

Hunting/fishing licenses now on sale

Hunting and fishing licenses for 2010 are now available – just in time for holiday gift giving. They are sold on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Web site, at ODFW license agents and at ODFW offices that sell licenses.

A new Juvenile Resident Sports Pac makes a great gift and allows 12 to 17 year-olds to fish, hunt, crab and clam all year for only \$55. The package includes one of each of the following: Combination angling/hunting/shellfish license; combined angling harvest tag; upland game bird and Oregon waterfowl validation; and tags (general or controlled) for buck deer, elk, bear, cougar and spring turkey.

And, don't forget the grown-ups on your list. Adult anglers and hunters reap the benefits

of reduced pricing in a Sports Pac for \$164.75. Senior citizens 70 and over, who have been Oregon residents for five years, get a fishing license for \$15 and a hunting license for \$13.75. Raffle tickets start at \$4.50 and make a great gift for any hunter who wants an additional chance to hunt big game during an extended season and in an expanded hunt area.

To purchase a license as a gift, tell the sales clerk you'd like to make a gift purchase and be prepared to give the hunter's or angler's full name and date of birth (month, day, year). If the person has previously had a license, make sure you have their ODFW hunter/angler ID number, which is found at the top of the license. If you are purchasing a license for someone who has never

had a license, you will have to provide their Social Security number in compliance with Federal and State law.

Whether you are buying your own license or buying one as a gift, an Oregon hunting or fishing license is a great purchase at any time. Not only does it give you, your family and friends the opportunity to recreate outdoors all year, ODFW staff work hard to provide you with the information you need to make the most of your experience. Visit the ODFW Web site for tips, techniques, places to go and recreational forecasts.

New 2010 ODFW sport license and tag fees are in effect for 2010 licenses. To see the new fees, visit ODFW's Web site (PDF).

Still time to winterize your boat

The colder weather is a signal to recreational boaters to start winterizing your boat. It's important to winterize your boat to avoid costly repairs in the spring. Here's a list to make winterizing your boat a little faster:

1. If possible, store your boat ashore for the winter. The bulkhead, keel and motor are the critical areas needing support. Cradles work best, but don't store your boat on a cradle that wasn't designed for the boat you have.

2. If you store your boat in the water, make sure to close all through-hull fittings, gate valves and seacocks to keep the water out. As water freezes, it expands and can break these important features. Also, plug any exhaust ports. Do not, however, close cockpit drains. Check on your boat occasionally to make sure lines are secure and the bilge remains dry.

3. Make sure to cover your boat. Use a frame under the cover to prevent water from pooling or tearing the cover. Canvas is best because it breathes. If you use plastic, make sure you leave vents in it to allow any moisture to escape. Allow for drainage if you're storing outside.

4. Add non-toxic antifreeze to water tanks, toilets and sep-

tic holding tanks. Never use engine antifreeze in a freshwater system.

5. Remove any electronic equipment, important documents or other valuables. Marinas are more like ghost yards in the winter, and tempting to thieves.

Your Engine:

- Drain the cooling system and add anti-freeze. On outboards, this means filling a large bucket or drum with enough antifreeze fluid to reach the water intake, then running the motor until it is warm. Use non-toxic antifreeze only.

- Disconnect the battery and store in a warm, dry place. If you have to leave it on board to operate an alarm or bilge pump, fill battery cells with distilled water and fully charge it so it doesn't freeze. Apply petroleum jelly to clean terminals to prevent corrosion.

- Oil: Drain and replace the engine, transmission and outdrive oil. Replace gear oil in outdrives. Use internal oil fogger when the engine is warm to prevent corrosion. Many boat dealers have service centers that can help with the messy fluids and recycling for a reasonable price.

- Top off fuel tanks, leaving a little room for expansion. Add a fuel stabilizer, especially if you run gasoline with ethanol blended in.

- To keep water from collecting in outdrives, leave them in the down position.

If winterizing a boat isn't your forté, call or visit your local marine service center for prices and scheduling.

For more tips on winterizing your boat and trailer, visit http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/Clean/maintenance.shtml#Winterizing_Your_Boat.

Power of the People

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Santa Claus is coming to town!

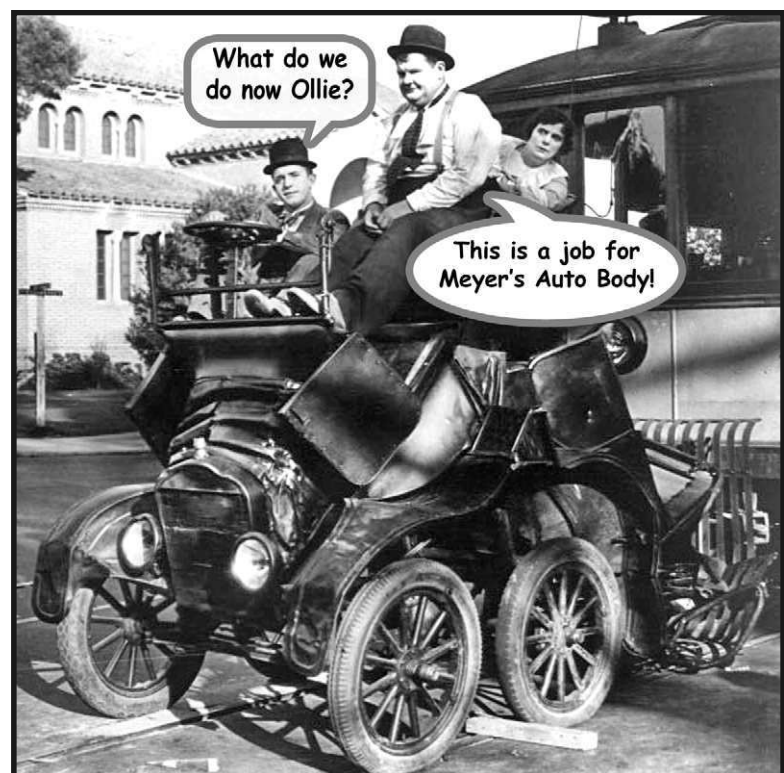
Santa Claus will be at the West Oregon Electric Cooperative office for special keepsake photographs on Wednesday, December 9th, from noon to 2:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, December 16, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Minimum donation of \$5 per person is requested with a family discount rate also available.

All proceeds will go to the WOEC "Care to Share" energy assistance program to help West Oregon Electric Cooperative members.

Gift idea: These special photographs are presented in a holiday folder with an envelope so they are ready to mail to family and friends.

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