

Clam Clinic Coos Bay will meet on Wednesday 07-22 at 18:00 p.m. for a lecture at the RV Park at the Charleston Marina Complex. The lecture will be followed by a dig for gaper clams on the large tidal flat located between Cape Arago Hwy across the street from Davy Jones mini mart and the public easement at the end of S. Roosevelt ST. We will meet at the public easement at end of S. Roosevelt ST. at 06:30 a.m. to dig for gaper clams on the tidal flat. A minus -1.99 low tide occurs on Thursday 07-23 at 09:02 a.m.

Last year's presentation by Scott Groth the south coast shellfish biologist for ODFW was terrific and a high point of the lecture. Scott showed series of slides he had taken of the clams common to Coos Bay. We have invited Scott back for an encore presentation.

The razor clams dug from area beaches are an added bonus for those of you seeking additional recreational clam digging opportunities. According to ODFW razor clam digging at Whiskey Run Creek has been mixed ranging from mostly poor to fair. They have unconfirmed reports that razor clams have returned to and are showing at Bastendorff Beach. To access Bastendorff Beach take the Cape Arago Hwy south from Charleston to Bastendorff Beach Road. Turn right and you are almost there. ODFW also reports that razor clam digging has been good on the sand spit on the seaward approach to the Charleston Boat Basin. To get there take the Cape Arago Hwy to Boat Basin Road. Turn right and drive to the Alaskan Packers RD. Drive to the end of the road. Park and walk over the dune to the sandy beach. ODFW reports that digging razor clams on the sandy portion of the north spit inside the bay has been very productive. To get there turn west from Hwy 101 onto the Transpacific Hwy otherwise known as the Menasha Dike. Veer to the right at the Jordan Cove Rd. and to the left at the Horsfall Rd. Follow the Trans Pacific Parkway Rd. until the pavement ends. Then continue until you get to the north jetty. People visiting the north jetty also get there by following the Trans Pacific Parking to the Horsfall cutoff to Horsfall Beach. Then they take the Beach Rd. south to the north jetty. I spoke to the clerk at the Bites On tackle shop in Empire and he said he prefers the beach road to get to the north jetty. The fishing for redbtail perch on North Beach is good; so take advantage of your time at North Beach and fish for redbtail perch on the incoming tide. ODFW reports that digging razor clams on the beach off of Sparrow Parkway had been poor.

Share you clam digging experiences with the clam digging community by blogging us with the details of your clam digging adventures <http://www1.theworldlink.com/cda/> or at the Association Discussion Forum at <http://clamdigging.proboards.com/> .