

Comment period on proposed camping rate hike ends today

SALEM — The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is proposing amendments to agency rules related to overnight camping rates for state parks.

A \$2 per site increase in the base rate for overnight rental fees on select types of campsites was approved by the Oregon Legislature as part of the 2017-19 OPRD budget.

The deadline for public comment on the amendments was extended to today, Sept. 15.

The proposed rule will increase the base rate for yurts,

cabins, full hook up, partial hook up, hiker-biker, equestrian and group sites.

Tent site rates will not increase, which maintains a lower cost option for park visitors.

The proposed rule is aligned with the views expressed in park surveys that show visitors prefer smaller rate increases on a more frequent basis than a large fee

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increase in the future.

Day-use parking pass prices will not increase.

The full text of the amendment to Oregon Administrative Rule 736-015-0020 and 736-015-0040 is available online at bit.ly/OregonStateParkRulemaking.

Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Sept. 15, and can be made online at bit.ly/OregonStateParkRulemaking.

Send writtne comments to: Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, attn.: Katie Gauthier, 725 Summer St NE,

Suite C, Salem OR 97301; or email comments to OPRD. publiccomment@oregon.gov.

After reviewing public comments, agency staff plan to present a final recommended rule for consideration by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission at its Wednesday, Sept. 20 business meeting.

If approved by the Commission, new rates would be effective on new reservations made after Oct. 1, 2018.

Little from 1B

influence on choices by young people to use drugs.

Their parents drink, smoke or use drugs. Maybe their friends use drugs.

Even advertisements encourage its use while television and movies oftentimes avoid the negative side of drug use.

A competitive athlete will make the decision to avoid drugs because, to put it simply: Drug use destroys trust.

In 1968, two teammates on my basketball team were caught drinking. Instead of dismissal from the team, which was our handbook penalty, the coach had them run 100 laps to punish them.

Team unity disintegrated.

They were good players but untrustworthy.

In 1972, a teammate of mine offered me an upper before a game. I looked him in the eye and told him adrenaline was the only upper I needed.

Also in 1972, during a four-game winning streak, we were playing the College of Idaho there. The drinking age was 18, and several players snuck out to

drink.

We won 56-38 but our four-game shutout streak ended.

Two years after a friend of mine started smoking, I challenged him to a race an agreed that if I lapped him within a mile, he would quit smoking.

I wanted to show him how quickly his endurance left as a result of smoking.

I lapped him in just three

laps. And he quit.

He still thanks me 40 years later as he and his wife compete in pickle ball tournaments in Arizona.

In 1992, I arrived home from playing golf. I drank some beer while playing. Once home, I was greeted by my three girls.

We hugged. Then, when they went into the kitchen, my girls asked their mother why

Daddy’s breath smelled bad. I overheard and did not drink any alcohol for the next 20 years.

Dedicated and trusted athletes will make smart choices. They will not jeopardize the potential success of their team.

When they look in the mirror, the one and only person responsible for their choices will be looking back at them.

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as well as fewer opportunities for other fisheries, have led to more boats and anglers fishing for bottomfish this year.

“It’s been a poor salmon season and tuna haven’t really made a strong showing within range of most recreational

anglers,” said Sommer. “This increased fishing pressure on bottomfish, and anglers had a lot of success pursuing these species.”

Additionally, Oregon’s black rockfish harvest quota was reduced 10 percent this year after a 2015 federal stock assessment.

While the stock was deter-

mined to be healthy, the assessors also determined that in order to keep the population healthy in the long term, lower harvest levels were necessary.

ODFW’s marine researchers are developing additional methods to provide data for future assessments of black rockfish and other nearshore species that will help the assessments accu-

rately reflect Oregon’s stocks.

Several ocean fishing opportunities remain available, including:

- Flatfish, such as sanddabs and petrale sole (not including halibut, which are considered separately).
- Crabbing in oceans and bays, which has been excellent lately.

- Nearshore halibut between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mt. (until Oct. 31 or until the quota is reached).
- Halibut south of Humbug Mt. (until Oct. 31 or until the quota is reached).
- Tuna, which are starting to come closer to shore in southern Oregon now.
- Ocean salmon, which is

open from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. through Oct. 31 for all salmon except coho (beginning Oct. 1, all anglers fishing for salmon or with salmon on board are restricted to inside the 40-fathom line).

For more information on Oregon’s marine resources and fisheries, visit www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP.

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