

Wildlife commissioners take a county field trip

Elk, marbled murrelet among topics, concerns

By Katie Frankowicz and R.J. Marx
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In the warm sunlight of a perfect spring day on the Oregon Coast, state fish and wildlife commissioners got a taste of issues they will likely have to deal with in the months and years to come, from the challenges of aging tide gates or protecting birds that have been reclassified as endangered to Gearhart's elk woes.

They toured several sites Thursday in Clatsop County Thursday, April 19, ahead of an Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting Friday in Astoria. They stopped at Bornstein Seafoods in Astoria before dipping into Tillamook County to walk through marbled murrelet habitat in Oswald West State Park, where the endangered birds are known to nest. They talked tide gates and fish passage at McDonald Slough in Nehalem.

Gearhart was the last stop of the day.

City officials are trying to sort out what to do about public safety concerns tied to large elk herds that often hang out in town and cross major roadways, including U.S. Highway 101. In March, Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Bruce Buckmaster and state Sen. Betsy Johnson discussed elk with Gearhart Mayor Matt Brown and Warrenton Mayor Henry Balensifer. Both mayors



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Wildlife biologist Herman Biederbeck (far right) and Gearhart Mayor Matt Brown (to his left) address visitors on the topic of elk in Gearhart.

hosted public meetings specifically to talk with the public about elk in the following weeks.

Herman Biederbeck, a state wildlife biologist, attended both of those meetings and was present on the tour Thursday, April 19. Public safety is taking over the conversation in Gearhart, he said.

"This is starting to come to a head," Gearhart City Administrator Chad Sweet told the commissioners. "We've got more people coming to town, more elk — it's coming up together."

How people interact with elk is paramount, Biederbeck said, adding that an ordinance that prohibits the feeding of wildlife is a "great start." Warrenton passed a law after dealing with elk that had become aggressive because people were feeding them.

He urged a collaborative approach, where all agencies who have a responsibility

can get together. "The reality is, ODFW can't do it on their own," he said.

Among the options available to communities is setting a goal for elk population numbers, the biologist said.

"I truly believe if we can get all the stakeholders together, come up with a number for the Clatsop Plains, and work to get there. That's probably the best way to reach that place where people can manage that situation," Biederbeck said.

Michael Finley, chairman of the Fish and Wildlife Commission, was among the state officials and staff on the tour. Finley, a former superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, has had his own interactions with elk, especially during rut and calving seasons.

"In terms of public safety, I was chased several times," Finley said. "I literally ran behind stone pillars. It's real."

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Faye Smith Treharne

Everett, Washington

Dec. 4, 1928 — April 10, 2018

Dorothy Faye Smith Treharne, 89, of Everett, Washington, passed away with family by her side on Monday, April 10, 2018, in Everett, Washington.

Dorothy was born Dec. 4, 1928, in Colton, Washington, to parents Kenneth M. and Lenore Faye Smith, joining four older brothers, Everett, Eddie, Chet and Bruce, who all preceded her in death.

Dorothy attended school in Washington and Idaho, and married Edwin Treharne on Jan. 1, 1946, in Portland, Oregon. They lived many years in Seaside, Oregon, where they raised their family. Years later they divorced.

Dorothy owned and operated the Gulls Nest gift boutique in Seaside for many years. She was a talented home décor decorator and enjoyed gardening. She also loved to play golf with her friends at Astoria Golf & Country Club until she moved from the area to live closer to her children in her later years.

Dorothy is survived by her four children, Kenneth Treharne (Karen) of Tacoma, Washington, Ed Treharne (Eileen) of Svensen, Oregon, Cynthia Treharne (Larry McKeeman) of Everett, Washington and David Bux of Tacoma, Washington; as well as grandchildren Chelsea, Maureen, Sam, Tyler and Kayla; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She has two half-sisters, Cheri Folk of Gearhart, Oregon, and Charline Smith of Wendell, Idaho. A half-brother, Jan Smith of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, preceded her in death.

Her vivacious personality will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Per her request, there will not be a memorial service.

The family asks that memorials be made to a charity of one's choice or the Astoria Ladies Golf Club Scholarship, in care of the Astoria Golf and Country Club, P. O. Box 148, Astoria, OR 97103.



Dorothy Treharne

William Huhta

Portland

Aug. 30, 1948 — April 1, 2018

Bill Huhta, 69, peacefully went to his eternal home on April 1, 2018.

On Aug. 30, 1948 he was born to William and Helen Huhta of Astoria, Oregon, where he grew up and graduated from Astoria High School in 1966. Bill was fascinated by aeronautics, obtaining his pilot's license on his 16th birthday.

He graduated from Oregon State University in 1970 where, during his senior year, he was selected for Blue Key, representative of all-around excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. He went on to earn a master's degree in business administration from OSU in 1972. His business career was in sales for a variety of companies in San Francisco and Southern California.

He is a past member of the Mount Hood Ski Patrol, participant in the Honolulu Ironman Triathlon, crew member and volunteer corner

marshal at auto and motorcycle races, scuba diver, and volunteer at the Pearson Air Museum in Vancouver, Washington.

Bill is survived by his girlfriend, Cheri Lockart of Portland, Oregon; his brother, Bob (Joan) of Westfield, Indiana; his sisters, Joan Wolfe of LaPine, Oregon, and Jan Kraft (Jim) of Bend, Oregon; as well as six nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 18, in Portland, at Grace Lutheran Church, 7610 N.E. Fremont St., at 11 a.m.

Also, on Saturday, May 19, another memorial service will take place, in Astoria, at the Lewis and Clark Bible Church, 35082 Seppa Lane, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the OHSU Foundation/Knight Cancer Institute, 1121 S.W. Salmon St., Suite 100, Portland, OR 97205, or by calling 503-228-1730.

Industry, incumbents back Josi in race to fill Boone's seat

Campaign money flows to Tillamook commissioner

By Edward Stratton
The Daily Astorian

Tim Josi, a Tillamook County commissioner and former state representative, has gathered the backing of the regional business community and incumbents in the state Legislature in his Democratic campaign for state House.

Josi is running in the May primary against political newcomers John Orr and Tiffany Mitchell to replace state Rep. Deborah Boone, D-Cannon Beach, who will retire after her seventh term ends in January. He has raised more than \$75,000 as of Thursday, April 19, compared to nearly \$45,000 for Mitchell and around \$13,600 for Orr.

Timber interests Hampton Lumber and Warrenton Fiber have each donated \$3,000 to Josi, who also received \$5,000 from the Orloggers Political Action Committee representing the timber industry and \$1,500 from Teevin Bros. Land and Timber Co.

The Davis Wright Tremaine Client PAC, run by the law firm representing Tillamook and 13 other counties in a \$1.4 billion timber lawsuit against the state, also gave Josi \$2,500. Clatsop County has opted out of the lawsuit.

"We've known Tim for a number of years, because we have a mill down in Tillamook," said Steve Zika, CEO of Hampton Lumber. "He knows our industry really well. He understands the importance of domestic manufacturing in these rural communities."

Bornstein Seafoods and Pacific Seafood Group each gave Josi \$1,000.

"He is the only candidate to reach out to Bornstein and express an interest in the natural resources industry," said co-owner Andrew Bornstein.

Grocery giants Kroger, owner of Fred Meyer, and Albertsons Safeway both gifted Josi \$1,000. Van Dusen Beverages, owned by former Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen, gave Josi \$1,500, along with \$1,000 from the Soft Drink PAC and \$2,500 from the Oregon Beverage PAC representing beer and wine distributors.

"It was just strictly a business decision, no more, no less," Van Dusen said of his company's donation.

Josi has also received financial backing from numerous incumbents in the Legislature, including \$1,000 each from state Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose; state Sen. Arnie Roblan, D-Coos Bay; state Rep. Jeff Barker, D-Aloha; state Rep. Brad Witt, D-Clatskanie; and state Rep. Jeff Reardon, D-Happy Valley. Josi also received \$1,000 from Boone's campaign committee.

Since filing at the deadline last month, Mitchell, a case management coordinator for the state Department of Human Services, has quickly eclipsed Orr in fundraising.

Her largest single contribution, \$3,000, came from the Women's Investment Network Political Action Committee supporting female candidates, followed by \$1,500 each from Bob Cary of Sunset Laboratory and Thomas Frazier, a friend of Cary's.

Mitchell is a member of the Service Employees International Union. She has received \$1,230 worth of in-kind contributions from the labor group and an equal amount from the Citizen Action for Political Education political action committee it runs.

Tim Josi

Tim Josi, a Tillamook County commissioner and former state representative, has raised \$71,280 in cash contributions, taken out \$4,000 in loans and received \$250 in in-kind contributions as of Thursday, April 19.

- \$5,000: Orloggers PAC
- \$3,000: Hampton Lumber, Warrenton Fiber Co.
- \$2,500: Oregon Beverage PAC, Oregonians for Clem, United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 555, Davis Wright Tremaine Client PAC, West Coast Mobile Home Parks, Inc., Aspen Meadows MHC LLC, More Housing Now! PAC
- \$2,000: Oregon Concrete & Aggregate Producers Association PAC, Coalition for a Healthy Oregon PAC, Oregon Food Political Action Committee
- \$1,500: Van Dusen Beverages Inc., Teevin Brothers Land and Timber Co., Oregon Council of NECA Chapters, Cascade Pacific Pulp LLC, OR ASCA PAC
- \$1,000: Kroger Co., Albertson's Safeway, Betsy Johnson, Leslie Johnson, Oregon Soft Drink PAC, Robert Douglas, Friends of Arnie Roblan, Friends of Jeff Barker,

- Reardon for Oregon, Coalition for a Healthy Oregon, Oregon Certified Public Accountants Legislative Action Committee, Brad Witt for State Representative, Doctors for Healthy Communities, SEED PAC, AG-PAC, Oregon Neighborhood Store Association Political Action Committee, Bornstein Seafoods Inc., Pacific Seafood Group Employee PAC, Boone For State Representative, Oregon Manufactured Housing Political Support Committee
- \$500: Weyerhaeuser, Oregon Insurance PAC, Oregon Bankers PAC, Oregon Farm Bureau PAC, Chris Kent
- \$250: Joan Kelsey, Future PAC House Builders, Lisa Naito, Leo Kuntz, Owens Hay LLC, Robert Mushen
- \$200: Mike McArthur, Mike Phil Logging Co. Inc.
- \$150: Ray and Jo Ann Naff
- \$100 and less: \$950

Tiffany Mitchell

Tiffany Mitchell, a case management coordinator for the state Department of Human Services, has raised \$18,266 in cash contributions and \$26,442 in in-kind contributions as of Wednesday, April 18.

- \$3,000: Women's Investment Network Political Action Committee
- \$6,211: Oregon League of Conservation Voters PAC
- \$1,500: Bob Cary and Thomas Frazier
- \$1,230: Citizen Action for Political Education, SEIU Local 503
- \$500: Walter Gorman, Kate Lieber, Chip Shields, Friends of Rob Nosse
- \$400: Tom Kelly, Jeff Straub
- \$270: Peter Lee
- \$250: Future PAC House Builders, Mark Whitney, Friends of Michael Dembrow, Friends of Sheri Malstrom, Tawna Sanchez, Ken Hayes, Philip Shilts, Leah Gibbs
- \$200: Debbie Holt, Nikol Aagaard, Nick Johnson, Guillermo Romero, TBA LLC, Cindy Witten
- \$130: SEIU Local 503
- \$127: Mark Gamba
- \$125: Madeline Olson
- \$100 or less: \$4,944

John Orr

John Orr, an attorney, has raised \$12,382 in cash contributions and \$1,258 in in-kind contributions as of Wednesday, April 18.

- \$1,000: Oceanic Logistics LLC,

Kathleen Zunkel, Anne Carpenter, Robert Adams

- \$500: Alice Apkarian, Tom Duncan, William Van Nostran, Elizabeth Johnson, Hashem Akhavan-Tafti, Fort George Brewery & Public House
- \$350: Charles Orr
- \$300: Sue Skinner
- \$250: Future PAC House Builders, Jerome Arnold, Edward Osborn, Ann Gramson
- \$200: Debra Bowe, Nancy Ledgerwood, Leon Jackson, Dwight Caswell Studio
- \$150: Diane Heintz
- \$103: Scott Lee
- \$100: Chuck Meyer, Cheryl Johnson, Jerome Arnold.
- \$100 or less: \$3,429

Vineeta Lower

Vineeta Lower, the lone Republican in the state House race, has raised \$3,675 in cash contributions, taken out \$100 in loans and received \$2,065 in in-kind contributions as of Wednesday.

- \$3,000 from Barreto for HD 58
- \$2,065 from Promote Oregon Leadership PAC (682)
- \$500 from Angie Frey
- \$100 or less: \$225

League of Conservation Voters PAC.

Orr, an attorney, has gathered the fewest big-ticket contributions in the race, albeit the most from locals, including \$1,000 each from Astoria company Oceanic Logistics

LLC, local activist Kathleen Zunkel and Anne Carpenter, wife of Astoria Planning Commissioner Sean Fitzpatrick.

Vineeta Lower, the lone Republican in the House District 32 race, has gathered more than \$5,800. Independent candidate

Brian Halvorsen does not have a campaign committee. Lower has received \$3,000 from state Rep. Greg Barreto, R-Cove, and more than \$2,000 from the Promote Oregon Leadership PAC supporting state House Republican candidates.

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