw their first choice receive a preference point for that hunt series, which increases their chances the following year.

While the most sought after hunts can take more than 10 years to draw, every hunter has a chance to draw each year. Only 75 percent of tags are awarded based on preference points; the remaining 25 percent are awarded randomly among first choice applicants.

Find out more about how the process works on ODFW's Controlled Hunts page.

Last year was the first year that Oregon offered "Premium Hunts," special deer, elk and pronghorn tags with a months-long hunting season that includes both early and late season opportunity. The same

number of tags are available this year — one Premium Deer tag in each of Oregon's 67 wildlife management units, one Premium Elk tag in 59 hunts, and one Premium Pronghorn tag in 27 hunts.

A few elk and pronghorn Premium Hunts include two units.

Unlike regular controlled hunts, Premium Hunts don't use preference points, so every hunter who applies has the same chance ever year. Premium Hunts are also considered additional hunting opportunities, meaning hunters who draw one of these tags can still hunt on a regular controlled or general season big game tag.

The hunts are open to both residents and non-residents and

are not "once-in-a-lifetime" hunts, so hunters can reapply even if they drew a Premium Hunt tag last year.

Applications also cost \$8 and Premium Hunt tags are the same price as other deer, elk and pronghorn tags.

While the bag limit for Premium Hunts is any-sex, most 2016 Premium Hunt winners took a male animal. Among hunters who reported, 39 Premium Deer hunters took four-point bucks and 18 Premium Elk hunters took six-point bulls.

Second-year hunter Kayla Hathorn of Bonanza, Ore. says "I've never seen, or imagined getting any harvest larger than a four-point."

## OSAA from 1B

moving forward with the 6-classification approach," the OSAA said in a statement released Thursday. "Based on testimony and written correspondence over the past several months, it's evident that a majority of schools believe

that a six-classification approach works best for the students, schools and communities in our state."

Athletic directors in Class 4A, of which Siuslaw is currently a member, voted 32-6 in favor of the 6classification model.

"After 22 years here, facing schools that have two and

three times more students that we have, like Cottage Grove and Marshfield and North Bend, it's pretty unbelievable that we could be part of a classification where we are not the smallest — but one of the larger schools," said Siuslaw High School athletics director Chris Johnson. "The travel is a little rough when you lose two

schools that are an hour away, but I think this current proposal has Siuslaw in a league with schools that pass the eye test of looking like us. That was one of the goals of the classification committee.

"I think this gives us a chance to be competitive in all of the sports we offer."

In its letter issued Thursday,

the committee said there's more work to be done to address cutoff points, league alignments and school placements prior to the group finalizing its recommendations.

The next public meeting of the committee will be Monday, May 22, at 9 a.m. at the Al Kader Shriners Headquarters in Wilsonville.

## Sailors from 1B

at 52-7. Wilson also scored in the shot put (ninth), javelin (eighth), and long jump (sixth).

Today's district meet at McKenzie High School in Blue River begins with field events at 11 a.m., followed by track events at 1 p.m.

**12th Street Alano Club Hope** Meets 1525 12th Street (Old hospital, back annex). Meeting site for "Open to All" recovery groups: AA, DDA, Al-Anon, Native American AA, GA, Kids caught in the crossfire, AlanoHope.org Meetings. Seven days a week. Call for times & meeting agenda. Contact: 541-997-9558 or 612-462-1481. Friday 5:30pm. 1525 12th St. (Old hospital, back annex) Contact: 541-999-1243 or 541-991-9588.

**55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING.** Contact Lane Community College, 541-997-8444.

**AA Candlelight Meditation Meeting** meets Sat., 7pm., 1525 12th St. (rear). Contact: 310-210-3324.

**A. C. A. Adult Children of Alcoholics (and Addicts).** Meets every Monday at 3pm St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: Loyd or Kyle (612) 462-1481.

**Ada Grange #570** meets second Saturday of each month. Potluck at 5pm. Meeting at 6pm. Enjoy getting together with people involved in helping the community. Ada Grange is 10 miles out Canyon Road. Contact: Linda Pugh 541-997-4254, or PO Box 674, Florence, OR 97439.

**Aglow International** meets first Saturday, 10am-Noon., at Florence Vineyard Fellowship, 2610 Kingwood St., Florence. Contact: Judy Murphy 541-997-4254.

**Al-Anon Family Group** meets every Thursday at noon, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Library Room, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: 541-997-3788

**Al-Anon Family Hope Group** 1525 12th St. (old hospital back annex). Meets Fridays 5:30pm to 6:30 pm. Contact: 541-999-1243.

**Al-Anon Siuslaw Family Group** meets every Tuesday at 7pm., at Cross Roads Assembly of God, 10th & Maple St., Rm 14. Contact: 541-997-1209 or 999-0271.

**Al-Anon Mapleton Family Group** meets every Monday at 7pm. at the Mapleton Evangelical Church, Riverview Ave., Mapleton. Access door off rear parking lot. Contact: 541-999-5223.

**Alano Club Hope** meets Mon.-Sun. daily, 1525 12th St., Florence (rear). 7-8pm Contact: 310-210-3324.

**Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Step Study** meets Tues., 6:00pm. Alano Club Hope (rear). Contact: 310-210-3324.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Mon., Wed. & Thurs., 7pm., Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: 541-902-0152.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Mon. & Fri., 10am., New Life Lutheran Church, 21st & Spruce Streets. Contact: 541-902-0152.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Tues (closed), Thurs and Sat (open), 7pm., Mapleton Lions Club Annex on River Ave., Mapleton. Contact: 541-902-0152.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Open** meetings Sunday, 10-11am. 1525 12th St. (Old hospital, back annex). Contact: 541-991-7870 or 541-999-7300.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Brown Baggers Bunch** 1525 12th St. Florence, OR 97439. Meets Daily at noon Contact: Pat Duncan 310-210-3325.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Meeting.** Meets Tuesdays, from 5-6pm. at the Methodist Church on the corner of Kingwood & 2nd St. Contact: 541-902-0152.

**Alcoholics Anonymous New Beginnings Men's stag.** Meets 11:30 am-12:30pm. (Closed) Methodist Church @ Kingwood & 2nd St. Contact: 541-902-0152

**Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity** Meeting 1525 12th St., Florence, OR 97439. Meets Sunday 10-11am.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Uptown Group** meets Sin., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 5:30-6:30pm., 1525 12th St., Alano Club, Florence (rear). Contact: 310-210-3324.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Sisters (SIS)** Sisters in Sobriety Women's meeting. Meets Saturday at 10-11:30am, at Alano Club Hope, 1525 12th St., rear entrance. Contact: 310-210-3324.

**Alzheimer's Support Group** meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 1-2:30pm., Regency Florence, 1951 E. 21st Street, Florence. Contact: Rachel: 541-997-8436 ext. 205.

**American Red Cross Oregon Pacific Chapter** meets 3rd Monday of each month. Contact Tom 541-997-1123. Great opportunity to help locally.

**American Legion & Aux.,** Francis M. Yost Post No. 59 meets the 4th Tuesday of every month, 5pm for dinner and 6pm for general membership meeting, at Elks Lodge of Florence, 1686 12th Street. Contact: 541-997-3082

**Argentine Tango in Newport** meets every Monday night at 7-9pm. (7:30pm on second Monday) at South Beach Community Center located east of LaQuinta motel on 3024 SE Ferryslip Rd. First 1/2 hour is a lesson-then dancing. No partner needed. All ages welcome. Wear leather bottom shoes, for info contact: 541-563-2705 or <http://www.geocities.com/yesenewporttango/>.

**Baha'i Faith of Florence** discussion meetings every Monday evening @ 875 7th Street, 6:30pm. Soup's on supper and interfaith devotional discussion. No Charge. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz 541-590-0779 or James Heintz 541-590-0616.

**Beloved Community of Florence.** Healing Circles, Meditation, Spiritual Coaching. Meets every Saturday, 10:30am., Private Home. Contact: Eleanor 541-999-9870 Cell.

**Better Breathers Club,** meets 4th Wednesday of each month, Peace Harbor Medical Center in Conference room C. 2-3:30pm. Contact: Karl 541-902-6300 Ext 5635.

**Breastfeeding Support Group,** second Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm., Siuslaw Area Women's Center, 12th St., Florence. Contact: 541-997-1794.

**Cancer Education Group** Everyone Welcome. Meets every other Tuesday at 1:30pm @ 1525 12th St., Ste. 4A, Florence, 97439. For further information please contact: 541-999-6809 or 541-999-8624. Fee: No fee.

**CaregiversSupport Group** Bimonthly meeting is held at SprucePoint on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month starting at 11 AM. Spruce Point has supported this group by providing a complimentary lunch for the participants on those meeting times. It is facilitated by Mary Ann Earl RN BSN retired. Contacts are Annette Poston 541-997-6111 or Mary Ann Earl 541-997-4866. Anyone needing support caring or assisting another person with their responsibilities for health, welfare, finances or decision making can be supported in that process in this group.

**Celebrate Recovery** for hurts, habits and hang-ups Starting Nov. 29th. Meets every Friday, 6 PM for a meal, following by meetings at 6:30PM Meeting. 1st qtr. at Cross Road Church, 2nd quarter at Florence Christian Church, 3rd qtr. at Florence Evangelical church and 4th qtr. at Florence Church of the Nazarene. For more information call Chick 541-997-3370.

**Central Coast Miniatures Club** of Florence, 1st Thursday of month, 6pm., Siuslaw Public Library, Bromley Room, Florence.

**Central Oregon Coast Amateur Radio Club** meets every Wed. 7-8:30am. at Koffee Klatch @ Clawson's Wheelhouse. Wed net @ 7 pm. 146.80(-) 100hz tone.

**Chronic Pain Group** People with chronic pain helping people with chronic pain, meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 to 7:00pm at Community Baptist Church, 4590 Hwy. 101, Florence. Contact: 541-991-0037.

**Circle 4 Oneness** community meets two times a month, the 11th and 22nd, 6:30-8pm. Contact 541-902-7912 for directions.

**Citizens Democracy Watch,** meets at 1pm., the last Sunday of the month at the Women's Center. Contact: 541-997-3950.

**City Club of Florence.** Meets 1st Friday of each month. 11:00am order off the lunch menu. Speaker: 12-1 pm. Driftwood Shores Surfside Restaurant upstairs, 88416 1st Ave. For information, call 541-902-5135.

**Coast Chamber Ensemble,** meets every Thursday, 3-5pm., Coast Village Clubhouse. All musical levels welcome. Contact: 541-904-4346.

**Coastal Celtic Society.** Meets the third Wednesday of each month. Contact: Carolyn McCord 541-997-9142 for different locations and time.

**Coastal Women Veterans,** 2nd Friday, 11:30am. Place to be announced. Contact: 541-902-8623.

**Coastal Writers,** 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7-8:30pm. at The Shorewood, 1451 Spruce St. Contact: 541-902-8575.

**Community Chorus** of Florence meets Mon. 7-8:30pm. at Cross Road Church, 10th & Maple Sts. Florence. Contact: 541-997-3469.

**Diabetes Health & Wellness Group.** Meets twice a week every Wednesday from 9am to 11am Noon 8pm to 9:30pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCI, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

**Disabled American Veterans** and Auxiliary meet first Saturday each month at 2pm., 1715 W. 21st St. Contact: DAV Skip Stitt 541-997-1562.

**Family Caregiver Support Group.** Spruce Point Assisted Living, 9th Street, Florence. Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:30 am. to 11:30/12:00 in the Community Room. Contact Annette at SP 541-997-6111. Facilitator: Mary Ann Earl RN, BSN

**Family Support Group** for family members of chronically mentally ill, meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8pm., PeaceHealth counseling Serv., Florence Business Center.

## MEETING PLACE

**Fibromyalgia Support Group** of Central Oregon Coast, 1st Saturday, 1pm., Pacific Community Hospital, Newport. Contact: 541-563-5240.

**Fibromyalgia Support Group** of Reedsport meets 3rd Wednesday of every other month at the Reedsport Public Library.

**Florence Area Chamber of Commerce** Noon forum 2nd. Thursday of each month, noon, at Best Western Pier Point Inn. Open to the public. Contact: 541-997-3128.

**Florence Area Coordinating Council** meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Hall on Hwy. 101 9am.

**Florence Area Democratic Club** meets at 11am the 1st Saturday of every month. Contact: [www.florenceareademocrats.org](http://www.florenceareademocrats.org).

**Florence Area Humane Society.** Low Cost Spay/Neuter, Wednesdays. Please call the Shelter for an appointment. 541-997-4277.

**Florence Caring Pregnancy Center** open Mon., Tues & Thurs., 11:00am-4pm. FREE. 1525 West 12th Street (Florence Business Center), Margaret Getchell, Executive Director, 541-902-2273.

**Florence Chapter-Oregon Right to Life** Contact: Mona Dick 541-997-2065.

**Florence Community PTA** meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 4pm. Siuslaw Elementary School Library. Contact Diane McCalmont, 541-997-1854. Email: [florencecommunitypta@yahoo.com](mailto:florencecommunitypta@yahoo.com). Website: [florenceareademocrats.org](http://florenceareademocrats.org).

**Florence Dance Guild,** meets monthly. Contact: Angela Palmer 541-997-6839.

**Florence Duplicate Bridge** (non-smoking). Every Thursday afternoon starting @ 12:30pm. St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack, Florence. Contact: John Weatherwax 541-997-2677. (American contract bridge league (ACBL) sanctioned games (Master points awarded) Open to all.

**Florence Elks Lodge 1858** meets every Thursday at 7:00pm., 1686 12th Street.

**Florence Garden Club,** 2nd Wed., Sept.-June, 1:00pm., Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy 101. Contact: [www.facebook.com/FGCCOR](http://www.facebook.com/FGCCOR).

**Florence Kivaniis** meets each Wednesday, noon. Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 W. 12th St., Florence.

**Florence Memory Loss Respite Center** meets Mon., Wed., Thur. from 10am-2pm., Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood Street, \$10 includes lunch. 541-902-8539.

**Florence Parkinson's Disease Support Group.** Meets 4th Wednesday of every month, 1:30pm., Shorewood Apartments meeting room. Contact: Carole 805-587-3394

**Florence Performing Arts** Association Board meeting, 2nd Thursday of each month, 3:15pm. [www.florenceperformingarts.com](http://www.florenceperformingarts.com).

**Friends of Poetry,** Meets every Wednesday, 3-5pm. in the activity room at Shorewood Retirement Center, 15th & Spruce. All welcome. Contact: Shirley Nelson 541-373-0065.

**Florence Rotary Club.** Tuesdays, noon, at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence. Contact: Ron Caputo, 541-997-4961.

**Florence Salmon/Trout Enhancement Program.** 1st Wed., 7pm. Florence Elks Lodge. Contact Ron Caputo 541-997-4961.

**Florence Senior Travel Club.** Meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Noon-3, at Jerry's Hot Rod Grille, 1179 Hwy. 101. 541-999-9700.

**Florence Siuslaw Lions Club.** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30pm., Pacific Pines RV Park meeting room, 4044 Hwy. 101. (entrance on 42nd St.) Contact: 541-991-3161.

**Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.** Sundays, 10am. at the Fellowship Hall located at the New Center of Heceta Beach Rd. & Hwy 101. Contact: Sally Warner 541-902-9505.

**Flying Needles & Hooks** of the Siuslaw. This group does charitable knitting & crocheting for schools, SOS, & Helping Hands. All are welcome. Meets 2nd Tuesday in Bromley room Siuslaw Public Library from 3pm-5pm. 4th Tuesday — at Greentrees Community Room from 3pm-5pm. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz, 541-590-0779.

**Friends of Florence Events Center** meets on the last Tuesday of every month, 3pm. at the Florence Events Center. Contact: FEC 541-997-1994.

**Friends of Honeyman State Park.** Meets 3rd Monday of each month at 11:15am. recreational meeting hall at Honeyman, on Canary Rd. A group of volunteers who support projects at Honeyman — activities include park upkeep, planting & clearing, interpretive programs and special events. Everyone Welcome! Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz 541-590-1779, or [honeymanfriends@aol.com](mailto:honeymanfriends@aol.com).

**Friends of the Library** meeting, 4th Thursday of each month, 11am., Bromley Room Siuslaw Public Library. Contact: Susy Lacer, 541-997-8663.

**Grief & Loss for Adults.** Meets weekly every Thursday from 9am. to 11am. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCI, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

**Grief & Loss for Students,** ages 12-18, Meets weekly every Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCI, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

**Grief & Loss Support Group** sponsored by Hospice. Please contact facilitator for information. Contact: Norma Wood, LCSW, 541-997-3418.

**Grief Share** Meets at the Florence Christian Church, Thursdays, 3-4pm., 2nd and Ivy streets. Contact: 541-997-2961.

**Health Associates,** a parenting support group, 3rd Wednesday, 7pm., 340 9th St. Contact: 541-997-1877 or 541-997-7134.

**Helping Hands Coalition,** is an all-volunteer community organization dedicated to providing services, food, clothing, and a daytime center for the homeless and others with unmet needs. Our small but friendly facility provides warmth, comfort, and basic services for those in our community. Meets every Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 11am-2pm. 1339 Rhododendron Dr. Contact: 541-997-5057.

**Ladies of Elks,** second Monday, 7pm., Florence Elks Lodge. Contact: Linda Tank, secretary, 541-997-3352.

**Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society** Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 2pm. Winchester Bay Community Center, 451 Winchester Ave. Contact: Bill Hendrickson, 541-271-6816 Reedsport, or Cam Grow, 541-997-8089 Florence.

**Managing Chronic Pain Support Group** Forming Starting March 2, 2015. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7pm, at Community Baptist Church, 4590 Highway 101. for information: 541-590-0591.

**Mapleton Advisory Committee** meets the second Wednesday of each month. Siuslaw Valley Bank in Mapleton, 4pm.

**Mapleton Booster Club.** Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month @