

PRESS RELEASE
MEDIA INVITATION

Members of the media are invited to join the Oregon Tuna Classic and Oregon Food Bank on June 16, 2026 in Portland as we come together to celebrate community, compassion, and a shared commitment to helping Oregon families in need. The event will include the presentation of a \$36,000 donation and recognition of more than 14,000 pounds of tuna donated to local coastal families when support was needed most.

Event Details

Date: June 16, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Oregon Food Bank

Address: 7900 NE 33rd Drive, Portland, OR 97211

Media interviews and photo opportunities will be available with representatives from Oregon Tuna Classic, Schooner Creek Boat Works and Oregon Food Bank following the check presentation ceremony.

Storylines

- Oregon fishing community giving back to families in need
- Local anglers helping fight hunger across Oregon communities
- From ocean to table: providing fresh, nutritious food to neighbors in need
- Community partnerships making a meaningful difference statewide
- Positive stories of volunteerism, generosity, and Oregon communities supporting one another

Oregon Tuna Classic to Present \$36,000 Donation to Oregon Food Bank

Portland, Oregon — June 16, 2026 — The Oregon Tuna Classic will present a \$36,000 donation to the Oregon Food Bank during a special check presentation ceremony on June 16, continuing a meaningful partnership dedicated to helping fight hunger across Oregon communities.

The donation reflects the collective efforts of anglers, volunteers, and supporters who deeply believe in giving back to the communities that have supported Oregon's fishing heritage for generations.

In addition to the financial contribution, the Oregon Tuna Classic donated more than 14,000 pounds of tuna to local families last year during a critical time when food assistance was urgently needed. The fresh tuna provided nutritious meals and meaningful relief for families and individuals facing hardship throughout the state.

"We are honored to continue supporting Oregon Food Bank and the incredible work they do every day," said Mike Susee, Co-Chair of the Oregon Tuna Classic. "This event is about much more than fishing. It's about neighbors helping neighbors. Seeing our community come together to provide both funding and fresh food to Oregon families is something that means a great deal to all of us involved."

Kathryn Kocarnik, Community Philanthropy Developer – Corporate Relations for Oregon Food Bank, will accept the donation on behalf of the organization.

"We are deeply grateful for the compassion and generosity shown by the Oregon Tuna Classic community," said Kocarnik. "Partnerships like this remind us what is possible when people come together with a shared purpose. Donations of fresh protein are especially meaningful for the families we serve, and this support helps bring dignity, nourishment, and hope to communities across Oregon."

Pascal Le Guilly, General Manager of Schooner Creek Boat Works, said the event reflects the strength of Oregon's coastal and fishing communities coming together for a greater purpose.

“We are proud to support efforts that directly help Oregon families,” said Le Guilly. “The Oregon Tuna Classic represents the very best of community spirit, generosity, and people working together to make a lasting impact.”

The Oregon Tuna Classic has become known not only for its premier offshore fishing competition but also for its dedication to charitable giving, community service, and helping ensure that Oregon families have access to nutritious food during challenging times.

For more information about the Oregon Tuna Classic, visit the [Oregon Tuna Classic – Oregon Tuna Classic Fishing Tournament](#).

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