

Columbia River Bassmasters



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March 2016

*** MARCH MEETING ***

Who Song & Larry's
 Tuesday, March 1st @ 7PM
 111 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver

Meeting Agenda

Call meeting to order/Guest Intro -----Gabe
 Fishing Reports ----- Members
 BASS/FLW Report ----- Gary
 Treasurer's Report -----Chuck

OLD BUSINESS

2016 Schedule Backup Locations ----- Mark
 Tournament Rule Changes -----Gabe
 Bylaw Changes -----Gabe

BREAK

NEW BUSINESS

Celilo Draw ----- Mark

Dues & B.A.S.S. Membership

Please pay your dues now! The bylaws indicate that your CRB dues and B.A.S.S. membership must be up to date to be a member in good standing. Only members in good standing can vote. The membership dues are \$60.00 annually. \$30.00 of which shall be for National Federation dues. \$20.00 of which shall be for chapter/club dues. \$10.00 of which shall be for state affiliation dues. Club membership also requires B.A.S.S. membership. If you are not a B.A.S.S. member, you are not a CRB member.

You can check your membership status by going to the following link.

<http://www.bassmaster.com/contact-member-services-page>

Make sure Chuck Smith has your Membership Number so that he can update the club records with B.A.S.S. Failure to do this will be cause for the club to lose the insurance coverage we have by all being members of B.A.S.S. This is a big deal!

2016 Tournament Schedule

Date	Ramp	Lake/River	Meet Time	Alt Location
02 April	Celilo Park	Celilo/Columbia		
16 April	Hood River	Bonneville/Columbia		
14 & 15 May	McKay Dam Launch	McKay Reservoir		
04 June	Taidnapam Park	Riffe Lake		
25 June	Cascade Locks	Bonneville/Columbia		
16 July	Hood River	Bonneville/Columbia		
13 August	Celilo Park	Celilo/Columbia		
17 Sept	La Page Park	Umitilla/Columbia		
01 Oct	Cascade Locks	Bonneville/Columbia		
15 Oct	Don Abbott Classic	TBD		
8 Oct??	NWCC	TBD		

Alternate Location TBD at 1 March Meeting. Location of the Don Abbott Classic to be determine TBD during the October 3rd Meeting. I believe the Northwest Club Classic is scheduled for 8 October but I didn't see it listed on the Website.

February Meeting Items

1. Please welcome new member Jerry Lee who is from the Redding area and is a friend of member Vince Reiser. Jerry has a Ranger boat and has many years of bass fishing experience.
2. Randy Mock presented several proposed tournament rule changes mostly oriented towards the co-angler draw. Discussions were lively. Voting will be held during the March meeting.
3. Mark Forbes also presented a couple of minor rule changes which were discussed. These changes will also be voted on during the March meeting. No Tournament Rule changes can be made after the March Meeting.
4. The 2016 Schedule was voted on and passes during the February Meeting. Discussions regarding alternate locations to be discussed during the March meeting.

OREGON BASS NATION

The format for Oregon B.A.S.S. Nation has changed for the 2016 season. All four of the following Qualifier events will be a Professional/Amateur format. This basically means that the boater has full control of where you fish during the whole day. Each person fishes for their own limit (3 for Amateur). The entry fee for the Professional is \$150 and \$75 for the Amateur. Rules require that there must be two people in each boat. **Currently there is a shortage of Amateurs to fish these events. If you are interested please contact Jason Hooper or Nick Fitzsimmons.** All four events will be a draw event. Last year Jeff Reid and Zip Decker qualified as non-boaters for the Western BASS Nation Divisional to be held on Lake Mead April 3rd through 7th. There are some changes and details that are not yet available but Jason, Nick and the other board members are currently working to get everything out soon. All CRB members are eligible to fish these tournaments. Just complete the entry form and go fishing. As of now, I believe that Zip Decker, Jeff Reid, and Gary Harral are all fish BASS Nation this year.

2016 BASS Nation Schedule

Date	Location	Date	Location
4/30/16	Boardman/ Columbia River	7/9/16	Tenmile Lake
6/15/16	Prineville Reservoir	8/20/16	Hood River/ Columbia River

The website has been partially updated for 2016 including entry forms and State Team Qualification Rules. <http://www.oregonbassfederation.org/> Go to BASS Nation to read official Rules of BASS Nation. If you want to fish as a boater or non boater, please contact:
Jason Hooper at fish4hooper@gmail.com or Nick Fitzsimmons at micahash1@yahoo.com

OREGON TBF

The format changes for Oregon TBF have been small since 2015. The format is still a fish with your partner team event. There will be five qualifier events. The best four events will determine which teams make the Oregon State Team. The major change is regarding the Northwest Divisional. The 2015 Qualifiers will be used to determine the top 6 teams for the Oregon State Team that will fish an event to be known as the "Nationals Semi-Final". Rather than the 5 state Divisional, Oregon will fish with Washington. This change cuts down on expenses and travel time. Oregon will still have a minimum of two people to qualify for the TBF Nationals. It is still unknown if additional members may qualify. This is still being worked out by TBF. In addition, any TBF Club may send a boater and non-boater to the National Semi-Final event. This year, Washington will host the event at Banks Lake on October 1st & 2nd. Oregon will host the event in 2017. Prior to this change there were seven Divisional events held across the U.S. Now there will be over 20 National Semi-Final events to determine who will fish at Nationals with a chance to fish the FLW All American and possibly beyond. As of now I believe the following teams are planning to fish TBF in 2016: Zip Decker & Dave Lenihan, Gary Harral & Will Doud-Martin, Jeff Reid & Michael Abramson, Tom Hartshorn & Jason Abernathy, Ed Chin & tbd

OREGON TBF (Continued)

In addition to the five TBF Oregon State Team Qualifier events, TBF is scheduled to sponsor several other events including an Icebreaker Open out of Hood River on April 9th as indicated below

2016 TBF Oregon Qualifier Schedule

Date	Location
4/23/16	Tenmile Lake
4/24/16	Tenmile Lake
5/21/16	Hood River
5/22/16	Swan Island
6/11/16	Green Peter Reservoir

Other 2016 TBF Events

Date	Location
4/9/16	Icebreaker Open Hood River
5/14/16	Oregon High School Cascade Locks
9/11/16	Cast for Kids Hagg Lake
10/15/16	TBF Oregon Big Bass Open The Dalles

If you are looking to do a little more organized fishing but not interested in fishing TBF Oregon, you might want to look at fishing Greater Oregon TBF (GOT). We have four GOT events this year. Entry fee is \$25/team. At least one person in the boat must be a TBF member. The member can bring anyone as a partner as a boater or non-boater. This is a new format that we started last year. Beginning this year, the two highest finishing GOT members who did not qualify as a State Team member will be eligible to fish in the Nationals Semi-Final event provided that person fished at least 2 TBF Oregon Qualifier events.

If you are interested in fishing TBF Oregon, or GOT or if you have questions, please contact the following: Ed Chin at LOOK4CHIN@MSN.COM or Gary Harral Gary.D.H@comcast.net

2016 GOT Schedule

Date	Location
6/26/16	Swan Island Willamette River
7/17/16	Celilo Park Columbia River
8/28/16	Cascade Locks Columbia River
9/18/16	McKay Reservoir Pendleton Oregon

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit required in Oregon

[2016 Oregon Watercraft Inspection Station Locations \(pdf\)](#)

Motorized boats

- Oregon registered motorboat owners do not need to buy a permit; a \$5 fee is automatically included in boat registration. Current registration decals are proof of payment.
- Buy: Non-resident motorboat permits cost \$20 and are available [online via Oregon Marine Board](#), at [ODFW license sales agents and ODFW offices that sell licenses](#) A \$2 agent fee applies for ODFW channels.

Paddle craft and other non-motorized vessels 10 feet and over

- Permits for non-motorized craft (canoe, kayak, drift boat, etc), cost \$5 plus a \$2 agent fee for a total cost of \$7.

Non-resident motorboat permits cost \$20 plus a \$2 agent fee for a total cost of \$22. Permits are available online via [Oregon Marine Board](#), at [ODFW license sales agents, online, or at ODFW offices that sell licenses](#)

Boat inspection stations open

Vehicles hauling boats must stop for free inspection

February 22, 2016

SALEM, Ore – Aquatic invasive species [watercraft inspection stations](#) open March 1 at the Ashland Port of Entry on northbound I-5 and March 3 at the Ontario rest area on northbound I-84. Watercraft inspection stations in Lakeview, Klamath Falls and Gold Beach open in mid-May.

All vehicles carrying motorized or non-motorized boats, including canoes, kayaks, paddleboards and sailboats must stop. Motorists are alerted to inspection stations by large orange “Boat Inspection Ahead” signs followed by “Inspection Required for All Watercraft.”

“It’s very important that people stop at these stations and get their boats inspected. It’s our first line of defense in keeping aquatic invasive species such as mussels, plants and snails out of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest,” said Rick Boatner, Invasive Species Coordinator.



ODFW technicians decontaminate a boat at an inspection station last year.

- ODFW photo -

“Stopping for a watercraft inspection takes just five to 10 minutes in most cases. You’re protecting Northwest waters and preventing yourself from possibly receiving a \$110 fine for by-passing a check station,” Boatner said.

Invasives such as [zebra and Quagga mussels](#) can be difficult to spot – they range in size from microscopic to up to two inches, and attach themselves to many areas on boats that are hard to see. They can also live as long as 21 days out of water.

[New Zealand mud snails](#) are also tiny, just three to six millimeters long and easily attach themselves to boots, waders and fishing gear.

In 2015, ODFW technicians inspected 12,954 watercrafts and intercepted 12 with Quagga or zebra mussels and 270 with other types of aquatic invasives such as Eurasian milfoil and brown mussels.

Watercraft with Quagga or zebra mussels came from Lake Powell, Lake Mead, Lake Havasu, Lake Erie, Lake Michigan, Lake Ontario and the Fox River in Illinois.

“The program is working,” Boatner said. “Everyone who boats needs to make sure their boat is cleaned, drained and dried before putting in at another water body. Anglers should be vigilant about cleaning all their gear.”

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