

# State begins cormorant hazing program in April

Harassment, or "hazing," of double-crested cormorants begins soon in several areas along the Oregon Coast in hopes of improving survival of juvenile salmon.

Double-crested cormorants are fish-eating water birds found throughout the state. The species is an Oregon native, and is particularly prevalent on the state's estuaries from April through October. Research indicates cormorants can consume significant numbers of juvenile salmon during this time.

Hazing workers in this area are being provided by the Clatsop County Fisheries Project.

Hazing will take place at a variety of locations on the Columbia River, including Youngs Bay, Blind Slough and Tongue Point.

Hazing involves driving the birds from locations where



Courtesy ODFW

Double-crested cormorants feast on juvenile salmon throughout summer.

juvenile salmon are seasonally concentrated toward areas where other fish species are more abundant.

Hazing is intended to increase the survival of both wild-spawned and hatchery salmon juveniles as they migrate to the ocean.

Some are federally threat-

ened in Oregon under the Endangered Species Act.

ODFW, which has overseen the program for nine years, will provide a portion of the funding and program oversight, and may conduct some hazing operations to protect hatchery releases on the lower Columbia River.

## Public Safety Calls

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- Male with infected hand, 3:26 a.m. March 19, 90500 block Highway 101.
- Male in pain, 10:04 March 19, 900 block King Salmon Place.
- Male with chest pain, 6:39 p.m. March 19, 600 block South Main Avenue.
- Male who's possibly deceased, 7:13 p.m. March 19, 0-100 block Southeast Ninth Street.
- Female suicide attempt, 8:06 p.m. March 19, Peter Iredale approach Fort Stevens State Park.
- Male with chest pain, 7:48 a.m. March 20, Clatsop Behavioral Respite Center.
- Male with numbness, 1:49 p.m. March 20, 100 block South Highway 101.
- Male with gastro-intestinal issues, 11:54 p.m. March 20, 91500 block Highway 101.
- Female with knee pain, 11:15 a.m. March 21, 200 block Southeast Anchor Avenue.
- Male with jaundice, 1:59 p.m.

March 21, VA Clinic Camp Rilea.

- Female with seizures, 4:17 a.m. March 21, 33200 block Sunset Beach Lane.
- Female with blood-pressure issues, 9:21 a.m. March 21, 200 block Southwest Alder Avenue.
- Female with chest pain, 1:09 p.m. March 21, VA Clinic Camp Rilea.
- Female with dizziness and abdominal pain, 3:51 p.m. March 21, 1600 block East Harbor Drive.
- Female assault victim, 5:20 p.m. March 21, 500 block Pacific Drive.
- Female with severe headache, 7:56 p.m. March 21, 0-100 block South Main Avenue.
- Male with pneumonia, 4:48 p.m. March 23, 300 block SW Fifth Street.
- Male sleeping in doorway, 4:02 p.m. March 24, 100 block South Highway 101.
- Suicidal male, 3:09 p.m. March 25, 500 block Jetty Street.

- Female requiring emergency medical response, 8:07 p.m. March 25, 33200 block Sunset Beach Lane.

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## Police pay agreement includes COLA raises over three years

The city has approved a three-year agreement with the Warrenton police officers union, giving officers raises during each of the next three years.

"For the work that we do, our unit felt it very much was undervalued," Tyler Johnston told city commissioners in February, when negotiations had stalled.

The collective bargaining agreement between the city and Warrenton Police Employees Local 2746-1 includes a 2 percent cost of living adjustment retroactive to July 1, 2017.

There will be two additional salary raises, a 2.5 percent raise effective July 1, 2018,

and another 2.5 percent raise on July 1, 2019.

Additional adjustments were made for uniforms, scheduling, canine pay and long-term disability insurance.

In February, the commission approved a three-year collective bargaining agreement with its general employees.

Those workers, which include secretaries, maintenance workers, treatment plant employees and others, giving them a 2 percent cost of living adjustment retroactive to July 1, 2017 and 2 percent increases for each of the next three years.

## Meet John Orr

**Wednesday, April 4 • 6-8 p.m.**  
**Warrenton Community Center**  
**170 SW 3rd Street**

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