

CHINOOK FACTS

ONCORHYNCHUS TSHAWYTSCHA

The state of Oregon designated the Chinook or king salmon as its state fish in 1961.

The chinook is the largest of the Pacific salmon species, the world record standing at 57.27 kilograms (126 pounds).

Chinook are also known as “spring” salmon because they return to some rivers earlier than other Pacific salmon species.

This species is known as piscivorous, meaning that they eat other fish.

A favorite in the recreational fishery, the chinook salmon is known by many names: King, blackmouth, quinnat, and chub are all references to this powerful fish – with those over 14 kilograms (30 pounds) dubbed “Tyee”. Chinook spawn in large rivers from California to Alaska.

For the coastal Native Americans who originally inhabited Oregon, salmon served as the basis of life. They placed the salmon in very high esteem, holding special rites around the coming of the salmon and the spearing and roasting of the fish. Native American tribes, made special prayers of thanksgiving to their god for the salmon ,

In Oregon, the biggest runs happen in the Rogue, Umpqua, and Columbia rivers and the larger coastal streams,.

While swimming for up to 60 days from the ocean to their home streams, salmon do not feed and their stored body materials gradually dissipate.

Upon reaching home again, the female salmon deposits up to 14,000 eggs in gravel nests, where newly hatched youngsters then live for several weeks.

Young salmon consume plankton and later insects while in the streams, before moving on to creatures like herring, squid, pilchard, and crustaceans in the ocean habitat.

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The Polk Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is a source of information and education on natural resources. We can provide assistance in the following areas:

- **Technical Assistance**
- **Land Management**
- **Funding Opportunities**
- **Conservation and Restoration**
- **Education**

The Polk SWCD is helping people to conserve land, water, forests, wildlife, and related natural resources. SWCD’s coordinate assistance from all available sources (public, private, local, state, and federal) in an effort to develop locally driven solutions to natural resource concerns.

The District was organized in April 1966. It is administered by 7 locally elected volunteers representing 5 zones and 2 at-large positions.

Polk SWCD is the landowner’s liaison to federal and state agencies helping to accomplish natural resource related goals. We provide a number of services to help manage land for sustainable resources.

CLAUDIA CHINOOK



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Claudia Chinook

Claudia was built in 2003 by the *Rickreall Watershed Council* and given to Polk SWCD in 2010. Claudia was built to use as a tool to educate the public about healthy watersheds: what they are, how they work, and how you can do your part to help make watersheds healthy.



Claudia Chinook was built over the course of four months. She started as a wire frame, was covered in spray foam, fiberglass, and then painted.



She developed into a big, beautiful Chinook, standing a whopping 14 feet high and 29 feet long. The inside is big enough to hold 7-8 adults.



Claudia was stripped down, refurbished with fiberglass, and repainted in April - June 2016. She looks good as new and is waiting for you to call today to reserve her for your event! Check out here rental calendar and download the forms online or call:

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Renting Claudia Chinook:

Claudia Chinook is available to rent for educational, recreational or business purposes. If you are interested in renting Claudia, and would like more information, please contact:

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Transportation requirements:

- Full-size pick-up or suitable towing vehicle. Vehicle must have a 2-inch hitch ball to tow trailer.
- The 29 foot trailer is supplied with a round 6-pin trailer plug for taillights. (Adapters may be available, call for details.)
- Other details: Educational Display is **14 feet tall and weighs 2,800 pounds.**

Pricing:

First day = \$250

First Day (Non-Profits) = \$200

Additional days = \$100 each

Weekend Rate: Fri-Sun = \$400

Deposit - \$150

(due with signed contract)

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