

## **Tillamook Fish-Along/Crab-Along, Weekend of Sep. 17, 2016**

The Sandy River Chapter's Fall Chinook fish-along and the McLoughlin Chapter's Crab-along will join forces this year to enjoy the best of two worlds! These two events have been conducted separately in Tillamook in September for about two decades. The McLoughlin Chapter has a biggest crab contest with close to limits per crabber over several days and the Sandy Chapter has achieved up to a fish per angler in two days of fishing.



Carol Clark's Granddaughter with a really big crab and the McLoughlin Trophy.



Close to a typical Tillamook Bay Fall Chinook catch at last year's Fish-Along.

Combining these great events and inviting other Steelheaders to join us, we gain options! Got a camper or other RV needing hookups, or just like tent camping? The Barview Camp Ground has all the amenities for tenters and full hookups for RVs. Does a bunk house feel like a better fit? The Sandy Chapter has the 4-H bunk house at the Tillamook fairground, where meals will be provided. A self-contained camper can stay at the fairground but without sewer hookups and only 20 amp electric. A few 50 amp sites are available.

Show up Friday evening for a pizza dinner and a fishing report and fishing and crabbing clinic. There will be breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning and a "build your own" lunch bar with lunch meat selections for sandwiches, fruit, a snack, and a beverage. With breakfast in your belly and a lunch bag in your hand, you are ready to head out with your fishing buddies. There will be a BBQ dinner Saturday night followed by tales of the day's exploits and setting up teams for those who want to fish the next day. Big fish prizes will be awarded. Sunday morning starts with another hot breakfast and lunch bar. All this for just \$80! (See fee details below.) Everyone will need to pack out before leaving for fishing Sunday morning. (The dorm will be cleaned and locked up when everyone leaves. The gate will be left unlocked until late afternoon for the RVs.)

Got a boat? Bring it! Those volunteering their boats for this event will get a \$20 discount on their event registration. Boat captains are able to pick their own passengers, but we will help coordinate other boaters and riders to balance local knowledge and expertise to insure this is a learning experience for everyone who needs it as well as being a great weekend of fishing. This will be done well in advance to allow participants to coordinate their fishing. Riders are expected to cover boat fuel, launch fees, and bait (which are only a portion of the boat owner's cost).

There may be fresh dungenous crab for Dinner – assuming we can catch enough prior to the event and on Saturday. Interested in doing some crabbing? (One boat with three crabbers can get a limit of 36

crabs. A boater that takes out two sets of three crabbers can get up to 84 crab which has been accomplished in previous years.) Let us know if you are interested, particularly if you have a boat and some traps.

We will have prizes (of minimal value) for big fish. Prizes go to the anglers with the largest fish by weight after being gutted and gilled. (This allows anglers to take good care of their catch for optimum food quality.) Ties will go to the longest fish. Entries must be at the Tillamook Fairground Dorm weigh-in no later than 5:00pm on Saturday.

The rules for the largest crab among members of McLoughlin Chapter: Each crabber must pull three traps and mark their largest crab to be measure at the boiling station. The crab will all be measured by the same stick or caliper. The weigh masters decision is final.

### **Location**

The Tillamook Fairground Dorm is an ideal location for this event. It is located between the most popular Tillamook Bay boat ramps and is between the Wilson and Trask Rivers. There are also bank fishing opportunities just as close. There is water and 20 amp electrical service (with a few 50 amp at extra cost) for RVs and plenty of parking for boats and other vehicles.

The dorm has a large kitchen and dining/meeting room on the main floor and two bunk rooms with bathroom & showers up stairs. Bring your sleeping bag, towel, and other shower supplies. A hot shower really feels good after a day on the bay! (Ear plugs can be helpful if there are attendees that snore.)

Other options include the traditional Crab-Along's Barview Jetty County Park, located at the Tillamook Bay north jetty, just north of Garibaldi. Make reservations soon if you are coming before the fairground is available. Register on line at <http://reservations.co.tillamook.or.us/> or call (503) 322-3522.



Happy Sandy Chapter members showing their catch.

### **Directions**

The Tillamook Fairground Dorm is easy to get to. It is just south of Highway 6 on Third Street, just off the Wilson River Loop Road. (Turn south off Highway 6 at the yellow flashing light. This road dead ends into the Fairground and the dorm is the 2 story building on your right.)

### **Event Schedule**

#### **Friday, Sep. 16, 2016**

3:00 PM Dorm Opens

6:00 PM dinner and a fishing report and

fishing clinic.

7:30 PM Build Your Own Lunch Bar

#### **Saturday, Sep. 17, 2016**

5:30 AM Breakfast (sunrise is at 6:57am.)

4:00 to 5:00 PM Tournament Fish Measured

6:00 PM Dinner & Prizes

8:30 PM Build Your Own Lunch Bar

#### **Sunday, Sep. 18, 2016**

5:30 AM Breakfast (sunrise is at 6:58am.)

9:00 AM Everything must be out of the dorm.

5:00 PM All Vehicles, trailers, and RVs must be out of the fairground so the gate can be locked.

**Cost – Fees are due no later than Friday, Sep. 9, 2016:**

(This is not a fund raiser. These fees just cover all the costs.)

- Per individual staying at the dorm: \$80 (no reduction for staying only one of the two nights – we still need to make accommodations)
- Per additional family members staying at the dorm: \$70
- Per individual or family member not staying at the dorm but participating in evening meals and activities: \$30 (does not include breakfast or lunch)
- Not staying at dorm but participating in all meals: \$50
- There are a limited number of RV sites with 20 amp electrical, water but no dump are an additional \$10 per night. A few sites with 50 amp are available for \$15 per night.



Biggest Crab Winner Jean Davis showing her winning catch. Just one of the limit of 12 keepers she pulled in that day.

Weather Cancellation can take place the morning of 9/14/15 due to extreme conditions making boating unsafe (eg. Gale force winds). All participants will be called if this happens. The registration fee will be returned less \$10. A donation receipt will be provided for the \$10 and the funds will defray the costs of food purchased for the event that will need to be donated to the local food bank. This has happened only once in the nineteen years of this event, so the risk is low.



Fresh caught and cooked crab is hard to beat!

checks out to the “Sandy River Chapter, ANWS” and mail to Norm Ritchie, 2834 SE 166<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97236-1861.

Contact Norm Ritchie (503) 807-7729 to sign up or for additional details. Or email [neritchie1@gmail.com](mailto:neritchie1@gmail.com) with the following information: name; phone number; will you be staying at the dorm, bringing an RV or staying elsewhere?; Will you be fishing the bank or do you want a ride on someone else’s boat or will you be bringing a boat ; If you are bringing a boat, how many people can you take on your boat and do you have anyone already set up to go on your boat (must be a NW Steelheaders member); What is your knowledge of Tillamook fall chinook fishing and crabbing?

Payment must be received no later than September 9<sup>th</sup> in order for us to know how much food to purchase. Please make