

New fish species discovered in Amazon named for OSU scientist

A new species of fish discovered in Brazil's Amazon basin by two Brazilian researchers has been named in honor of an Oregon State University researcher.

Brian Sidlauskas, OSU associate professor and curator of fishes with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, is a colleague of the Brazilian researchers and has spent nearly two decades studying fish in Central and South America.

Leporinus sidlauskasi is part of the genus *leporinus*, which means "little hare" in reference to its rabbit-like teeth. It was found in the Teles Pires River in the Amazon basin, a tributary of the Amazon that Sidlauskas hasn't yet explored.

The Oregon researcher has, himself, discovered several new fish species. He was part of a team in 2017 that identified a new species and named it after the Irish singer Enya, be-



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cause it was found in the Orinoco River (one of Enya's hit singles was "Orinoco Flow"). Now Sidlauskas joins Enya in the honor of having a fish named for him.

Researchers identified it as a new species based on its unique color pattern as well as its number of teeth and scales. It was found by Heroldo Britski and José Birindelli near the Sete Quedas Rapids. Birindelli was with Sidlauskas when the Enya fish (*Leporinus enyae*) was discovered.

"This is one of the highest honors in my career to date, and I feel rather overwhelmed to know that such a species will carry my name long after I'm gone," Sidlauskas said. "The fact that the newly discovered fish belongs to a family that I have studied for years makes the honor very personal."

Buoy 10 season off to brisk start

The popular Buoy 10 salmon fishery at the mouth of the Columbia River opened Thursday for fall Chinook and hatchery coho.

Fishery managers expect returns of 350,000 fall Chinook and 611,000 coho.

While Chinook fishing will be restricted beginning Aug. 21, anglers can anticipate good coho fishing through at least mid-September, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife reports.

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SoilWeb is available as a free download on Google Play and Apple App Store.

"SoilWeb reached a new milestone this year when it was integrated with Google Maps and designed to scale across any device, desktop, tablet or smart phone," said NRCS Chief Matthew Lohr. "SoilWeb app is a portable interface to authoritative digital soil survey data from NRCS, giving users access to practical detailed scientific soil information on the go."

The app provides garden-

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Information in SoilWeb was collected from the National Cooperative Soil Survey, organized by NRCS, and accesses soil survey information the agency has been collecting since the 1890s.



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