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### **13 BREWERIES PARTNER WITH ELAKHA ALLIANCE FOR OREGON OTTER BEER FESTIVAL**

The Elakha Alliance (<https://www.elakhaalliance.org/>), a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring sea otters to the Oregon coast, created an Oregon Otter Beer Challenge (<https://www.elakhaalliance.org/oregon-otter-beer-challenge/>) to raise awareness about the importance of the reintroduction of sea otters to benefit our marine ecosystems. The brewers' task was to create an 'otter themed beer' utilizing Maris Otter Malt, and donate a portion of the sales to the Elakha Alliance's ocean conservation efforts.

"How much more Oregon does it get than to have a sea otter themed beer Challenge and Festival that solely benefits the conservation of our marine ecosystems?" mentioned Chanel Hason, Elakha Alliance's Director of Outreach & Community Relations. "This Challenge helps spread the awareness that sea otters, considered a keystone species, have been absent on the Oregon coast for over a century. We think their return will have dramatic positive effects ecologically, culturally, and economically."

Spanning the Oregon Coast, Portland Metro Area, and Central Oregon, 13 breweries splashed up to the Challenge. Listed below are the participating breweries including the name of their otter beer submissions:

- **10 Barrel Brewing Company:** I'll Have An Otter
- **7 Devils Brewing Company:** Elakha Ale
- **Binary Brewing Company:** Otterworld Oatmeal Stout
- **Chetco Brewing Company:** The Hotter Otter
- **Ex Novo Brewing Company:** Maris' Voyage
- **Fort George Brewery:** Elakha Stout
- **Gigantic Brewing Company:** I Otter Have Another
- **HomeGrown Brewing Company:** Otter Space Pecan Brown
- **Leikam Brewing:** You Otter Know

- **Pelican Brewing:** Alt we Need is One an Otter
- **Stickmen Brewing Company:** Wee Elakha
- **Sunriver Brewing Company:** Significant Otter
- **Yachats Brewing:** Pour Me An Otter, Mate!

Annie Pollard, owner of 7 Devils Brewery in Coos Bay, initially helped brainstorm the Challenge with the Elakha Alliance. Pollard stated, “We here at 7 Devils had so much fun working with community members to design a beer celebrating Oregon sea otters. This beer was the result of the combined efforts of our enthusiastic brew team, artist and tribal member Rushie Ditmer, the folks at Oregon Dulse seaweed farms, and of course the myriad voices of the Elakha Alliance. This complex web of contributors symbolizes the important ecological and cultural role sea otters play in their diverse native ecosystems. Our Elakha ale is also a dang good beer that is the color of an otter's fur, frothy like the sea, and bubbly like playful young otter. Long live the Elakha!”

You have the opportunity to taste each otter beer at the Oregon Otter Beer Festival (<https://www.elakhaalliance.org/oregon-otter-beer-festival-3-12-22/>), where all proceeds will be used to educate the public about the benefits to Oregon's marine ecosystem of restoring sea otters as a keystone species. The Festival is on Saturday March 12th, 2022, from 6:30pm-10:00pm at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) in Portland, ages 21+ only. The Festival will also feature live music from Uncle Mary Band, local vendors, cashless bar, complimentary appetizers, and a raffle for outstanding Door Prizes. Elakha Alliance will be judging the beers based on a variety of categories, and awarding prizes at the end of the evening. Participating vendors include the Elakha Alliance, Patagonia Portland, Oregon Seaweed, and Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative. Generous sponsorship support include the Oregon Coast Visitors Association, MiiR, and Dtocs. Oregon Otter Beer Challenge t-shirts are also available for purchase (<https://www.bonfire.com/oregon-otter-beer/>).

“Being a part of the Oregon Otter Beer Challenge was an easy decision for the Pelican Team,” said Coren Tradd, R&D Brewer at Pelican Brewing Company. “With the initiative to bring back sea otters and help restore coastal ecosystems in our own Oregon Coast backyard, we were honored to get creative with the specialty Maris Otter Malt and release this epic Alt-Style Amber Ale, “Alt we Need is One an Otter” with 100% of proceeds going towards this endeavor.”

Tickets can be found here (<https://www.elakhaalliance.org/oregon-otter-beer-festival-3-12-22/>), with the funds directly donated to marine conservation efforts of the Elakha Alliance:

- Limited Early Bird Tickets: \$45 until Feb 11
- Standard Tickets: \$65 from Feb 12-March 11
- Drink Tickets: \$10 (for beer, wine, and cider)

Included in ticket admission:

- Opportunity to taste all 13 otter-themed beers + 1 bonus tasting from Patagonia Portland
- 1 customized MiiR stainless steel pint cup
- Delicious assortment of appetizers all evening from Elephants Catering
- 1 raffle ticket for amazing Door Prizes if you turn in your Beer Bingo Card after visiting all the breweries
- Enjoy live musical performances from the [Uncle Mary Band](#)
- Seltzer Waters/Sodas
- Parking at OMSI

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The Elakha Alliance was formed by tribal, nonprofit, and conservation leaders with a shared belief in a powerful vision: an Oregon coast 50 years from now where our children and grandchildren co-exist along with a thriving sea otter population and a robust and resilient marine ecosystem. Elakha (ee-LAK-uh) is a Chinook trading language word for sea otter, which were once plentiful in Oregon's coastal waters. Sea otters were decimated by hunting for pelts in the 1700s and 1800s, effectively eliminating them from Oregon by the early 1900s.