

# August 2021

# **CRW CLOSURES:** Monday, Sept. 6, 2021- To observe Labor Day

#### **WELCOME!** CHRISTINE ALEXANDER



Commissioner Christine Alexander is a carpenter, broadcast journalist, talk show host, and actor, A dedicated union worker, she is a

member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and SAG/AFTRA (Screen Actors Guild/ American Federation of Television and Radio Artists). The Clackamas River Water Board is Commissioner Alexander's first venture into public office and she is excited to participate in helping the community manage such an important resource, our water. Commissioner Alexander was elected to a four year term that started with the oath of office during the July Board meeting.

The full CRW Board consists of:

Christine Alexander: term ends 6/30/25

Naomi Angier: term ends 6/30/23 Tessah Danel: term ends 6/30/23 Sherry French: term ends 6/30/25

Lester "Rusty" Garrison: term

ends 6/30/25

# FISH ON THE RUN, IRRIGATION DONE!

The Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP), a coalition of municipal drinking water providers that get their drinking water from the Clackamas River, is asking their water customers to help keep water in the Clackamas River by reducing or shutting-off outdoor watering for the fall fish runs.

In addition to providing drinking water to over 300,000 people the river is home to migrating salmon and steelhead virtually year-round. Most of the year there is plenty of water in the river, however summer is also the time of year when the Clackamas River is flowing at its lowest levels and we get the least amount of rain fall.

This is especially important starting in late August as Fall Chinook and Coho Salmon begin returning to the Clackamas River on the way to their spawning grounds. As our summers are getting longer and hotter, making sure there is enough water in the river for the fall fish runs is getting more challenging.

So, if you get your drinking water from the Clackamas River, whether you use a hose or have

an underground watering system to water your yard and garden, and care about protecting our river water for people, and wildlife here's your chance to be part of our "Fish On the Run, Irrigation Done" campaign to help migrating fish.

Beginning mid-August go to www.clackamasproviders.org to find out what kind of changes you can make to your outdoor watering to ensure that you are using our drinking water in the most efficient ways possible. Take the pledge and receive a free yard sign (below) letting neighbors know what you are doing to keep water in the Clackamas River for fish. The more water we can conserve the easier this journey will be for these threatened and endangered salmon species. For more information contact Christine Hollenbeck at (503)723-3511 or via email at christine@clackamasproviders.org.



Whether you use a hose or have an underground watering system to water your yard and garden do your part to keep water in the Clackamas River by reducing or shutting off outdoor watering for the fall fish runs!

Our communities use a lot of water during the summer months. In Clackamas and Washington counties water use doubles or even triples, this is due mostly to outdoor watering. Summer is also the time of year when the Clackamas River is flowing at its lowest levels and we get the least amount of rain fall.

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### 19TH ANNUAL 'DOWN THE RIVER CLEANUP'



# Join the *Down The River Cleanup* - Sunday, Sept. 12th, 2021.

This annual trash sweep at the end of summer covers a 20+ mile stretch of the Clackamas River from Estacada to the confluence with the Willamette River in Oregon City. the *Down the River Cleanup* is the largest and longest-running on-water cleanup event of its kind in Oregon.

Each year about 300 volunteers rally together in rafts, kayaks, and SCUBA gear to scour the stream bed and banks for trash, collecting an average of 2 tons – over

half of which is recycled. Since 2003, over 40 tons of garbage — well over the approximate weight of one gray whale — has been removed from the



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Clackamas River by more than 4,500 volunteers. At the end of the day there is a free BBQ for all volunteers, complete with music, a raffle, and a silent auction.

All support directly contributes to the work *We Love Clean Rivers* does to protect our rivers and the ongoing success of the *Down the River Cleanup*.

For more information, email <u>info@welovecleanrivers.org</u> if you are interested in volunteering, or you can register by scanning this QR code.

## **HOW TO STORE YOUR OWN EMERGENCY WATER**



You can keep your emergency water supply in bottles that you purchase from a store, or you can use your own container. If you purchase commercially bottled water, keep it in its original container and do not open it until you need to use it. Types of containers to avoid are glass or containers

to use it. Types of containers to avoid are glass or containers that previously held milk or fruit juice: milk protein and fruit sugars cannot be adequately removed from these containers and provide an environment for bacterial growth.

If you choose to store water in your own container, make sure that it has a tight seal, is made of food-grade plastic or steel that is designed to hold water, and is properly sanitized before you fill it with tap water. You can find a variety of food grade containers at most camping or outdoor stores. Scan this QR code for more tips or go to <a href="https://www.regionalh2o.org">https://www.regionalh2o.org</a> for more information.

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