

Oregonians urged to sign up for SOLVE's statewide Beach & Riverside Cleanup

People can come together with thousands of Oregonians on Saturday, Sept. 25, for SOLVE's Beach & Riverside Cleanup, in partnership with the Oregon Lottery. Volunteer registration is now live and all Oregonians, from Astoria

to Brookings, Pendleton to Sunriver, are encouraged to sign up for this statewide cleanup event.

For nearly four decades, SOLVE has hosted the annual Beach & Riverside Cleanup.

SOLVE is a statewide

nonprofit organization that brings Oregonians together to improve the environment and build a legacy of stewardship. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots group to a national model of volunteer action. To-

day, 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.

With the support of SOLVE, community leaders and partner organizations host restoration events, urban litter cleanup projects and beach cleanups. Each volunteer project is aimed at caring for one of Oregon's most precious resources, our water, from source to sea.

Increasingly, Oregonians are sounding the alarm to protect freshwater. As more people become aware of the Western States drought crisis, more people want to

step up and help where they can.

Removing invasive plant species, nurturing native plants, and collecting litter are all easy ways volunteers can create a huge positive impact on Oregon's water quality.

Each piece of litter collected removes the possibility of it entering a nearby river, waterway, or storm drain, where it can eventually make its way to the sea and contribute to our global marine debris crisis. Invasive plant species crowd out native plants and typically have shallow roots, leading to increased erosion and poor water filtration.

"Just as SOLVE has done for decades, the Oregon Lottery values Oregon's di-

verse communities and our natural environment," says Oregon Lottery Director Barry Pack. "By partnering with SOLVE for the Beach & Riverside Cleanup, we are able to give back to both. And as we like to say, 'Together, we do good things.'"

Interested community members are encouraged to visit solveoregon.org to see a list of volunteer projects and sign up. All necessary tools and supplies will be provided. The Beach & Riverside Cleanup is a great way to bond with family members, coworkers, and neighbors, all while collectively giving back to some of Oregon's most beautiful places. Join the action today at solveoregon.org.

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“Operation Ship Shape” targets lapsed motorboat registrations

The Oregon State Marine Board will be partnering with 32 county sheriff's offices and the Oregon State Police, looking for expired motorboat boat registrations as part of a targeted annual “Operation Ship Shape” exercise, August 7 and 8.

If you own a motorboat in Oregon, it's time to check your “OR” numbers on the front of your boat (bow) and make sure you've applied your current registration decals. The OR numbers are a boat's license plate and registration decals are the tags that tell marine officers if your boat is legally registered and to whom it belongs, similar to motor vehicles. Registrations are valid for two calendar years.

“Oregon's recreational boating infrastructure is funded entirely by boaters, so it's really important for every boater out there to be currently registered,” says Randy Henry, Boating Safety Program Manager for the Marine Board. “On Au-

gust 7 and 8, we're checking everyone whose decals are expired or numbers are unreadable.”

The Marine Board is funded by registration, title fees and marine fuel taxes paid by motorized boaters. No lottery, general fund tax dollars or local facility parking fees are used to fund agency programs. These fees go back to boaters in the form of boat ramps, docks, trailered parking spaces, restrooms, construction and maintenance, and for boating safety/marine law enforcement services.

“Any boat that is powered by a motor – electric, gas, diesel or steam – and all sailboats 12 feet and longer must be currently registered when on the water, even when docked or moored,” said Henry. This includes drift boats, inflatable rafts, stand up paddleboards or float tubes with an electric motor.

Henry added, “Each boat registration brings in additional funds from motorboat

fuel tax and federal boating dollars. Registering a 16-foot boat provides \$100.20 of funding, but results in additional matching funds of nearly \$190, so this registration fee results in \$267 of revenue available to fund facilities and marine enforcement.”

Henry reminds boaters that if they've just purchased their boat or are in the process of registering it, be sure to carry the temporary registration and present it to marine officers, just like vehicle registration.

Boaters can renew their motorboat registration online at apps3.oregon.gov/ or by visiting their local registration agent. Boaters can print a temporary permit after successfully completing their transaction online.

A registration agent will issue a temporary permit for an additional fee. If you need assistance renewing online, please contact the Marine Board at marine.board@oregon.gov or 503-378-8587.

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waterbody. Often there are cooler spots where trout and other fish can take refuge from the warmer water.

In rivers and streams, you'll find cooler waters:

In deeper pools, often at the head of a riffle.

Within or just below a riffle or rapid, where water gets oxygenated as it tumbles.

Along shaded banks.

In the waters just below cool water tributaries or underground springs.

In stillwaters, look for:

Deeper, cooler waters.

Cool water inlets flowing into lakes and reservoirs.

Shaded banks.

Water shaded by water plants such as water lilies.

3. FISH DURING THE COOLEST PARTS OF THE DAY

Get up early. Fish early in the morning when water temperatures are cooler and fish are more active. You might also beat the swimmers, kayakers, pad-

dle boarders, sailors, water skiers and others that can make fishing a little trickier.

Stay out late. Water temperatures will start to cool once the sun is off the water. While salmon and trout fishing is off-limits beginning an hour after sunset, you can fish for bass and other warmwater species throughout the night,

4. LAND FISH QUICKLY, KEEP THEM IN THE WATER

If you plan to release the fish you catch, landing fish quickly and keeping them in the water as much as possible will help them recover.

Use the right-size gear and land fish quickly. The longer the fight, the less likely the fish will survive.

Avoid removing the fish from the water.

If taking a photo, cradle the fish at water level and quickly take the picture.

Remove hooks quickly and gently while keeping the fish in the water.

Use long-nosed pliers or hemostats to back out a hook.

If a fish is hooked deeply, cut the line near the hook.

Revive fish (point them into slow current or move them back and forth until gills are working).

When possible, let the fish swim out of your hands.

5. CHECK BEFORE YOU GO

ODFW tries to reduce angler impact on fish by adopting emergency regulations when conditions are severe. These can include:

Hoot owl rules. Fishing may be closed in some locations during the hottest part of the day.

Lifting bag limits in locations likely to go dry. In waters that have been stocked, ODFW may encourage anglers to salvage as many fish as possible before the waterbody runs dry.

Closures. When water temperatures are very high, ODFW may close some areas to fishing until conditions improve.

Summer drought and high temperatures also increase wildlife risks, and associated road closures. Check for fires and related road closures on Oregon's interagency status map at wildfire.oregon.gov/Pages/Recreation-Impacts.aspx.

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