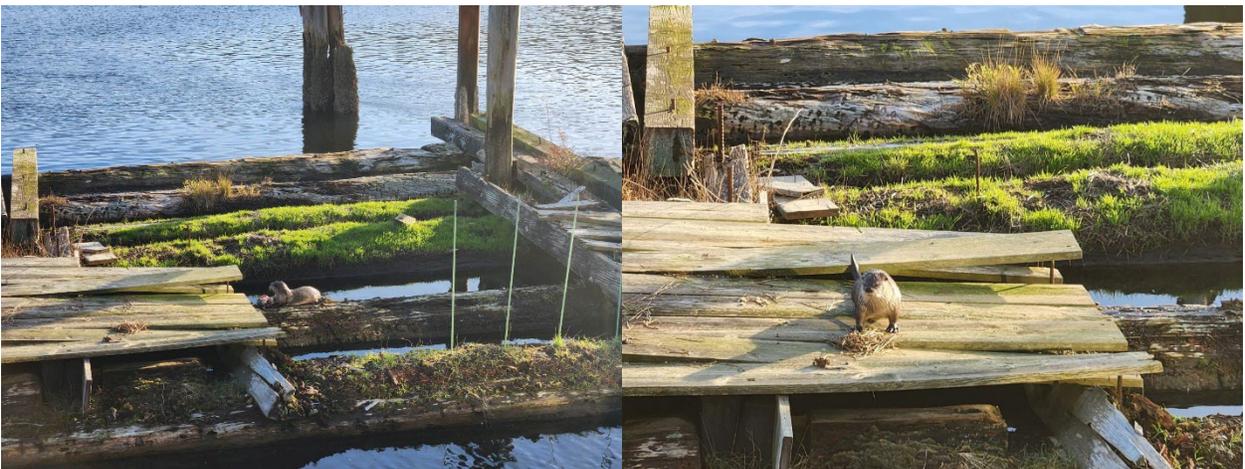


River Otters in Old Town



The City of Florence has a family of river otters making themselves at home on the old fishing dock just past the gazebo in Old Town Park. The family of four was first seen by Public Works staff while decorating Old Town Park for the holidays, and this last week one of the river otters was spotted by another member of staff dining on a seagull that it had caught.



The otter family that we have living in town are Rivers Otters which are different than Sea Otters. Sea Otters, as their name implies, live just off the coast in the kelp forest. They hold hands when they nap so they don't float away from each other and keep their favorite rock in a pouch. River Otters prefer clean quiet rivers with an ample food supply and travel in family packs of Mom and pups. Click the links below to go to the Oregon Zoo's official website to read more about Otters.

River Otter

<https://www.oregonzoo.org/animals/river-otter>



Sea Otter

<https://www.oregonzoo.org/animals/sea-otter>



Be sure to keep a look out for these playful river otters the next time you are out on Bay Street in Old Town. Please remember that these are wild animals and need their space. Do not attempt to approach or throw food out to the dock.

"Leave only foot prints, take only photos."

