

SOLVE invites Oregonians to summer event series

SOLVE (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism) has announced the addition of two new events this summer called the Summer Beach Cleanup Series, presented by AAA, and SOLVE IT for Oregon, presented by Portland General Electric.

These new events were created in response to the urgent need for volunteerism to support Oregon's environment as counties reopen.

During the pandemic, environmental issues such as growing invasive plant species, microplas-

tics washing onto beaches, and litter entering Oregon waterways has continued. Typically, SOLVE hosts two large events each spring: the Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup and SOLVE IT for Earth Day, bringing in thousands of volunteers to projects along the coastline and across the state.

The Spring Oregon Beach Cleanup, traditionally held in March, responds to the need for volunteerism to help clean up marine debris and microplastics washed ashore from win-

ter storms.

SOLVE IT for Earth Day, traditionally held in April, is Oregon's largest Earth Day volunteer event, and brings together Oregonians at over 140 environmental service projects across the state. Projects focus on cleaning up litter, planting native species in anticipation of the high pollution season, and removing invasive species that are a detriment to the vitality of our local natural areas.

As Oregon took safety measures to protect against the peak

of COVID-19, SOLVE made the difficult decision to postpone both events.

Months later, with the state reopening, it is apparent that volunteerism is needed now more than ever before, and SOLVE is ready.

The Summer Beach Cleanup Series will be held from July through August and SOLVE IT for Oregon will be held Aug. 1-15.

Each event series will support outdoor volunteerism that combats some of Oregon's most pressing environmental

issues.

Both event series will have new safety measures in place, designed to keep volunteers and community members healthy. If you are interested in hosting a beach cleanup, inland cleanup, or restoration event, contact SOLVE at info@solveoregon.org to express your project idea and learn ways SOLVE can support your efforts.

SOLVE is a statewide nonprofit organization that brings people together to improve our environment and build a legacy of stewardship.

Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots organization to a national model for volunteer action.

Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains tens of thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas, and to build a legacy of stewardship for our state and future generations.

Visit solveoregon.org for more information.

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trout:

Cutthroat trout fishing opened May 22 on the Alsea River and trout fishing has been good throughout the basin. The higher water and cooler temperatures have created great spring/early summer conditions for trout fishing and will provide good opportunities through the summer months.

SALMON RIVER: Cutthroat trout:

Cutthroat trout fishing opened on the Salmon River on May 22. Good cutthroat fishing can be found throughout the Salmon River estuary and river through the summer months.

SILETZ RIVER: Summer steelhead, Spring Chinook, cutthroat trout:

Summer steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Siletz River but it has picked up as the river drops and warms up. The high and cooler water has slowed the migration this year but now we are in a more typical summer pattern and the fish seem to be responding, moving up into the gorge where there is better summer holding water.

Fish numbers should keep increasing through the month of July and into early August.

Cutthroat trout fishing is open in the Siletz basin and good trout fishing opportunities will remain through the summer months.

The 4-mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is open to motor-

ized 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.

WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, cutthroat trout: The Wilson River gets a good summer steelhead return and has great bank access all along Hwy 6 on the state forest land. There haven't been many reports of summers being caught, but there should be fish in the system.

YAQUINA RIVER: Cutthroat trout:

Trout fishing opened in the Yaquina/Big Elk basin on May 22. The Yaquina and Big Elk have great cutthroat trout fishing opportunities throughout the estuary/river through the summer months.

TENMILE LAKES: Trout, warmwater species, largemouth bass:

Largemouth bass have completed spawning in Tenmile Lakes. Bass are now spread out between shallow water and deeper water. Bass can be caught on a variety of tactics like top-water lures, jigs, swimbaits and Senkos.

Bluegills are becoming very active in some parts of the lake especially along the edges of weedlines. Bluegills can be caught on small jigs, worms on a small hook, or even on small wet flies and poppers.

Yellow perch will be transitioning to summer patterns soon, which means anglers should start fishing the outside edges of the weedlines in 7-12

feet of water.

Trout fishing has slowed down with the warmer water temperatures. Anglers will have the best success fishing for trout in the deeper water and trolling slowly.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Bass, trout:

Bass fishing throughout the South should be good. Trout is catch-and-release for the South Umpqua Basin. The mainstem and tributaries about Jackson Creek Bridge are closed year-round.

PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: Bottomfish, salmon, halibut, surfperch:

Bottomfishing is now open to fish at all depths. Fishing for lingcod has been good when anglers can get out on the ocean. The daily bag limit for marine fish is 5 of which only one can be a copper, quillback or China rockfish. Anglers are also allowed 2 lingcod per day. The harvest of 1 cabezon per day as part of your general marine fish daily limit of 5 fish opened on July 1.

Anglers are also allowed 2 lingcod per day.

Anglers may also choose to fish the offshore longleader fishery outside of the 40-fathom regulatory line, which is open year-round. The longleader fishery has a daily bag limit of 10 fish made of yellowtail, widow, canary, blue, deacon, redstripe, greenstripe, silvergray, chillipepper, and bocaccio rockfish.

No other groundfish are allowed and offshore longleader fishing trips cannot be combined with tradi-

tional bottomfish, flatfish or halibut trips.

Surfperch anglers are reporting limited success fishing the ocean beaches using sand shrimp or Berkley Gulp sand worms.

The ocean Selective Coho (fin-clipped) season opened on June 22 from Cape Falcon to the OR/CA Border. This area in the ocean is also open to harvest of Chinook salmon. The salmon bag limit is two salmon per day.

The Nearshore Halibut season for the Central Coast Subarea is open 7 days a week, inside the 40-fathom line, through the earlier of the quota of 32,591 pounds or Oct. 31. As of June 21, there was 57 percent of the quota remaining.

The next All-Depth Halibut days for the Central Coast Subarea are July 16-18. As of June 21, there is 64 percent of the quota remaining.

The Southern Oregon Subarea for halibut is open 7 days a week through the earlier of the quota of 8,000 pounds or Oct. 31. As of June 21, there was 91 percent of the quota remaining. (Last updated 7/1/20.)

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ways for Kids to maintain the knowledge acquired during the prior school year.

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