

Beached loggerhead turtle dies despite attempt to revive it



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Despite efforts of rehabilitators, this loggerhead turtle failed to survive after being brought for treatment.

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The best efforts of Seaside Aquarium and the Oregon Coast Aquarium staff were not enough to revive a cold-stunned loggerhead turtle rescued late Saturday, Feb. 11, in Cannon Beach. The loggerhead was reported dead by the Oregon Coast Aquarium a day after arrival for treatment.

Seaside's Tiffany Boothe responded to a report of turtles washed ashore at Crescent Beach in Ecola State Park on Saturday. After walking a mile and a half along the beach, she discovered

the turtle near Chapman Point.

Boothe and Seaside Aquarium staff member Molly Schmidt recovered the animal and assisted in transferring it to Newport Sunday morning.

A threatened species, loggerhead sea turtles are considered a "rarer species" to strand on Oregon beaches, according to Jim Burke, the Oregon Coast Aquarium's Director of Animal Husbandry. The Oregon Coast Aquarium and Seattle Aquarium are the only rehabilitation facilities in the northwest United States authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

to provide the specialized care sea turtles require.

Most stranded turtles in recent years have been olive ridley and green sea turtles, Burke said.

Two olive ridleys, named Thunder and Lightning, were transported from the North Coast to SeaWorld in San Diego last winter. Thunder died, but Lightning continues rehabilitation, SeaWorld officials said in January.

Loggerheads are known for their large heads and heavy, strong jaws and can weigh up to 375 pounds. They are listed as a threatened species due to coastal development.

The last loggerhead to arrive alive at the aquarium was on Christmas Eve 2007, and it also survived only one day, Burke said.

During the winter, cold-shocked sea turtles can become stranded on beaches, Boothe said Sunday. Water temperatures in Newport are at least 20 degrees lower than those needed for survival.

Reports of stranded turtles can begin as early as mid-October and can continue through January, Boothe said. This was the third turtle to wash ashore this year, but the only one to be recovered alive.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

Feb. 5

1:12 a.m., Highway 101 and Junction 26: A driver who failed to yield to an emergency vehicle was pursued by police on foot, and later charged with eluding a police officer.

11:27 a.m., 900 block Pacific: A person was charged with failing to register as a sex offender.

Feb. 6

12:21 a.m., 500 block Vine Maple Court: Police assisted another agency on a medical call regarding a woman experiencing severe stomach pain. She was subsequently transported to Providence Seaside Hospital by Medix.

10:48 a.m., 100 block E. Gower Street: A purse found in a parking lot was turned over to the police.

Feb. 7

1:47 p.m., 600 block N. Laurel: Police assist fire and Medix on a call about a female suffering from a fall. The patient was transported to Providence Seaside Hospital by Medix.

3:49 p.m., 1100 block Spruce Court: A disturbance was reported.

Feb. 8

11:22 p.m., 1200 block S. Hemlock: Police respond to an alarm going off at the American Legion. The building was checked and found empty. It was determined the alarm had been set off by high wind conditions.

Feb. 9

8:24 a.m., Highway 101: A car stranded in water in front of Seven Dees was assisted out of the water by police.

5:38 p.m., 200 block N. Spruce: A false alarm due to a changeable alarm system went off in error inside a business. No further action was taken.

Feb. 10

4:48 a.m., 1100 block 6th Avenue: Cannon Beach police assist Seaside police with a verbal domestic dispute. It is determined a subject at the residence is Code 5. That individual was transported to Providence Seaside Hospital.

4:38 p.m., Haystack Rock: Police respond to a report of someone attempting to climb the rock. Subject was gone on police arrival.

6:08 p.m., 100 block West Way: Police assist a stranded driver with a dead battery problem, giving a courtesy jump start to the vehicle.

7:28 p.m., 100 block N. Hemlock: A man who passed out was assisted by police and the fire department.

7:46 p.m., 500 block Hillside Loop: Cannon Beach police assist Seaside police with a male subject reported to be suicidal and cutting himself. Upon contact, the man was not cutting himself, but admitted to suicidal ideation. He was transported to

Providence Seaside Hospital for evaluation.

9:08 p.m., 1400 block S. Roosevelt: Cannon Beach police assist another agency with delivering service of a restraining order.

Feb. 11

12:47 a.m., 500 block N. Hemlock: Property crimes are reported.

5:10 p.m., 500 block N. Hemlock: Police respond to a report of an open door at a residence. There was no sign of forced entry; it looked like people were moving house. The homeowner was advised of the problem after the door was secured.

Feb. 12

12:16 a.m., Highway 101 MP 27: Subject arrested for DUII and reckless endangering. One female juvenile passenger was listed as a missing person. Two other juvenile females were in vehicle. All juveniles were taken into protective custody. Responsible persons later picked up juveniles.

3:33 p.m., 100 block N. Larch: Police assist with a fully involved structure fire; apartments were checked, the surrounding area cleared of pedestrians and vehicles.

Feb. 13

12:01 a.m., Avenue U and The Prom: Police assist Seaside Police with perimeter control and a search of an assault suspect who was subsequently located and

arrested with the help of the K9 unit.

7:05 p.m., 7900 block Cannon Road: Police assist with a medical emergency.

Feb. 14

2:15 a.m., 200 block W. Sitka: Suspicious circumstances are investigated.

7:32 p.m., 1400 block S. Hemlock: A notice of trespass was served.

Feb. 15

12:18 a.m., 100 block W. Jefferson: Police respond to an anonymous call regarding an illegally parked vehicle said to be blocking the road and parked in a "No Parking" zone. Police arrived and the vehicle was moved.

2:05 p.m., Hemlock: Police respond to a report of loose dogs. The two dogs were picked up and returned to their owner, who was issued a verbal warning.

2:28 p.m., 100 block E. Gower: An unwanted subject who refused to leave their lodging which had been paid for one night only by an unknown subject was charged with criminal trespass in the second degree.

6:09 p.m., Highway 101 Milepost 29: A motor vehicle accident was reported. Police assist with traffic issues for 40 minutes following the accident.

Feb. 16

4:07 a.m., 300 block Elk Creek Road: Police respond to a medical situation of a woman complaining of feeling weak. She was transported to Providence Seaside Hospital.

11:20 p.m., Avenue S: Police assist Seaside Police with a theft that originated as a DUII.

Feb. 17

1:01 a.m., Highway 26 and Nordmark: The K9 unit assisted with a

traffic stop. Exterior search of the vehicle only.

11:58 p.m., Sewer Ponds: Illegal campers were given a citation for camping with camping within the city limits.

Feb. 18

3:35 p.m., Downtown: A person reported losing their wedding ring, which they'd placed for safekeeping in the owner's coin purse.

4:08 p.m., 4400 block Hemlock: Assistance was rendered.

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