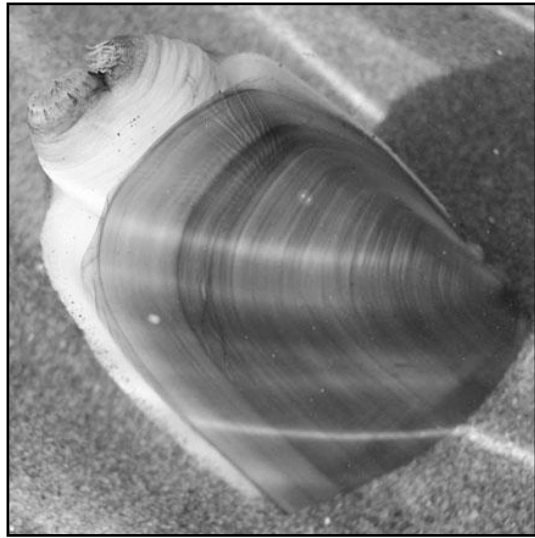


## Recreational razor clamming closes on central coast

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Bay clams, crab and mussel harvesting are open along the entire Oregon central Oregon coast. Recreational and commercial razor clam harvesting is now closed from Cascade Head (north of Lincoln City) to the California border for elevated levels of the marine biotoxin domoic acid. Recreational and commercial razor clam harvesting remains open from the

Columbia River to Cascade Head (north of Lincoln City). Bay clams, crab and mussel harvesting are open along the entire Oregon Coastline. See the MyODFW page for more information on crabbing and clamming, <https://myodfw.com/crabbing-clamming> Call ODA's shellfish safety hotline at (800) 448-2474 or visit the ODA Recreational Shellfish Biotoxin Closures webpage for the latest information.



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## ODFW Commission meeting canceled for March 20

The Fish and Wildlife Commission has canceled its public meeting scheduled for March 20 due to concerns over the spread of the COVID-19 virus. "We want to keep employees, the public and Commissioners safe and this will help with our social distancing efforts," said Curt Melcher, ODFW Director. ODFW will keep the public and all stakeholders informed as to when the Commission meeting may be rescheduled. In addition, other ODFW-related events have been canceled or

postponed. The Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for March 23 has been canceled. Big Game Auction Events: The Lewis and Clark chapter of Safari Club International (SCI) has canceled its March 14 banquet that was set to auction a statewide deer tag. The Oregon Bow Hunters in Redmond has canceled its March 14 event as well that was set to auction a Rocky Mountain goat tag.

At this time, SCI and OBH are working on contingency plans for their events and how the A&H statewide big game tags will be auctioned. Lastly, the Stakeholder Team meetings for the Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan scheduled for March 31 in Gold Beach and April 1 in Central Point have also been canceled. For information on COVID-19 in Oregon, visit [www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus](http://www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus).

## ODFW cancels classes and workshops until April 13

ODFW is canceling hunter education classes, field days, clinics, outdoor skills workshops, angler education trainings, Family Fishing events and other volunteer-led

activities in accordance with COVID-19 guidance from the State of Oregon and the Governor's office until at least April 13. ODFW is taking these steps to

protect our participants, staff and others. Additionally, closures of schools and other facilities may impact the ability to hold these events.

Refunds to participants will be processed automatically for any paid classes or workshops. Registration for future classes is postponed until further notice. For information on COVID-19 in Oregon, visit [www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus](http://www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus).

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## ODFW from B1

warmer weather later this spring.  
**ALTON BAKER CANOE CANAL:** trout  
 Will be stocked again this week with 1,500 legal-size rainbow trout.  
**COTTAGE GROVE POND (ROW RIVER NATURE PARK POND):** trout, warmwater species  
 Will be stocked this week with 1,500 legal-sized rainbow trout.  
 Cottage Grove Ponds are open to year-round fishing and via an asphalt pathway behind the truck scales on Row River Road. In addition to fishing, these ponds also offer wildlife viewing opportunities and a fishing dock is available on-site.  
**COTTAGE GROVE RESERVOIR:** trout, warmwater species  
 Will be stocked this week with 1,917 trophy-size (pounder) rainbow trout.  
 Cottage Grove Reservoir is south of Cottage Grove and is open to fishing all year. Lakeside boat ramp is now open.  
**DEXTER RESERVOIR:** trout  
 Will be stocked this week with 1,597 legal-size and 2,000 trophy-size (pounder) rainbow trout.  
 Dexter Reservoir near Lowell is visible from Hwy. 58. Boat and bank access is available from state and county parks. Parking and bank access are also available from the causeway near Lowell. Largemouth bass and some smallmouth are also available to anglers in this reservoir.  
**DORENA RESERVOIR:** trout, warmwater  
 Was last stocked the week of March 2 with 1,500 trophy-size rainbow trout.  
 Dorena Reservoir is east of Cottage Grove on Row River Road and is open to fishing all year. Trout and warmwater fish are available. Baker Bay boat ramp is accessible at the current reservoir elevation.

**JUNCTION CITY POND:** trout, crappie  
 The pond will be stocked this week with about 400 larger trophy trout. This pond is stocked regularly throughout the winter and spring. Anglers are allowed to keep only one trout over 20 inches as part of the five fish bag limit.  
**MCKENZIE RIVER** below Leaburg Lake (R1): trout, salmon, steelhead  
 Will be stocked again in spring. River levels have remained consistent and fishing should remain productive.  
 All non-adipose fin-clipped trout must be released unharmed. Check page 46 of the 2018 Sport Fishing Regulations for bait restrictions in the segment you plan to fish. Beginning Nov. 1, anglers may only use lures and artificial flies.  
 The lower McKenzie River is open to retention of adipose fin-clipped salmon and steelhead and non-adipose fin-clipped steelhead greater than 24 inches long. A Columbia River Basin Endorsement is required for anglers targeting salmon and steelhead in the McKenzie.  
**MCKENZIE RIVER** above Leaburg Lake (R2): trout, steelhead  
 Will be stocked again in spring.  
 All non-adipose fin-clipped trout must be released unharmed. Bait is allowed from Leaburg Dam to Forest Glen Boat Ramp from April 22 - Oct 31. As of Nov. 1, anglers may use only lures and artificial flies.

**WILLAMETTE RIVER:** catch-and-release sturgeon, steelhead  
 Spring Chinook are now being caught in the lower Willamette, although it is early in the season and catch rates so far have been low. During the past week, a total of 1,875 anglers surveyed harvested 32 springers and released another 14 fish.

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