

Representative sought for ODFW fish restoration program board

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is seeking qualified applicants to fill a soon to be vacant sport fishing position on the Fish Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Program Board.

Interested individuals must apply by July 31, using the application at www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/RE/docs/board/2014/RE_Board_Application_10-2014.pdf.

The appointment for the position will be effective on Jan. 1, 2018.

The ideal Sport Fishing Representative candidate will be a resident of Oregon that is able to effectively represent the

sport anglers of Oregon.

Desirable attributes include involvement with local fishing groups or fish management, previous experience with boards or commissions, and knowledge of, or involvement with, the diverse sport fisheries across Oregon.

The Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program was created by the Oregon Legislature in 1989 to help fund fish restoration and enhancement projects throughout the state.

The program is funded by a surcharge on sport and commercial fishing licenses and commercial poundage fees and is overseen by a seven-member citizen board made up of three

sport fishing representatives, three representatives from the troll, gillnet and seafood processing industries and one public-at-large representative.

The Board reviews grant proposals from various organizations and agencies and recommends projects for funding.

Board members, who are appointed to four-year terms by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, meet three or four times each year in various communities throughout the state to review project funding applications, hear public testimony, act as liaisons between the program and the public and to conduct other program business.

Board members are volun-

teers; however, board-related business expenses are reimbursed.

For more information and to

obtain an application, go to the R&E Program website at www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/RE/board.asp or contact Kevin Herkamp at

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ODOT offers travel tips as eclipse nears

Oregon will experience quite a show in less than two months, when the moon's shadow cast by a solar eclipse begins its 2,500-mile-per-hour journey across the United States.

But if the predicted one million visitors in Oregon's path of totality for the Aug. 21 eclipse don't properly prepare or aren't paying attention, that show won't be the celestial dance they came for. It'll be a cosmic traffic jam on the roads below.

ODOT is expecting many Oregon highways will be especially crowded in the days around the eclipse. When traveling, drivers should keep their hands on the wheel, their mind on the task, and their eyes on the road — not on the sky.

Statistics show that many crashes are the result of distracted driving and traveling too fast for conditions. So ODOT is encouraging drivers to avoid unnecessary distractions during their travels — and especially when Oregon highways will be very crowded during the time of the eclipse.

That means making travel plans well in advance; know-

ing where you're going; and for long trips, knowing where you're going to go when the need arises.

ODOT will have crews posted along critical travel routes to keep motorists mobile and safe, and will be providing travel updates via Tripcheck.com and 511 so travelers can be prepared with the most current travel information available.

When properly supplied and informed, everyone can avoid becoming "highway luna(r)-tics" during the eclipse.

Travellers should:

- Expect traffic changes. ODOT does not plan to close any state highways. But as traffic volumes increase, ODOT may restrict some left turns to and from highways in order to keep traffic moving.

Cities and counties may choose to do the same thing on their streets and roads.

- Help keep roads clear. Staying off the roads helps make sure emergency service vehicles can get through. Take care of errands well before Aug. 21. Limit trips to help keep the roads clear.

- Travel with friends. Joining friends and family for

the trip to totality will reduce the number of cars on the road. Find carpool information at www.drivelessconnect.com.

- Caution friends, family and other visitors: Tell them to #DriveHealthy: Arrive early, stay put during the eclipse and leave late afterwards.

If everyone jumps on the highways all at once right after the eclipse, no one will go very far very fast.

Remember: All travelers have a shared responsibility to stay safe.

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athletes have a "balanced diet" of nutrition, education, rest and support — not an easy challenge.

Away games may not start for hours after lunchtime, so we always packed two lunches to make sure our kids had energy.

We also set — and enforced — a curfew for adequate sleep.

Some people think athletes sacrifice to play. As a past athlete, I can only say sports allowed me endless opportunities to compete.

To me, it wasn't about sac-

rifices as much as it was about commitment.

In a few weeks, fall athletes will begin their journey into the 2017 seasons of football, volleyball, cross country and cheerleading. For many freshmen or first-year athletes, it will be their first experience — for them as well as their parents — of high school sports.

Before showing up for daily doubles in August, parents and student athletes should ask themselves an important question:

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