

FISHING from 2B

Bandon Hatchery were stocked into Butterfield Lake. These trout are leftovers that did not get used in family fishing events this past summer. Fishing for largemouth bass has been good in many of the Coos County lakes. As the water cools down fishing for bass will be good throughout the day. Bass will be concentrated near drop-offs and structure like submerged logs. Yellow perch fishing will start to pick up this month in lakes like Saunders Lake. Fishing a worm on the bottom

in deep water should provide lots of bites for yellow perch. **COOS RIVER BASIN:** *Dungeness crab, salmon, bay clams* Streams in the Coos Basin are now closed for trout until May 22, 2016. A few dedicated salmon anglers have been trolling in the Coos River this past week. They have picked up a few chinook and coho salmon trolling cut plug herring behind a flasher. The wild coho season is closed. A few steelhead should be moving into the rivers later this month. Crabbing continues to be

very good in the lower bay. Crabbing has been good all the way up to the BLM Boat Ramp but the best crabbing will be near the jetties and close to slack tides. A few legal crabs have been caught off the Charleston docks. Clamming is excellent during low tides near Charleston, off Cape Arago Highway, and Clam Island. **TENMILE BASIN:** *Trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, coho* Streams in the Tenmile Basin are now closed for trout fishing until May 22, 2016. Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout but trout fishing

has been slow. 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. Yellow perch fishing has been very good for anglers in boats and from the fishing dock at the County Boat Ramp. A worm or piece of cut bait fished near the bottom works well for catching yellow perch. Wild coho season is open in Tenmile Lakes until Dec. 31. The bag limit is 1 wild coho per day and 5 wild coho for the season in aggregate with all

other wild coho fisheries in the NW and SW zones. A few coho entered the lake after last week's rain. **UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH:** The South Umpqua opened to fishing Dec. 1. **WINCHESTER BAY:** *Bottomfish, perch, crab* Fishing for bottomfish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful. Crabbing has been productive, but Chinook and coho fishing has slowed in the ocean off of Winchester Bay and in the lower Umpqua River. **PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES:** *Bottomfish, Dungeness crab,*

The ocean is now open to Dungeness crab harvesting. Fishing for bottom fish is now open to fishing at all-depths. Fishing for black rockfish continues to be very good from Charleston to Bandon. The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (two). Anglers can only keep 3 blue rockfish and 1 canary rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of China, quillback, or copper rockfish. Retention of cabezon is now allowed at 1 fish per day and at least 16-inches long.

Cape from 1B

welcome to participate. There is no need to RSVP for

this event. • Dec. 27-31, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — Whale Watch Week: Volunteers trained through Oregon State

Parks' "Whale Watch Spoken Here" program will be at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center and viewpoints throughout the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area to

help visitors spot and learn about grey whales during the mammals' winter migration to their breeding grounds off Baja, Mexico.

No RSVPs necessary. For information, call the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center at 541-547-3289.

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Viking girls basketball head coach Clint Tatum talks shooting technique with returning players Abby Watkins and Sierra Potter.

Tatum from 1B

the younger players," says Tatum. "That is a real bonus in terms of building that bond and also reinforcing those fundamentals. "With only eight players,

everyone is going to be playing a large role this season." Tatum says he sees his job as building up the foundation of the program while grooming the talent that will be coming through it over the next few years. "We've got a great group of girls right now, and another great

group coming through the system over the next few years," says Tatum. "It's going to be exciting watching things progress, and the program grow, this season and in the seasons ahead." Siuslaw kicks off its preseason this Friday, when the girls host Coquille at 6 p.m.

The boys game will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the main gym at Siuslaw High School.

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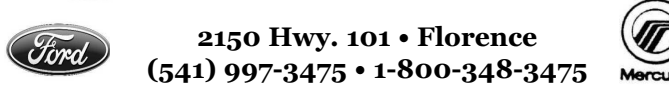
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