

# STEPPIN' OUT

## What Lies Ahead? Trends and Status of Oregon's Commercial Fisheries Explored

Trends and status of commercial fisheries off the Oregon coast will be discussed at tonight's meeting of the Florence Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program.

The club meets at 7 p.m. at the Elks' Lodge off 12th st. in Florence. The public is invited to attend. The meeting will be in the dining room, rather than the lodge.



Gil Sylvia, professor of Marine Resource Economics at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, will present a powerpoint and discussion of commercial fishing. Historical trends, including what's happened with the key fisheries, the values of those fisheries, the impact at the different ports on the Oregon coast will all be explored. Sylvia will also look at future issues facing commercial fisheries and outline the key drivers of change.

Prior to Sylvia's talk, there will be a short business meeting, including a reports on changes at STEP's hatchery facility and a look ahead to the winter steelhead program.

## Slow Start to Lake Coho Fisheries

An informal poll of STEP members this week came up with a big zero on the wild coho fisheries at both Siltcoos and Tahkenitch. Although the dam was opened Monday morning, the water was slow and no fish were caught.

Brian Hudson reported jacks jumping below Siltcoos but nothing seen above the dam to the lake.

One angler, tossing spinners on the lake, had no coho luck but was successful in hooking trout.

## Win a Thanksgiving Turkey — Twice!

Two chances to put a Thanksgiving turkey on the table — and have a great evening out — are upcoming when two groups host annual Turkey Bingo nights in the area.

The Mapleton Lions Club and Ada Grange #570 are gearing up for the annual Turkey Bingo evenings this month.

First up is the Mapleton Lions event on Friday, November 20 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Lions Club building on Riverview ave. in Mapleton. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The club will give away 20 turkeys with a variety of bingo games. Also on the agenda is the annual homemade pie auction and sale of tickets for the annual rainfall derby.

The next night, Saturday, November 21, Ada Grange #570 holds its annual Turkey Bingo night. The kitchen opens at 5 p.m. with great homemade foods. Bingo begins at 6 p.m.

The Ada Grange is located 10 miles east out Canary rd. For questions, call Nancy Flatley, 541-997-2380.



**Board Elections will be coming up in December.  
Consider giving back to your club and running  
for a spot on the STEP Board! Talk to Ron Caputo  
if you'd like your name on the ballot**

## What's Happening in November

### Wed., November 4

Membership meeting  
Gil Silvia, OSU Professor  
"Trends and Status of Oregon's  
Commercial Fisheries"  
Fishing reports, short business  
meeting, looking ahead to elections  
7 p.m.

**Meeting will be in the dining  
room, mid-building entry on the  
north side of the Lodge.**  
Elks' Lodge, 12th st., Florence

### Wednesday, November 18

Board meeting 4 p.m.  
Port of Siuslaw Offices

### Friday, November 20

Mapleton Lions Club Turkey Bingo  
Homemade Pie Auction,  
Rain fall derby tickets also available.  
Doors at 6:30 p.m.  
Bingo begins at 7 p.m.  
Mapleton Lions Club building  
Riverview Ave., Mapleton

### Saturday, November 21

Ada Grange Turkey Bingo  
5 p.m. doors and kitchen opens  
for homemade foods  
6 p.m. Turkey Bingo begins  
10 miles east on Canary rd.  
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