

Aquarium hosting Edible Oregon Camp

NEWPORT — The Oregon Coast Aquarium's Edible Ocean Family Camp-Out invites adventurous eaters ages 8 and older to explore wild-sourced summer delicacies from Saturday, July 25, to Sunday, July 26. This food-centric adventure walks participants through the

forage to fork process, from regulations to gathering to food preparation. Campers can expect to get their fingers muddy while clamming, test their taste buds with edible seaweeds and foray through coastal forests for edible plants. This overnight adventure

includes admission to the aquarium, camping accommodations at Beverly Beach State Park and all meals, all for \$55 for youth ages 8 to 17 and \$70 for adults ages 18 and older. Discounts are available for aquarium members. To learn more about Edible

Ocean Family Camp-Out and download reservation forms, visit www.bit.ly/edibleocean. To learn more about the Oregon Coast Aquarium's exhibits, conservation and education programs call 541-867-FISH (3474) or visit aquarium.org.

Lighthouse tours now being offered

YACHATS — Heceta Head Lighthouse tours are now being held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Lighthouse maintenance and inspections of the upper levels mean tours will only be conducted on the lawn area adjacent to the lighthouse and in the first level of the lighthouse, but not up in the tower itself.

An updated schedule of tower tours will be announced when they resume. Heceta Head State Scenic Viewpoint is 14 miles north of Florence on Highway 101. It features the lighthouse, short trails, picnicking, a small beach and a historic lighthouse keepers home managed by the U.S. Forest Service but operated as a bed and breakfast.

Fishing from 1C

will start finding more fish up in the shallows this time of year.

SIUSLAW RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

The cutthroat trout season is now open for the season. The main stem of the Siuslaw and Lake Creek can be good fishing as well as the larger tributaries entering these systems. Bait is not allowed above the head of tide but small spinners, spoons and fly fishing can be very productive.

ALSEA RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

The cutthroat trout season is now open for the season and anglers should have fair to good results in most of the larger tributaries and mainstem. Small spinners are typically productive as well as small spoons or fly fishing with nymphs or streamers.

SALMON RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

Cutthroat trout are now open to harvest. Typically good fishing can be had during the early part of the season. Using small lures like spinners, spoons or various flies can be productive.

SILETZ RIVER: *Steelhead*

Summer steelhead fishing is slowly starting to pick up. New fish will continually be moving into the river over the next few months with the peak numbers typically in July. River flows are much lower than normal for this time of year so think small and subtle presentations.

Typical steelhead tactics apply such as bobber and jig / bait, or casting spoons or spinners. Cutthroat trout are now also open to harvest and can be found throughout the main stem river and many large tributaries.

WILSON RIVER: *Steelhead, Chinook, cutthroat*

Spring Chinook fishing is slow in the low clear water. A few more fish are showing in the river. Summer steelhead angling is slow also. Angling for cutthroat trout should be fair. Use lighter gear for best results.

YAQUINA RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

The cutthroat trout season is open and anglers can expect to have fair to good fishing. The mainstem Yaquina and Big Elk Creek are good places to try casting small spinners or spoons as well as bait fishing near the head of tide.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: *Steelhead*

The mainstem South Umpqua upstream to Jackson Creek Bridge is open to fish-

ing, with trout fishing being strictly catch and release.

Catch and release trout fishing in South Umpqua tributaries below Jackson Creek Bridge is also open, with fishing restricted to the use of artificial flies and lures.

Smallmouth bass fishing should be productive with warming water temperatures.

COOS RIVER BASIN: *Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish, trout*

Anglers are still catching a few rockfish inside lower Coos Bay around the jetties. The best fishing has been around the slack tides. The marine fish daily bag limit (which includes fishing in estuaries) is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (two). Anglers will be able to keep only three blue rockfish and one canary rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of China, quillback or copper rockfish.

- Crabbing has been good in the lower bay with crabbers catching mostly hard shell crab with a couple soft shell crabs in the mix. The best crabbing will be near the jetties and close to slack tides.

- Clamming is excellent during low tides near Charleston, off Cape Arago Highway, and Clam Island. There are also good places to dig clams even on positive low tides in Coos Bay.

- Recreational harvest of razor clams is closed for the entire Oregon coastline from the Columbia River to the California border due to elevated levels of domoic acid. This includes all beaches and all bays. Before any shellfish harvest trip, make sure to

check the Oregon Department of Agriculture website for any updates.

TENMILE BASIN: *Trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch*
Streams in the Tenmile Basin are open for trout fishing. Fishing is restricted to artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater. Anglers should have good success catching trout in the deeper pools and riffles using spinners or flies.

Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout and anglers have been catching trout trolling wedding ring spinners tipped with a worm in the main part of Tenmile Lakes.

Bass anglers have been catching several largemouth bass in Tenmile Lakes. Bass can be found this time of the year in shallow water near structure-like logs or weed lines.

A few anglers have been catching yellow perch from the fishing dock at the County Boat Ramp and near the edge of the weedlines. A worm or piece of cut bait fished near the bottom works well for catching yellow perch.

WINCHESTER BAY: *Bottomfish, perch*

Fishing for bottomfish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful. Perch fishing has been productive in the bay, and it was reported that good size striped perch were being caught along the jetty.

Crabbing has picking up with some limits reported.

PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: *Bottomfish, salmon, Dungeness crab, surf perch*

The ocean is open for harvest of Dungeness crab.

Anglers continue to catch surf perch from the beaches near Winchester, Bandon and Coos Bay. The best fishing is usually on the incoming tide. Sand shrimp is one of the best baits to use when fishing for surf perch.

Recreational ocean salmon season from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. is open.

The season is open for all salmon except coho salmon, with a bag limit of two salmon per day, and a minimum size for Chinook salmon at 24 inches or larger. Fishing has been difficult due to rough seas and there are few reports of fish being caught, but fishing should improve with conditions.

The nearshore halibut season does not open until July 1.

Fishing for bottom fish is restricted to inside the 30 fathom curve. Fishing for black rockfish continues to be good from Charleston to Bandon.

Anglers are still picking up a few lingcod also.

REMINDER: Cabezon fishing is now open, and the ocean is open for bottom fishing only inside of the 30-fathom regulatory line (30-fathom waypoints) through Sept. 30.

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