

Oregon Sea Grant Outreach

The Marine Education program adapted their summer camps this year by offering four virtual day camps reaching just over 70 students ages 8-18. Camp participants interacted online with researchers and educators and engaged in virtual marine science and ocean art activities. Each participant was sent a “camp in a box” containing all materials and instructions for activities conducted both during camp and on their own time. The box included materials to build boats and plankton models for students to learn about buoyancy, engineer a hydraulic arm that could safely deploy and retrieve scientific equipment, conduct ethograms to expose students to data collection and animal behavior, create ocean crafts, and more!



Campers and their families also had the option to join education staff for a physically distanced, two hour outdoor hybrid option on the last day of camp. Two of the camps explored the tide pools at Seal Rock while the other two camps participated in fun beach activities at South Beach State Park. These activities reached 43 campers and their families.

The Oregon Coast STEM Hub put together science kits with activities and supplies for youth and families. These free kits were available at libraries in Lincoln County in efforts to enhance their summer reading programs. Funding was provided by the Georgia Pacific Foundation.



Additional projects lead by Oregon Sea Grant statewide this summer included the remote Shop at the Dock interviews, summer internships, career day webinars, the Eat Oregon Seafood campaign, and online trainings for tour guides. Refer to this [two-page handout](#) for more information.

Many of us are finding ourselves cooking at home more often these days. If you are looking for inspiration for dinner, check out the [25 delicious recipes](#) on the [Eat Oregon Seafood](#) section of our website.



Visitor Center Updates

A total of 57 shiner perch babies were born during the month of August. The adult females have been moved back into the Nearshore Tank and one of the Estuary Tanks has been turned into a nursery for the little ones.



Giant Pacific octopus 20-02 is adjusting nicely to her new tank environment. She is much smaller than many of our past octopuses, weighing in at 11 pounds.

The aquarists have completed the plumbing for the new Crustacean Tank. The next step will be the installation of the graphics.



Volunteer Highlight with Pat Trainor

After 30 years of service, I retired from the Payette Forest Service as a Civil/Environmental Engineer. I worked on designs, contract administration, surveys, building systems mine cleanup and environmental issues. My wife Nina and I moved to Council, Idaho in 1978 so she could pursue a career in education. We have three adult children. They are all living in the west, which is ideal for visits. I was born in Spokane, WA and later moved to San Luis Obispo, California where I enjoyed many summer days hanging out on the beach in Avila and nearby ocean spots. I developed a deep love of the ocean and later taught SCUBA diving. I spent many hours under water and dove in a variety of spots on the California coast. I attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where I met my wife and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1975. We lived for a brief time in Boulder Creek, California in the Santa Cruz Mts. before our move to Idaho. Presently, I am an active member of the Adams County Historical Preservation Council and the Council Museum Board in Idaho. I am also currently the President of the Weiser River Trail. The non-motorized, 87-mile trail system, of which is becoming ever more popular, is a nonprofit organization with 630 active members. In 2018, we sold some property and bought a second home in Toledo, Oregon. Although we are still in the process of a permanent transition, I soon signed up as volunteer at the Hatfield Science Center. Every day that I volunteer, I have learned something new. I love my experiences at the Hatfield Science Center. The staff and volunteers have been kind and inspirational. They make volunteers feel appreciated and welcomed. I look forward to returning as a volunteer once the facility re-opens.

Pat has been volunteering for just over a year now contributing 51 hours of service. Thank you Pat for your dedication to our program and for sharing your story with us!

