

SOLVE IT hosting summer beach clean-up Aug. 1-15

SOLVE (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism) has announced the Summer Beach Cleanup, presented by AAA, and SOLVE IT for Oregon, presented by Portland General Electric.

The new event was 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, microplastics 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 Summer Beach Cleanup, SOLVE IT for Oregon, will be held Aug. 1-15.

The event will support outdoor volunteerism that combats some of Oregon's most pressing environmental issues.

The event 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.

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OFWC takes adopts historic climate, ocean Change policy

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted a Climate and Ocean Change Policy last week on a unanimous vote, making them the first state fish and wildlife commission in the nation to adopt such a measure.

The policy will be the framework under which ODFW will evaluate the impacts of climate change on the resources under its stewardship, adopt management practices to safeguard those resources and minimize the impacts to communities that depend on these resources.

The policy also includes an ambitious goal for ODFW's operations to reach carbon neutrality by mid-century.

"I am proud that our agency is out front with this. We're leaders. It's causing other states in the U.S. to look at us in developing their own climate change plans," said Commissioner Greg Wolley during the hearing and testimony portion of Friday's meeting.

The policy aligns the Department with direction from Governor Kate Brown's Executive Order 20-04, Directing State Agencies to Take Actions to Reduce and Regulate Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The Policy provides high level guidance on how climate change will be considered in planning, budgets, investments and policy making decisions as required by the Executive Order.

Throughout the past two years, ODFW staff drafted the current policy and submitted multiple drafts for public review. Staff con-

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sidered public comments to help shape the policy and conducted multiple listening sessions both in person and virtually to gather feedback.

During and in advance of Friday's meeting, the Commission heard from constituents in support of the policy; many were anxious to see the principles of the Policy implemented by the Commission.

The adoption of a climate change policy by a state fish and wildlife commission is a first in the U.S. that ODFW is aware of.

"Our fish and wildlife are already feeling the impacts of climate and ocean change. The folks that hunt, fish or depend on healthy populations for their livelihoods are already feeling the impacts," said Curt Melcher, Director, ODFW.

"There is a lot we can do to minimize the impact of climate and ocean change in Oregon and this policy lays out our strategy to do the work needed. The good news is that by taking actions to protect fish and wildlife, we also protect clean air and water for all Oregonians and the natural resources that many other industries depend on. We are all in this together," added Melcher.

During their meeting today, the Commission also amended regula-

tions for commercial coastal pelagic species (Pacific sardine) to be consistent with federal guidelines.

These regulations will continue the commercial fishing closure that began in July 2015 due to a large decline in Pacific sardine biomass, but a few small scale, limited sardine fisheries will continue.

In a discussion of other business, Commissioners further discussed the scope of the review of trap check regulations and on beaver management in Oregon they initiated last month. More discussion about the scope of the review and the individuals involved is planned for the coming months.

Finally, the Commission approved ODFW's proposed 2021-23 Agency Request Budget with some minor adjustments. They strongly endorsed ODFW's planned creation of a Habitat Division to have specific responsibility for habitat and strengthen ODFW's commitment to habitat restoration and improvement.

The budget does not include any fee increases on sport or commercial licenses in this budget cycle. While 2021 would typically be a year to raise fees to take effect in 2022 (because the department adjusts fees every six years), ODFW is in a position to delay this and not request any fee increase of hunters, anglers or commercial fishermen until 2024 at the earliest.

The budget will now go to the Governor and then the 2021 Legislature for final approval.

Fishing from 1B

Trout fishing opened in the Siuslaw basin (including Lake Creek) on May 22 and has great opportunities to catch a trout throughout the summer months.

ALSEA RIVER: Cutthroat 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 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.

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 slow-

ly.

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.

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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 traditional 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-on 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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