

Good afternoon. You've got 91.9 KPTZ tuned on your FM dial or computer – here in Port Townsend Washington. I am Simon Jaynes, bringing you your local news for April 28, 2022.

The sun rose at 5:54am this morning and will set at 8:19 this evening. Can you believe that? We are already getting past 8pm with our sunsets. It seems so recent that we were in the short dark days of winter. This morning there were sunbreaks in the overcast once again, but local weather patterns this past week have been a bit of a repeating cycle – high temperatures just scraping the low 50s, threatening clouds producing short bursts of rain, and then fleeting flashes of sunshine that feel oh so good. This pattern is predicted to hold for the next 5 to 7 days, and you'll want to get outside today and tomorrow if you can, as this weekend – Saturday especially – looks to be quite showery.

Fishery managers with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announced a May 1, 2022, opener for spring Chinook fishing on the Sol Duc and Quillayute rivers. James Losee, fish program manager for WDFW's coastal region said, "We recognize that anglers have been anticipating fishing for spring Chinook in the coastal region and we are looking forward to getting folks back out on the water." The Quillayute and Sol Duc rivers will open for the following dates and locations:

- May 1 through August 31, 2022: Quillayute River (Park boundary upstream to confluence of Sol Duc and Bogachiel rivers) and Sol Duc River (the mouth to the concrete pump station at hatchery)
- Daily limit is 4 salmon, only 2 of which may be adults. Only one single-point barbless hook is allowed. As always, anglers should review the rules for the waters they plan to fish in the Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations>, as well as any emergency rule changes, available at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dfw/erules/efishrules/>.

Shellfish managers with the WDFW confirmed Friday that the final round of razor clam digging can proceed as planned from April 29 to May 7 to wrap up a memorable season. "As we enter the homestretch of the 2021-2022 recreational razor clam season, it's quite clear that this will go down as one of the best on record," said Dan Ayres, WDFW coastal shellfish manager. "Looking to the future, the cooler, productive ocean conditions we are experiencing now may be a good indicator for another great season starting this fall." A total of 432,380 diggers from Sept. 17 to April 21 (111 digging days) have taken home more than 7.1 million razor clams. On all open beaches – Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks, and Copalis – the daily limit from April 29 through May 7 is 20 clams instead of the usual 15. Digging is allowed during low tide from 12am through 11:59am only. Details on the razor clam season can be found at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfishing-regulations/razor-clams>.

The Victorian Heritage Festival is happening this Friday through Sunday in Port Townsend and you can find a complete list of the many historical-themed activities planned for the weekend on the festival's website (<https://porttownsendvictorianfestival.org/>). There will be walking tours, home tours, special presentations at local museums and guided tours of the secret histories of Port Townsend in the Victorian era. This is Port Townsend's first festival of the season and is presented by the Port Townsend Heritage Association. Tickets for all events can be found online until 10pm this evening, and day-of tickets can be purchased Friday through Sunday at the Cotton Building at 607 Water Street.

Another upcoming event series promising to analyze a different set of historical perspectives and eras will be “History Hikes” presented by the North Olympic History Center. The first hike will take place on May 21 and the series will continue with hikes in June as well as September and October. Participants will join North Olympic History Center Executive Director David Brownell for guided hikes at historically significant sites around east Jefferson County. Groups will explore evidence of the many layers of history, from SKlallam and Chemakum sites to the Irondale steel plant and United States military installations.

David Brownell was designated as Jamestown’s Tribal Historic Preservation Officer by Tribal Council in 2018. In the fall of 2021, he became Executive Director of the North Olympic History Center. Hike participants will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the hike site. The distance and terrain for each hike will vary. For information on locations, cost and how to register visit <https://www.jchsmuseum.org/>..

Jefferson County Public Health reported 18 new cases of COVID-19 yesterday. This brings our total case count, since the beginning of the pandemic, up to 3,433. There are currently 77 active cases in isolation, and one Jefferson County resident is currently hospitalized.

That’s it for today’s local news. KPTZ 91.9 FM brings you local news at noon Monday through Saturday, and at 5pm Monday through Friday. You can contact us at news@kptz.org. I’m Simon Jaynes, thanks for listening and have a great day.