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# Mid-Willamette Valley



## Angler's Club

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Facebook: **MWVA Club - Mid Willamette Valley Angler's Club of Salem, Oregon**

## Club News

Board Meeting on January 30th, none planned in February

- Membership: 2 new members so far this year. Dues are [past] due- 30 did not pay in 2019, 47 did not pay in 2018; not paid up= no ticket in the drawing, no printed newsletter, can't win a prize in a derby.
- Speakers for remainder of year/ early next: Jeff Walling and he will talk about Salmon and Steelhead fishing on the North Santiam for March, the rest are to be determined.
- Derby info: The entry fee for derbies (in advance and at a monthly meeting) is \$10 and the payouts are \$100, \$50 and \$25. Dues must be current to participate in a derby.
- The Season long Steelhead derby ran from Jan 1, 2019 thru Dec 31, 2019.
- January Board meeting discussed:
  - Pizza feed meet/ planning
  - Board elections
  - Speakers
  - Funds, raffles, and prizes
  - 2020 Derbies and events

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*Stress is caused by not fishing enough. ~Author unknown.*

# ODFW Reports (as of Feb 6th)



The winter steelhead season is well underway. Recent rains have dispersed fish throughout the basins on the coast and in the Willamette Valley. The key to winter fishing is to keep an eye on water levels and fish when they are dropping.

- In the north coast, rain Tuesday night spiked water levels but several rivers should be fishable, if high, by the weekend.
- Fishing has been picking up on the Siletz and Siuslaw, which should be in good shape for the weekend
- On the south coast, check out the Applegate, Illinois, Rogue and Umpqua for some good weekend fishing.
- In the Willamette Valley, the Sandy and Clackamas may still be running high this weekend, but the Molalla might be just right.

Steelhead aren't the only fish biting. Trout anglers, too, will have good opportunities this weekend.

- Garrison Lake is a good destination for native trout, uncaught hatchery trout and even a few lunker, trophy trout!
- The trout bite continues to be good in the Holy Water, the stretch of the upper Rogue between the hatchery and the Lost Creek Lake spillway.
- Cooper Creek Reservoir was stocked with trout last week for a kids' fishing event. Bet there's still a few of those fish around.
- A handful of popular destinations in the Willamette Zone are scheduled to be stocked this week.
- Big ole brood trout have been stocked recently in Ochoco Reservoir and the Bend Pine Nursery Pond.
- Most of Thief Valley Reservoir is ice-free and anglers can launch boats from the boat launch (though the dock is not in place).
- Ice conditions, and fishing!, have been good at Phillips and Wolf Creek reservoirs.
- Ice fishing on Kinney Lake and Magone Lake has been good.

**There's no crying in fishing, just a lot of swearing.**

**~Author Unknown**

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

- 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 July 10th & 11th, 2020. Shelter Cove Resort and Marina, Odell Lake.**



## Reports

PNWSS- Wow- pretty good event. Met lots of potential club speakers/presenters and some interesting new tackle. Saw a few "good deals".

*"There are always new places to go fishing. For any fisherman, there's always a new place, always a new horizon."*

**- Jack Nicklaus**

ODFW Marine Mammal Program Overview:

[https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/02\\_feb/Steingass%20Commission%20Presentation%202.7.2020%20v.4.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/02_feb/Steingass%20Commission%20Presentation%202.7.2020%20v.4.pdf)

Willamette Falls

- 2019 was first year of lethal management at Willamette Falls
- 33 habituated sea lions were permanently removed between Dec. 2018-May 2019
- When animals migrated in May, all but 8 ID'd animals had been removed
- There are still 37 animals listed for Willamette Falls; we do not know how many will return in 2020 (or when)

Steller sea lion management planned to begin in Fall 2020 pending NMFS approval

- Will be similar management program to California sea lions
- Collaborative interagency/tribal management
- Willamette Falls trapping dependent on Steller sea lion presence/use of traps



**Tim Hittle caught 8.5lb steelhead on the north fork of the Alsea on 1/19/2020.**



ALL BOATS, regardless of propulsion, are required to stop at invasive species inspection stations when stations are open. Failure to stop could result in a \$110 fine. All boats are also required to "pull the plug" to allow water compartments to drain during transit.

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# ODFW Trout Stocking Snapshot

MORE AT: [HTTPS://MYODFW.COM/FISHING/SPECIES/TROUT/STOCKING-SCHEDULE](https://myodfw.com/fishing/species/trout/stocking-schedule)



**2020 Free Fishing Days:**  
**February 15-16,**  
**June 6-7, August 15-16,**  
**and November 27-28**

Week of	Agency	Zone/Office	Legal	Trophy	Blood	Total
Feb. 10, 2020 - Feb. 14, 2020	EE WILSON PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Feb. 10, 2020 - Feb. 14, 2020	ROW R NATURE PK/F mt Cost. Gr. Rd	Willamette / Springfield	1,000	0	0	1,000
Feb. 10, 2020 - Feb. 14, 2020	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	700	100	0	800
Feb. 10, 2020 - Feb. 14, 2020	WALLING PD	Willamette / Corvallis	400	50	0	450
Feb. 10, 2020 - Feb. 14, 2020	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,700	150	0	1,850
Feb. 10, 2020 - Feb. 14, 2020	SKALSH PD, WEST	Willamette / Chehalms	0	500	0	500
Feb. 10, 2020 - Feb. 14, 2020	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Feb. 17, 2020 - Feb. 21, 2020	ROW R NATURE PK/F mt Cost. Gr. Rd	Willamette / Springfield	1,752	0	0	1,752
Feb. 17, 2020 - Feb. 21, 2020	HILLS CR RES	Willamette / Springfield	3,200	0	0	3,200
Feb. 17, 2020 - Feb. 21, 2020	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	1,250	0	0	1,250
Feb. 24, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2020	JUNCTION CITY PD	Willamette / Corvallis	1,000	0	0	1,000
Feb. 24, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2020	WALLING PD	Willamette / Corvallis	400	50	0	450
Feb. 24, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2020	COTTAGE GROVE RES	Willamette / Springfield	0	1,917	0	1,917
Feb. 24, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2020	DEXTER RES	Willamette / Springfield	0	2,000	0	2,000
Feb. 24, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2020	ROW R NATURE PK/F mt Cost. Gr. Rd	Willamette / Springfield	1,200	0	0	1,200
Feb. 24, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2020	ST LOUIS PD	Willamette / Chehalms	1,000	0	0	1,000
Feb. 24, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2020	WALTER WIRTH LK	Willamette / Corvallis	1,700	150	0	1,850
Feb. 24, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2020	ALTON BAKER CANAL	Willamette / Springfield	1,250	0	0	1,250

**Boat larger than 10ft?**  
 You need a Waterway Access Permit!  
 (Replaces the Aquatic Invasive Species permit)

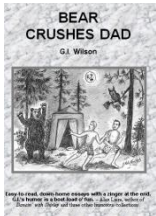
- One permit per non-motorized boat while in use. Permits are transferrable.
- Required for all non-motorized boats (inc. drift, rafts, SUPs, inflatables, etc.) 10 feet or longer.
- \$5 weekly (valid for 7-days from the date of purchase), \$17 annual, \$30 two-year (plus \$2 ODFW agent fee)
- Purchase where hunting/fishing licenses are sold, ODFW's e-Licensing System or the Oregon Marine Board website's online store at [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com).
- The Waterway Access Permit revenue helps fund paddling access and inspection stations. Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit:
- Non-resident trailered motorboats are required to purchase an Aquatic Invasive Species Permit, regardless of boat size (\$20 permit plus \$2 agent fee, valid for one calendar year).

**Non-Club News and opportunities:**

**Send in your fish/ fishing pictures to see if you make the newsletter!**  
**MWVACLUB@GMAIL.COM**

**Support a Club Member:**

G.I. Wilson, long time MWVA Club member, has published a humor book. It is a collection of magazine and newspaper columns that have been published. A number of the articles have won top awards in the Excellence In Craft competition of the Northwest Outdoor Writers Association.



**Take a Vet Fishing at Odell Lake:**

We are requesting an earlier commitment from our boat captains so we may be better prepared for the event, our boat captain goals are; a dozen boat captains by the end of the year, and 30 boats committed the first of May. **SPECIAL INCENTIVE FOR THE FIRST 30 BOAT CAPTAINS TO REGISTER - A SPECIAL ONE OF A KIND SURPRISE GIFT FOR BOAT CAPTAINS ONLY.**

Make your arrangement for boat slips and then register as a boat captain. You will not get an email confirmation until after mid-April from Bernie Hoene. Register by going to: [www.takeasoldierfishing.org](http://www.takeasoldierfishing.org). Official TAVF site for messages and news is: Take A Veteran Fishing at Odell Lake. Feel to use that FB site to post messages, reach out to others in the group and to view news and group information. Our secretary, Kimberly H, will administer our FB site.

**REMINDER: Recreational Crab Gear Marking Rule:** Effective January 1, 2020, surface buoys used to mark recreational crab pots or rings must be marked in a visible, legible, and permanent manner with information clearly identifying the owner of the crab pots or rings. The identifying information must include first and last name or business name AND at least one of the following:  
 (a) Permanent address; (b) Phone number; (c) Angler Identification number; or (d) A vessel identification number.



**ODFW Query:** City of Salem has scheduled a Family Fishing Day at Wirth Lake (Cascade Gateway Park) on April 24 from 12 noon to 3 PM. Anyone able to help with angler education or a boat?

**Walling Pond Clean-up:** Could probably be a monthly activity due to camping and improper waste disposal. From ODFW- There is garbage piled up around the fishing line recycling tube and another collection of garbage starting on the North side of the parking lot.

**Willamette Sportsman Show:** Albany, Oregon, February 14th, 15th and 16<sup>th</sup>, Linn County Expo Center  
 Show Times: Friday 1 to 8 pm, Saturday 9 am to 6 pm, Sunday 9 am to 4 pm. 140+ Vendors  
[WillametteSportsmanShow.com](http://WillametteSportsmanShow.com) Admission \$7 (kids 12 & under are free!), Free parking.



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

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

**Next meeting: Feb 11, 2020 (Pizza Feed)**

No Presenter

**We're on the Web!**

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[www.mwvaclub.org](http://www.mwvaclub.org)

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