

# Boat registration renewal notices arriving soon

The Oregon State Marine Board mailed approximately 37,000 boat registration renewal notices to boaters whose motorboat registration expires Dec. 31.

Each renewal notice is unique to the owner and their boat. Additionally, registration renewals will

also be sent electronically to 38,000 boat owners with emails on file in an effort to encourage online renewal.

Renewing online using the Marine Board's online store is fast and easy. After completing the transaction, boat owners can print a temporary permit and go boating right away.

There is no transaction fee when using a credit or debit card online. Another option is to mail the payment and coupon to the Marine Board.

Registration decals are mailed within 7-10 business days from the date of receipt but may take an additional 2-4 weeks to arrive

by U.S. Mail. Any watercraft with a motor or sailboats 12 feet or longer are required to title and register with the Marine Board. Registration fees vary based on boat length. The average boat length in Oregon is 16 feet, so the cost of a two-year registration is \$100.20.

Boat owners who renew their boat registration online receive their registration decals through the mail, faster. This method is also more cost-efficient, allowing the agency to leverage registration dol-

lars toward boating facility improvement projects and on-water marine law enforcement services.

Fees also support the aquatic invasive species prevention and abandoned derelict vessel programs.

## Little from 1B

introduce legislation that will tax the scholarships of athletes who choose to make money from endorsements. He believes the money received should be treated as income. If scholarship athletes have their scholarships taxed, how long before all scholarships will be taxed?

Treating all athletes equal will be an impos-

ing task for the NCAA rules enforcers. It is clear to me there will be abuses by some athletes. The endorsements and monies paid will vary greatly from athlete to athlete. Only a tiny fraction of the 500,000 college athletes will even be approached for endorsements.

In spite of the efforts of the NCAA to balance the playing field of competitive colleges the end result will have few changes. The

larger schools and big markets will be able to offer top recruits more opportunities for making money. If an athlete's career ends after college, there is the potential for those athletes to benefit from the rule changes.

Swimmers and gymnasts become widely recognized through the Olympic games and could earn endorsement money and maintain their amateur status.

I have written before that a full scholarship provides thousands of dollars to pay for college expenses. Graduating with a degree is money in the bank. The athletes earning extra from endorsements may create team dysfunction.

The time is here. No one, not even the NCAA, will know the full effect of the rules change for years.

## Fishing from 1B

Chinook.

Due to low forecasted fall Chinook returns, this year's daily bag limit has been reduced to 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the mid-coast aggregate (Siletz River to Siuslaw River).

No wild Coho retention for the 2019 season.

ALSEA RIVER: Fall Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing on the Alsea River continues to be slow with the low and clear conditions. There are still being some fish caught in the estuary as fish start to stage and wait for the next big rain event. With little rain in the 10-day forecast expect more of the same for the next few weeks.

Due to low forecasted fall Chinook returns, this year's daily bag limit has been reduced to 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the mid-coast aggregate (Siletz River to Siuslaw River).

No wild coho retention for the 2019 season.

Trout fishing in streams closed Oct. 31.

SALMON RIVER: fall Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing has slowed down on the Salmon River with the low and clear conditions. Most of the fish have moved up and out of the estuary headed for the spawning grounds and the run is almost done for the year. A

few fish are still being caught in the estuary and the pressure has been light.

Due to low forecasted fall Chinook returns, this year's daily bag limit has been reduced to 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the north coast aggregate (Necanicum River to Salmon River).

No wild Coho retention for the 2019 season.

SILETZ RIVER: Fall Chinook, summer steelhead

Fall Chinook fishing on the Siletz River continues to be slow with the low, clear, and cold conditions. Fish will start to stage in the estuary again waiting for the next big rain event. With no considerable rain in the extended forecast, expect more of the same until we get a weather change. Fish are now spread throughout the Siletz River from the estuary up to the deadline located at Illahee boat ramp.

Summer steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Siletz and the season is winding down and almost done for the year. There are a few fish being caught in the lower gorge area and fishing pressure continues to be very low.

Hatchery fish are released at Twin Bridges and Moonshine Park. Many anglers fish the upper "gorge" area for these hard-fighting fish. Bobber fishing with jigs/bait, casting lures, and drift fishing are great tech-

niques to catch a Siletz summer steelhead.

The 4.0-mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is open to motorized vehicles, but is only open to public vehicles on the weekend. Anglers can walk/bike in the road during the weekdays. If anglers do walk in, they can park at the one-mile gate and start from there.

SILTCOOS & TAHKENITCH LAKES: warmwater species, cutthroat and rainbow trout

Warmwater fishing is slowing down on Siltcoos and Tahkenitch and is done for the season. Many warmwater fish will go into their winter hibernating behavior as the water temperatures cool down for the winter.

Siltcoos also gets stocked rainbow trout, check the stocking schedule for numbers and dates of stockings.

Coho fishing has been slow in Siltcoos and Tahkenitch so far this year. The dry, clear, and cold weather pattern will slow the number of fish coming into the lakes, but it should pick up when the next big rainstorm comes in. After the next big rain event the fishing should be good through November and into December.

Reminder: Retention of wild Coho is still allowed for the 2019 season, 1 wild adult Coho per day (as well as 1 jack per day) and 5 adult Coho for the year in aggregate with Siltcoos,

Tahkenitch and Tenmile Lakes.

WILSON RIVER: Chinook

The rains early this week should have gotten fall Chinook moving upriver and throughout the fishery. Although past the peak of the run, the Wilson is known to get some late fish and there will be a few bright Chinook well into December.

Anglers are reminded that this year's bag limit for wild Chinook is 1 per day and 5 per year from the North coast aggregate (Necanicum River to Salmon River).

Trout fishing closed Oct. 31.

YAQUINA RIVER: Fall Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing has been good on the Yaquina River but slowed down last week. Low, clear, and cold conditions this week will have fish staging in the upper tidewater waiting for the next rain event. With no rain in the extended forecast expect more of the same for the next few weeks.

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No wild Coho retention for the 2019 season.

TENMILE CREEK:

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