

Nestucca Bay

National Wildlife Refuge

Fishing and Clamming Regulations

Location, Days, & Hours

Fishing and clamming are permitted year-round on one miles riverbank and 119 acres of marsh and adjacent mudflats during daylight hours only.

State Regulations

All harvest must follow Oregon sport fishing regulations. Information about season dates, harvest limits, tackle, collection safety, closures and more:

www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing

Clamming

Harvest of softshell clams by digging with hand shovels or using clam guns is permitted. Clamming is subject to ODA and ODFW shellfish safety closures as contaminate levels may be harmful to humans.

Fishing

Anglers are permitted to use pole and line or rod and reel while bank fishing. Boating is permitted in state waters, and all state boating regulations will be enforced.

Prohibited Acts

- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while on Refuge lands.
- Camping, overnight use, and fires.
- The presence of dogs on Refuge lands. Pets must remain in vehicles at all times.

Fishing Line

Improper disposal of monofilament line can entangle wildlife, resulting in injury or death. Dispose properly of fishing line in the waste receptacle provided to protect fish and wildlife.



Why Fish Need Estuaries

Shallow open waters, salt marsh, mudflats, eelgrass beds and sheltered channels form the complex tapestry of estuaries, where rivers meet the sea. These habitats provide nurseries for salmon of the Pacific.

Pacific salmon are anadromous fish. They spend their young lives in the fresh water of rivers and streams, eventually migrating to the ocean as they mature. They will only return to fresh waters to spawn.

Estuaries provide sheltered habitat and abundant food for many wildlife species, including fish, invertebrates, birds, and mammals.

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