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# Mid-Willamette Valley

## Angler's Club

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### Club News

No Board Meeting in September or scheduled for October

- Membership: 9 new members so far this year. Dues are [past] due- forty nine have not paid, 51 did not pay in 2018; not paid up= no ticket in the drawing, no printed newsletter.
- Derby info: The entry fee for derbies (in advance and at a monthly meeting) is \$10 and the payouts are \$100, \$50 and \$25.
- The Season long Steelhead derby runs from Jan 1, 2019 thru Dec 31, 2019.
- Siletz Salmon Derby, September 13th & 14<sup>th</sup>. Results: Tie for 1<sup>st</sup>- John F. and Wayne B. (24 lb, 10oz), 3rd Ray M. (18 lb).
- Nestucca Salmon Derby, September 28. Held in Pacific City. Results: 1<sup>st</sup>- Tim H. (16lb, 12oz), 2<sup>nd</sup>- Larry N. (15lb, 3oz), 3d- Norm M. (14lb, 13oz)
- Yaquina Derby, October 12, Cannon Quarry Park
- Sturgeon Derby pending

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*"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles." -Doug Larson*

# ODFW Reports (as of Oct 4th)



"Many of the most highly publicized events of my presidency are not nearly as memorable or significant in my life as fishing with my daddy."  
- Jimmy Carter

**Practice good catch-and-release techniques in late summer/ early fall conditions**

**When water conditions are low, clear and warm, like they are now, be sure to practice good catch-and-release techniques when releasing fish.**

- Fish early in the day when water and air temperatures are at their coolest.
- Land fish quickly. Playing a fish too long reduces its chances to recover.
- Keep the fish in the water while landing and releasing it.
- If you can't remove the hook easily, cut the leader near the hook, which will eventually dissolve.
- Revive the fish in moving water before releasing it.

**Oregon Take A Soldier Fishing: Next event summer of 2020.**



**Shellfish:** Razor clamming is now OPEN from the Columbia River to the California border.

Mussel harvesting, bay clamming and crabbing are open along the entire coast.

Coastal scallops are not affected by biotoxin closures when only the adductor muscle is eaten. The consumption of whole recreationally harvested scallops is not recommended. Crab, bay clams and oysters are not affected by this closure. Commercial shellfish products sold in retail stores and restaurants remain safe for consumers.

**Fishing: Willamette Zone:**

Coho are moving into the Sandy and Clackamas basins.

Anglers are still catching steelhead in the mid and lower portions of the North Fork Santiam.

Foster and Detroit reservoirs were both stocked last week and fishing should be pretty good.

This time of year is great for observing Chinook salmon spawning in local rivers. Observe, don't disturb. Some good places to view spawning fish on the McKenzie River are Cogswell Cr. behind McKenzie Hatchery (near the ODFW volunteer host trailer) and the nature trail near the water at Leaburg Hatchery (near the viewing platform).

Fall trout stocking is underway in the Willamette Zone with several waterbodies schedule to be stocked this week, including Row River Nature Park Pond, Cottage Grove Reservoir, Alton Baker Canoe Canal and St. Louis Pond.

Willamette River: Coho salmon crossings at Willamette Falls are steadily increasing, pushing up to 300 fish a day in some cases. In the past two weeks, more than 5,600 adult coho moved into the upper Willamette, with daily crossings in many instances well into triple digits. Popular locations to target coho salmon are at the confluences of the Willamette and the Tualatin, Yamhill and Molalla rivers.

**Fishing Notices:**

ALSEA RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing on the Alsea River continues to be fair to good. It has not been red hot but anglers are consistently catching fish every day and fish are now spread throughout the estuary. A few fish moved into the river with the last rain events but the low water should hold everything in the estuary until the next significant rain. The first few weeks in September is typically when the fishing improves and it will continue to get better as the season progresses.

KILCHIS RIVER: Fishing for cutthroat should be fair to good. Chinook are in Tillamook Bay. The Kilchis is typically has a late peak for fall Chinook, but with recent rains there are probably a few fish around.

NECANICUM RIVER: Chinook are showing up on the Necanicum. Tidewater and the lower river are still the best bet, but with recent rains there may even be a few upriver.

NEHALEM RIVER: Chinook fishing continues to be fair but sporadic in the Nehalem Bay and River. Best fishing is probably still in the bay, although there's no doubt some fish have moved into the river. Nehalem River and bay is open for hatchery coho only. There is no retention of wild coho in the river or bay. Cutthroat should be widespread in the basin.

NORTH FORK NEHALEM RIVER: The Nehalem North Fork remains low and clear and did not get not get enough rain last weekend to get fish moving again. As a result, the fishing has been slow with the best opportunity being in the estuary.

NESTUCCA RIVER, LITTLE NESTUCCA RIVER, AND THREE RIVERS: Fall Chinook fishing is fair but sporadic. There was a push of fish into the lower river after the last rain, but the river has dropped back down and what fish are there are most likely holding. The estuary fishing should be improving with fish stacking up waiting for the next rain. Three Rivers from the mouth to the hatchery weir deadline opened for Fall Chinook and hatchery steelhead on Oct. 1. Three Rivers is pretty low and we will probably need a good freshet to get fish moving in any numbers. Summer steelhead are available throughout the basin. It appears to be a below average run this year, but there are still some fish around. Cedar Creek Hatchery has recycled summer steelhead back to Pacific City to run the gauntlet again. Although these fish have been in the river since early summer, they are still months from spawning and are still good table fair. The rain and cooler water temperature can get these fish back on the bite as well. Cutthroat trout are available throughout the Nestucca basin. These are aggressive fish and fun fighters on light gear.

SALMON RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing has been good on the Salmon River. Last week's rain moved some fish up the river and into the hatchery. With no rain this week and low water conditions, the fish will hold in the estuary waiting for the next big rain event. Mid-September to the beginning of October is typically the best time to catch a Salmon River Chinook.

SILETZ RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing has been fair to good on the Siletz River. Fishing has been steady for a few weeks now and anglers are catching fish every day. The recent rain moved some fish up into the river but the majority of fish are still holding in the estuary. The recent rain cooled the water temperatures down and is creating some better conditions in the river/estuary. Mid-September is typically when things start to pick up and continue to improve through September and October.

The Siletz River is open year-round for steelhead. Summer steelhead fishing continues to be slow but should improve with the recent rains. The fall rains get the summer steelhead active again and often they go on the bite after a little rain. Hatchery fish are released at Twin Bridges and Moonshine Park. Many anglers fish the upper "gorge" area for these hard fighting fish. Bobber fishing with jigs/bait, casting lures, and drift fishing are great techniques to catch a Siletz summer steelhead. The 4.0 mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is open to motorized vehicles, but is only open to public vehicles on the weekend. Anglers can walk/bike in the road during the weekdays. If anglers do walk in they can park at the one mile gate and start from there.

SIOUSLAW RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing continues to be fair to good on the Siuslaw. Last week's rain pushed some fish up into the river but there are still plenty of fish around in the estuary. Anglers are catching fish on each tide and it should continue to improve as we head into October. The beginning of September through the month of October are typically the best times to catch a Siuslaw River Chinook.

TILLAMOOK BAY: Fall Chinook fishing is fair, but sporadic on Tillamook Bay with reports of fish being caught in the Ghost Hole, off Bay City, and in the upper bay. The West Channel seems to have slowed down. There are still fish coming in, and as the rivers get low again we should start to see fish stack up in the bay. October is prime time for fall Chinook, so we should see decent fishing through the month, although with poor returns predicted this year we wouldn't expect too many red hot days.

TRASK RIVER: The Trask has dropped since the last rains and there does not appear to be many fish moving. As a result fishing has slowed but, that said, there are undoubtedly still some Chinook and coho holding in the lower river.

WILSON RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing is fair but sporadic in the Wilson River tidewater, but the river is back to low and clear and as a result fishing is slow.

YAQUINA RIVER: Fall Chinook fishing has been fair to good on the Yaquina River. Fishing has not been red hot but it has been steady for the last couple weeks. Some days are better than others but anglers are catching fish every day on each tide series. Mid-September through October are typically the best times to catch a Yaquina River Chinook.

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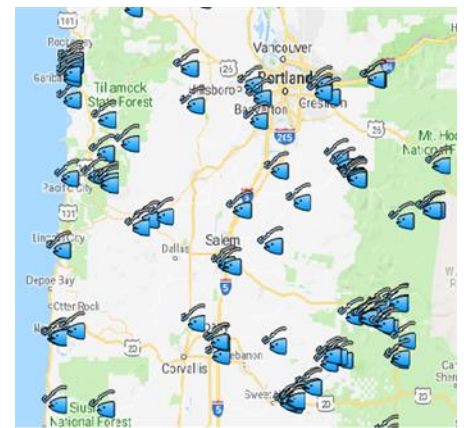
# ODFW Trout Stocking Snapshot

**MORE AT:** [HTTPS://MYODFW.COM/FISHING/SPECIES/TROUT/STOCKING-SCHEDULE?FIELD\\_ZONE\\_VALUE=6&FIELD\\_WATERBODY\\_NAME\\_VALUE=1=&FIELD\\_PLANNED\\_STOCKING\\_DATE\\_VALUE%5BDATE%5D=2019-10-06&FIELD\\_PLANNED\\_STOCKING\\_DATE\\_END\\_VALUE%5BDATE%5D=2019-10-25](https://myodfw.com/fishing/species/trout/stocking-schedule?field_zone_value=6&field_waterbody_name_value=1=&field_planned_stocking_date_value%5BDATE%5D=2019-10-06&field_planned_stocking_date_end_value%5BDATE%5D=2019-10-25)



**ODFW Remaining 2019  
Free fishing weekend  
Nov 29-30**

Week of	Waterbody	Zone/Office	Legals	Trophy	Brood	Total
Oct 07, 2019 - Oct 11, 2019	DORENA RES	Willamette / Springfield	0	5,000	0	5,000
Oct 07, 2019 - Oct 11, 2019	CANBY PD	Willamette / Clackamas	500	0	0	500
Oct 07, 2019 - Oct 11, 2019	ST LOUIS PD	Willamette / Clackamas	1,350	225	0	1,575
Oct 07, 2019 - Oct 11, 2019	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,700	100	0	1,800
Oct 07, 2019 - Oct 11, 2019	ROW R NATURE Pk-Fmr Cott. Grv. Pd	Willamette / Springfield	0	400	0	400
Oct 07, 2019 - Oct 11, 2019	DETROIT RES	Willamette / Corvallis	0	3,250	0	3,250
Oct 07, 2019 - Oct 11, 2019	WAVERLY LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	100	0	1,100
Oct 07, 2019 - Oct 11, 2019	WALLING PD	Willamette / Corvallis	267	33	0	300
Oct 14, 2019 - Oct 18, 2019	ROW R NATURE Pk-Fmr Cott. Grv. Pd	Willamette / Springfield	500	0	0	500
Oct 14, 2019 - Oct 18, 2019	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	1,250	50	0	1,300
Oct 14, 2019 - Oct 18, 2019	CANBY PD	Willamette / Clackamas	500	100	0	600
Oct 14, 2019 - Oct 18, 2019	ST LOUIS PD	Willamette / Clackamas	300	200	0	500
Oct 14, 2019 - Oct 18, 2019	COTTAGE GROVE RES	Willamette / Springfield	1,500	200	0	1,700
Oct 14, 2019 - Oct 18, 2019	MT HOOD PD (MHC CAMPUS)	Willamette / Clackamas	500	100	0	600



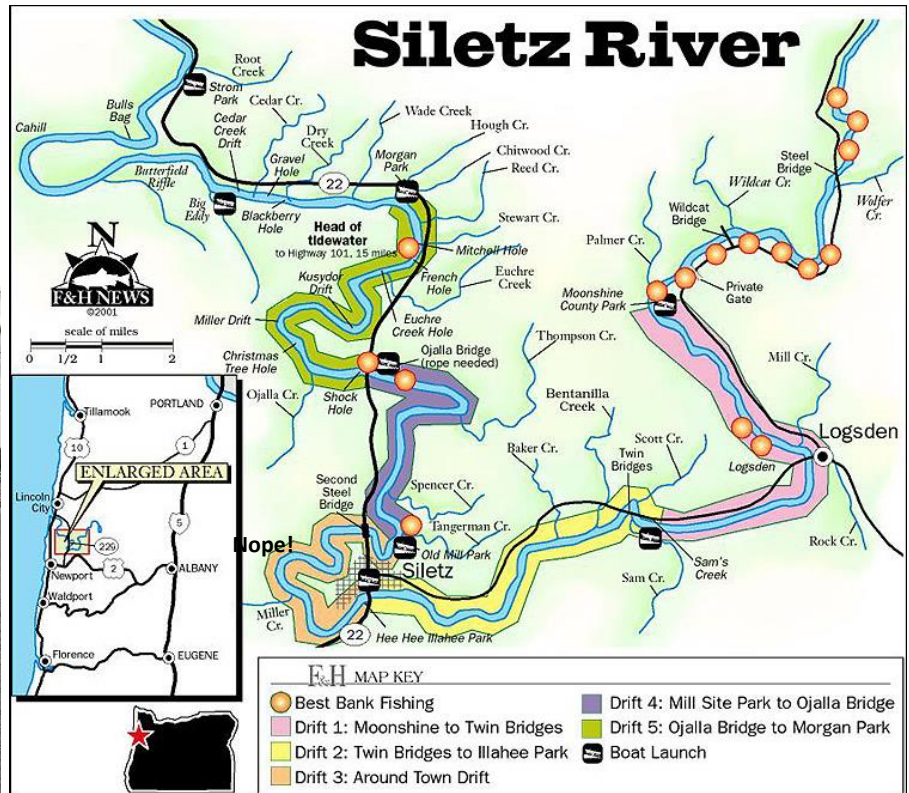
"The best time to go fishing is when you can get away."

~ Robert Traver

Non-Club News and opportunities:

Send in your fish/ fishing pictures to see if you make the newsletter!

Nestucca Derby Winner:  
Tim H. 16lb 12 oz



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SalmonWatch volunteer events:

<https://worldsalmoncouncil.org/our-programs/>

The September 2019 Salmonwatch results from Packsaddle Park on North Santiam: approximately 500 youth from 9 schools participated in outdoor education on salmon biology, water quality, macro invertebrates, and riparian habitats, supported by volunteers from many organizations including MWVA Club.

Angler Education Training available:

Amanda Boyles is the Statewide Angler Education Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. Her number is 503-947-6081. She is prepared to book another course at our request, and we will let everyone know if this is the case.

**CCA STATEWIDE BANQUET:** STATEWIDE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BANQUET, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2019, MONARCH HOTEL • 12566 SE 93RD AVENUE • CLACKAMAS TO REGISTER, CONTACT: [HTTP://WWW.CCAOREGON.ORG/STATEWIDEBANQUET](http://www.ccaoregon.org/statewidebanquet)



**Mid-Willamette Valley Angler's Club**

**MEETS THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7 PM  
AT THE 50+ SENIOR CENTER**

**Next meeting: Oct 8, 2019**

Presenter will be Karen Hans, Salmon Trout Enhancement Program,  
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

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