

County manager to retire

Clatsop County Manager Cameron Moore has announced his retirement.

Moore's last day with the county will be Jan. 4, 2019.

Moore was hired as county manager in April 2016 after nine years as chief executive officer for the Champaign County Regional Planning Commis-



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sion in Illinois.

His retirement caps a 40-year career in senior executive positions with government and nonprofit organizations.

The county manager is the top administrator for Clatsop County and oversees an annual budget of \$70 million and a workforce of 212 employees.

Health advisory lifted at Cullaby Lake

Oregon Health Authority lifted the recreational-use health advisory for Cullaby Lake last weekend.

Water monitoring confirmed that the level of harmful algae toxins are below dangerous levels for human exposure. However, the cyanotoxin level in the lake remains well above the OHA guideline value for dogs, so health officials recommend keeping pets out of the lake.

Although the Aug. 21 advisory has been lifted, conditions can change rapidly due to changes in weather and nutrients in the lake. People should be aware that algae blooms can develop on any water body under the right environmental conditions and can grow and disappear throughout the season.

A similar advisory for the Twin Rocks area in Tillamook County was lifted Tuesday.

Astorian named to state commission

Rosemary Johnson of Astoria has been appointed by Gov. Kate Brown to a four-year term on the Oregon Heritage Commission.

Johnson was Astoria's planner and historic preservation officer before retiring in 2014.

Johnson currently works as a contract planning consultant for Astoria and serves as a project manager for projects such as restoration of the Doughboy Monument and the design and construction of Scandinavian Heritage Park.

"I am excited to be part of the Oregon Heritage Commission," Johnson said. "I have been passionate about history for as long as I can remember. I believe we are a product of our past and we need to preserve the history of our state and nation to

help form our future."

The Heritage Commission is comprised of nine people representing Oregon's heritage and geographical diversity.

Treaty to govern salmon management for decade

A coastwide salmon fishing treaty was developed this week with the intent of ensuring sustainability of the region's iconic fish.

The Pacific Salmon Commission, comprised of representatives from Canada, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and several indigenous tribes, came to terms on the new 10-year agreement. It covers fishery plans for Chinook, coho and chum salmon stocks.

Commissioners from the United States and Canada will now forward the agreements to their respective governments for approval.

The agreement is an update to the 1985 treaty, which defines the obligations of Canada and the United States. Both must conduct their fisheries in a manner that prevents overfishing and allows each country to receive benefits equal to the production of salmon originating in each nation's waters.

"I praise the efforts of the joint US-Canada Pacific Salmon Commission for approving strong recommendations to the Pacific Salmon Treaty," Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said. "(It) will help ensure long-term sustainable and healthy salmon popula-

tions that are vital to the people of the Pacific Northwest and to the entire ecosystem."

One of the most significant aspects of the new agreement is management of Chinook salmon, particularly those listed under the Endangered Species Act. It includes stocks from Puget Sound and the Columbia River basin, many of which migrate north into marine waters in southeast Alaska and British Columbia, where they are caught in marine fisheries in those regions.

Under the agreement, catches of Chinook in southeast Alaska will be reduced by up to 7.5 percent from recent levels when poor Chinook returns are expected. Canada will reduce Chinook catches by up to 12.5 percent under these conditions. The agreement includes provisions in other West Coast fisheries to ensure harvests remain strongly tied to stock conservation objectives.

As a result, abundances of several Chinook stocks returning to Oregon waters will increase.

"Salmon management is

very complex, so it's no surprise that reaching an agreement was also complex and sometimes difficult," said Rick Klumph, Oregon's commissioner. "However, all of the commissioners understand the critical importance of the treaty process in managing our salmon stocks. I am proud that we were all able to work through the issues and reach an agreement that is good for Oregonians and their salmon resource."

The United States commissioners will begin finalizing requests for federal funding needed to implement the new agreements within the next month. The funding is needed to support Puget Sound efforts to improve and protect habitat and implement hatchery conservation programs. The funding also will be critical to commitments to science and stock assessment needed to successfully manage the interjurisdictional fisheries.

Finally, the funding request will include provisions to support recovery efforts for endangered southern resident killer whales.

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