

Start planning now for 2018 fishing, hunting seasons

SALEM — The new 2018 Oregon Sport Fishing and 2018 Oregon Big Game Hunting Regulations are now available at outdoor stores and ODFW offices, or at www.oregonregulations.com or through its new recreation website at MyODFW.com.

As of Friday, 2018 licenses and tags are also on sale at license sales agents most ODFW offices and online.

Fishing and hunting licenses can make great gifts, especially for kids. Youth age 12 to 17 can fish (including Columbia River Endorsement), hunt, crab and clam all year for \$10 with the Youth License, or gift the Sports Pac (\$55) and add all major hunting and fishing tags/validations including deer, elk, turkey, bear, cougar and combined angling tag.

ODFW's special big game hunt raffle tickets also make great stocking stuffers (\$4.50-

\$11.50 for chance to win a special deer, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn or Rocky Mountain goat tag).

To give a license, tag or other document as a gift, you need the hunter or angler's full name and date of birth (day, month, year).

If the person has had a license before, make sure you have their ODFW hunter/angler ID number, which is found at the top of their license and stays the same every year. If you are purchasing for someone who has never had a license, you will need to provide their social security number in compliance with Federal and State Laws.

What's New for 2018

• **Big Game Hunting:** New in the 2018 regulations, significant changes are in yellow highlighted text not red text, consistent with fishing regulations.

The only major regulatory changes for hunters are the extension of the age limit for the Mentored Youth Hunt Program to include 14- and 15-year-olds (goes into effect Jan. 1), and a removal of the cap on non-resident fall bear tags.

Hunters will notice some changes in the regulations as staff have been working to make the document easier to follow and understand.

New this year, each species follows the same standard format and organization; there are more maps and tables and less text; and all regulations for youth, veterans and landowners are in one place on new pages.

The changes are part of a multi-year effort to simplify Oregon's Big Game Hunting Regulations.

"Hunting regulations are very important for the conservation of species and safe/ethical hunting practices, and we

want to make it as easy as possible for hunters to understand them," said Nick Myatt, ODFW Grande Ronde Watershed Manager. "We are in the process of revisiting our regulations to simplify overly complicated regulations and eliminate unnecessary ones."

"Hunters will see additional changes in coming years ahead."

• **Fishing:** New in the 2018 regulations, five rods or lines are allowed when ice-fishing for anglers with a two-rod validation.

Other changes are noted in yellow highlight throughout the regulations.

Note that two rods are only allowed when fishing in lakes, ponds and reservoirs, though the two-rod validation may be extended to some rivers and streams in 2018 if conditions allow.

Fishing regulations have also

been reorganized for clarity. New this year, rule exceptions are consistently organized and listed from the mouth to the headwaters, with each reach break identified, so anglers can better understand the regulations for each section of the river they are fishing.

Free Fishing Days for 2018: Under statute set by the Oregon State Legislature, ODFW can offer eight days of free fishing each year.

The 2018 days are scheduled for: Feb. 17-18 (Presidents' Day Weekend), June 2-3, Sept. 1-2 (Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day Weekend) and Nov. 23-24 (the two days after Thanksgiving).

While ODFW had originally planned to offer free fishing Dec. 31, 2017 through Jan. 1, 2018, the department has cancelled those dates to stay within the eight-day limit in 2018 and to offer free fishing during

months when fishing conditions are better.

• **Fee increase for 2018**

Fees for some hunting and fishing documents will increase for 2018, as approved by the Oregon State Legislature when it passed ODFW's 2015-17 budget.

Typically, ODFW raises fees once every six years but during this six-year cycle, fee increases are staggered with a more modest fee increase every two years.

For 2018, a hunting license will increase by \$1.50 to \$33.50, an annual fishing license will increase by \$3 to \$41 and a combination license will increase by \$4 to \$69.

The cost of juvenile licenses will stay the same as part of efforts to make hunting and fishing affordable for young people and their families. For a full list of the new fees visit www.MyODFW.com.

SCORES & STANDINGS

BOWLING

LEAGUE	12/3/17	
SUNDAY SOCIAL LEAGUE		
TEAMS	WON	LOST
CENTRAL COAST DISPOSAL	38.5	13.5
BOOMSHAKALAKA	31.0	21.0
PIN GETTERS	28.0	24.0
TRAVEL DIVISION	27.5	24.5
BANDITS	25.0	27.0
IGUANAS	25.0	27.0
ZERO COOL	23.0	29.0
ADA GRANGE	22.0	30.0
ALL ABOUT OLIVES	19.0	33.0
MERCER MANIACS	18.0	34.0
R.O.U.S.'S	13.0	7.0
GUTTER DONE	10.0	18.0

SCRATCH GAME TEAM		
MERCER MANIACS	551	
SCRATCH GAME IND		
M - CHUCK BICKLEMAN	245	
W - MELINDA MUNSON	180	
HIGH HDPC GAME TEAM		
ZERO COOL	761	
HIGH HDPC GAME IND		
M - CHUCK BICKLEMAN	298	
W - RACHEL TIMONEN	263	
SCRATCH SERIES TEAM		
CENTRAL COAST DISPOSAL	1602	
SCRATCH SERIES IND		
M - JAMES PENROD	608	
W - JIMMI COUPAR	476	
HIGH HDPC SERIES TEAM		
ZERO COOL	2178	
HIGH HDPC SERIES IND		
M - DAVE COUPAR	761	
W - RACHEL TIMONEN	741	

LEAGUE	11/27/17	
CLASSIC LEAGUE		
TEAMS	WON	LOST
BALES MOVING	34.5	13.5
BEACHCOMBER	27.5	20.5
COTR	18	30
ELLIOTT'S HILLTOP ACRES	16	32
HIGH SCRATCH GAME		
LONI SCHOFIELD	169	
HIGH SCRATCH SERIES		
LONI SCHOFIELD	482	
HIGH HDPC GAME		
JANET LEPIRE	228	
HIGH HDPC SERIES		
LONI SCHOFIELD	644	

BILLIARDS

Midcoast Eightball league

TEAMS	10/15/17			
	WIN%	TOTAL BALLS	RW	GW
BEACHCOMBER CLAMDIGGERS	88	607	14	56
JERRY'S 8-BALL ASSASSINS	68	482	11	32
JERRY'S BREAKERS	50	527	8	38
FRANK'S MAPLETON SAINTS	50	458	8	26
BEACHCOMBER BOILERMAKERS	50	454	8	24
DEADWOOD OUTLAWS	38	490	6	30
JERRY'S FEMME FATALES	33	346	6	30
ICHIBAN DRUNKEN MONKEYS	19	404	3	20

TOP 10 PLAYER	10/15/17				
	AVE.	WIN%	BALLS	GAMES	WINS
TRAQUE LARSON	9	81	151	16	13
CRAIG STEWART	9	88	150	16	14
BRIAN HOLCOMB	9	69	139	16	10
SKEETER BAKER	8	63	131	16	10
MONICA	8	56	131	16	8
RICHARD BROWN	8	50	130	18	8
VIC	8	56	129	16	9
CHEWY DOUGHERTY	8	56	126	16	9
TERRY HUGHES	8	50	125	16	8
KAYLE HORTON	8	44	124	16	7

Deadlines for press releases are Mondays and Thursdays by noon. Email them to: PRESSRELEASES@THESIUSLAWNEWS.COM.

Fishing

black, blue, deacon, China, copper, and quillback rockfish, cabezon, lingcod, and yelloweye rockfish is prohibited. Trips for flatfish, long-leader bottomfish, and lingcod spearfishing must all remain separate, i.e. they cannot be onboard the boat at the same time.

The Stonewall Bank Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation area, approximately 15 miles west of Newport, is closed to bottomfish (groundfish) and halibut fishing year round.

Vessels fishing for or retaining bottomfish (includ-

ing flatfish) species are required (1) to have onboard a functioning rockfish descending device, and (2) use it to descend any rockfish released when fishing outside of the 30-fathom regulatory line.

For more information and videos, please see the rockfish recompression webpage.

In addition to the descending device rule, ODFW continues to encourage anglers to use a descending device when releasing any rockfish with signs of barotrauma. Signs of barotrauma, such as bulging eyes and a gut protruding from the mouth, are reversible when fish are returned to depth with a descending device.

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Sat 10am-5pm, Sun. noon-5pm

Classes, Workshops & Events

Next Art Change-Out Day

Monday, January 9th, 9-11 am
Please pick up your artwork and bring something new to help keep the art at FRAA fresh to our visitors.

Winter Artisan Fair

Held at the FEC, Friday, January 12th 1-7 pm & Saturday, January 13th 11 am - 5 pm
Join us, watch artisans at work and support and visit with your local artist friends. We are still accepting applications for vendors. Visit website for application.

Open Studio @ FRAA, Thursdays

No registration required. Drop-in, bring your materials, and create. All artistic mediums welcome.
Every Thursday, 1-4 pm

Whimsical Hand Building

Ceramics w/ Alissa Clark
Wednesdays, 3-5 pm & Thursdays, 6-8 pm
Open Lab Ceramics on Saturdays
Drop in, work at own pace. Sat 12-5 pm
All ceramics classes held at Alissa's Studio, 180 Laurel Street. Call Alissa with questions: 503-857-5222

Big Wave Poetry 1st Tuesday

Open Mic
FRAA will be hosting the Big Wave Poetry's 1st Tuesday Open Mic events each month. The next one is January 2nd at 6:30 pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

Catherine Rourke will be back in 2018 with new Creative Writing Workshops!

Painting with John Leasure
Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm
Dec 9, 16, 23 & 30, January 6, 12, 20 & 27
Contact: jleasure@hotmail.com or 541-991-2754 for details and fees.

Oil Painting with Michael Wood

Wednesdays 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Contact: fmwood@msn.com for fees and more information.

FRAA Holiday Closures

We will be closed on Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. We will shorten our open hours on Christmas Eve.

For more information about classes, visit fraaoregon.org. To register for these classes, please call or visit FRAA at our art center on Maple Street.

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Tuesday 11/28	Chris May Jeff Gray	Florence Florence	Florence Liquor Agency Three Rivers Casino Resort
Wednesday 11/29	Peggy McHale Nancy Paul	Florence Florence	Florence Liquor Agency Safeway/Florence
Thursday 11/30	Greg Fisher Cliff Walker	Florence Florence	Florence In Bloom Safeway/Florence
Friday 12/1	Kurt Medlock Bear McDaniel	Florence Westlake	Safeway/Florence RiteAid/Florence
Saturday 12/2	Bea Vanderpool Al Thenell	Florence Florence	Clawson's Wheelhouse Chen's Family Dish
Sunday 12/3	Deloris Ely Deb Price	Florence Florence	Three Rivers Casino Resort Safeway/Florence
Monday 12/4	Cliff Walker Roger Rice	Florence Florence	Safeway/Florence Safeway/Florence

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