

# Latest aquarium exhibit offers plenty of 'Bite'

NEWPORT — The Oregon Coast Aquarium will be all smiles Memorial Day Weekend as it unveils its newest exhibit, Big Bites, which showcases creatures with feeding adaptations that are truly cutting edge.

The toothsome fishes of Big Bites will give visitors plenty of fascinating natural history to chew on, said Jim Burke, Director of Animal Husbandry at the aquarium.

"Some secure their prey in the blink of an eye, with dagger-like teeth, while others take the concept of 'roughage' to a new level and make meals out of hard coral," Burke explained. "There are species that shear flesh with sharp, serrated teeth, and others that use flat, broad teeth to crush the shells of mollusks and crustaceans."

The uniquely arranged jaws and teeth of fishes featured in Big Bites allow them to carve niches for themselves in their respective environments.

For many of these species, form follows function—what (and how) these creatures eat has shaped their appearance, sometimes drastically.

Aquarium enthusiasts will likely recognize some of these renowned "big biters".

"As visitors travel beyond our Secrets of Shipwrecks gallery, they will come face to face with captivating animals such as porcupinefish, parrotfish and piranhas," said Evonne Mochon-Collura, Curator of Fishes and Invertebrates at the aquarium. "The new gallery transports guests into tropical saltwater environments such as Australian coral reefs and warm pockets of the Amazon Basin in Africa. Goliath Tigerfish are lightning-fast hunters that lie in wait for prey to swim past, subduing them with huge, dagger-like teeth.

In addition to the infamously voracious piranha, guests will meet the Goliath Tigerfish, a denizen of the Congo River Basin in Africa. Goliath Tigerfish are lightning-fast hunters that lie in wait for prey to swim past, subduing them with huge, dagger-like teeth.

Porcupinefish take a different approach, essentially swapping the steak knife for a crab mallet. Inside their beak-like mouth, the teeth of porcupinefish are fused into a "dental plate" that allows these goo-

gly-eyed fishes to crush shelled prey such as snails, urchins and hermit crabs.

The aquarium is incorporating two new tank shapes into the exhibit so visitors can view fish from a novel perspective. An all-time favorite design allows guests to crawl inside not one but two tanks and "pop up" into the exhibits.

"In these new tanks, our aquarists have created habitats that not only support the biological needs of the new animals but are visually attractive, and their attention to detail yields beautiful results," Mochon-Collura added.

Visitors will notice the teal-colored mouth of a parrotfish as it grazes through the architecture of a simulated coral reef. They can peer among the branches of Malaysian bogwood, their stares reciprocated by fish equipped with menacing teeth and a crocodile's smile.

Starting May 29, the aquarium will be open every day this summer from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Visit [aquarium.org](http://aquarium.org) or call 541-867-FISH for more information or to purchase advance tickets.

## Siuslaw from 1B

1,500 meter race.

Rannow finished the 3,000 with a personal best time of 11:20.72 for 10th place, with a 10th place finish in the 1,500-meter race in 5:11.35.

Sophomore Kaeli Ramos joined Graham, Rannow and Tatum for the 4x400-meter relay, which ran 4:22.44 for 13th place.

Senior Jack Pickell qualified for the state boys 3,000



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Siuslaw junior Trent Reavis threw the javelin for second place at state and a new school record.

finals and finished 13th after clocking 9:30.75 to come within 3 seconds of a personal record.

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| 2  | John Weatherwax       | 0.28   | Roberta Parker   | 0.28   | 2    | 36.00 |
| 3  | Beverly Rozaire-Brown |        | Piney Van Ripper |        | 0    | 4.00  |
| 4  | Lloyd Little          | 0.28   | Ken Hampsten     | 0.28   | 2    | 40.00 |

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2ND: LONNIE IHOLTS AND RICK WIDLUND — 61  
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##### FLIGHT B:

1ST: CARL HRUSKA AND WAYNE NOEL — 60  
2ND: BOB LABROUSSE AND ROD MCCULLOCH — 60  
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