

NEW REGULATIONS, LICENSES SET FOR 2016 OUTDOOR SEASON

SALEM — Oregon's 2016 hunting and fishing licenses are on sale now and make great holiday gifts, especially a new youth license for kids that permits fishing, hunting and shell-fishing all year for just \$10.

The new 2016 Sport Fishing and Big Game Regulations will also be in stores this week. Hunters and anglers will notice a new look to the regulations this year.

"We've heard from sportsmen that the regulations can be confusing," said Rick Hargrave, ODFW Information and Education Administrator. "We've made an effort to sim-

plify them and hope they are easier to understand."

The effort included contracting with a different publisher, J.F. Griffin, to produce the regulations. A new searchable web version of the regulations will be available next week at ODFW's regulations webpages online at www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/licenses_regs. In the meantime, PDF copies of 2016 regulations are posted at the hunting and fishing regulations web page.

Prices for adult licenses and tags increase for 2016, the first fee increase since 2010.

However, ODFW will con-

tinue to charge lower prices for youth to keep fishing and hunting affordable for families. The popular Juvenile Sports Pac is still just \$55 in 2016 and prices will be lower than in 2015 for some youth sportsmen.

A new combination youth license means all kids age 12-17 (nonresidents, too) can fish, hunt, crab and clam all year long for \$10.

This license includes the Columbia River Endorsement; add a Youth Combined Angling Tag for just \$5. (Previously, costs for youth were: hunting license \$14.50, fishing license \$9 or \$18.75 with Columbia

River Endorsement for ages 14-17, combined angling tag \$8.50 for ages 14-17, shellfish license \$7 for ages 14 and over.)

New license types are also available, including Premium Hunts.

These are Oregon's new two or three month any-weapon deer, elk and pronghorn hunts.

Premium Hunts are similar to the auction and raffle tags people pay thousands for, but they cost the same as a regular tag and are an additional hunting opportunity (meaning hunters can still hunt with a 100, 200, 400 and 600 series tag).

Most wildlife management units have one deer and one elk tag available; 29 areas also have a pronghorn tag.

Also new this year, the Daily Angling and Shellfish License is ideal for visitors to the coast who want to fish, crab and clam for just one day.

Cost is \$27.50 for residents and non-residents.

Pioneer license holders (age 65 and older, 50-year resident of Oregon) will now pay \$6 for a combination license, which was previously free.

The change allows ODFW to recoup an average of \$20 per paid license holder in federal

grants. These federal grants are generated from an excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment and are provided to states based on the number of paid license holders.

These grants are important because they help fund fish and wildlife management projects that provide fishing and hunting opportunities.

All 2016 licenses and tags can now be purchased online at www.dfw.state.or.us/online_license_sales/index, and at license sales agents or ODFW offices that sell licenses.

Coastal Gem Walkers announce January jaunts, meeting

YACHATS — The Yachats Coastal Gems are set to start the New Year off right with a healthy walk Tuesday, Jan. 5, along the Newport Historic

District area.

This 10K walk is rated a 2a for some hills with generally good footing. There is also a 5K option that is rated 1a. The

10K would be difficult for wheelchairs and moderately difficult for strollers.

Those wishing to carpool to Newport should meet at the

Commons in Yachats at 9 a.m., or meet at the Hallmark Inn in Newport at 9:45 a.m. to register for the walk.

As always, leashed pets are

welcome on walks. Be sure to bring water and clean up materials for pets.

A sturdy 6-foot leash, not the retractable type, is required on

walks.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, the group will hold its monthly meeting at the home of its president in Yachats.

Fishing from 1B

Fishing for the various warm water fish species tends to be slower during the winter months. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity and have both boat and bank access.

SUSLAW RIVER: Chinook, steelhead

The fall Chinook fishery is very slow and basically over for the season. Any remaining fish are in spawning condition.

December is considered to be the start of the winter steelhead run. Look for small numbers of fish to be in the lower river above the head of tide this early in the season.

Casting lures or bobber fishing can be productive during low clear flows.

ALSEA RIVER: Chinook, steelhead

The fall Chinook fishery is very slow. Most remaining fish are actively spawning. A small number of new fish may enter the basin over the next couple weeks.

Winter steelhead season has arrived. The best chances to hook a chrome steelhead at this time would be in the lower

section below Five Rivers. Tossing spinners, or floating bait or a jig are good options during low clear flows.

SALMON RIVER: Chinook, steelhead

The fall Chinook fishery is very slow. Most remaining fish are actively spawning or already spawned out.

Winter steelhead season tends to kick in this time of year. A small number of fish are likely in the system now and look for the numbers to steadily increase over the coming month. Casting lures, bouncing the bottom or drifting jigs or bait under a bobber are good techniques to consider.

SILETZ RIVER: Chinook, coho, steelhead

The fall Chinook fishery is slow. A small number of new fish may be found in the lower river but most remaining fish are actively spawning or spawned out.

The wild coho fishery is now closed for the season.

Winter steelhead season is just getting underway. This time of year typically sees the first few fish entering the river. Best chances early on during lower flows will come from below the town of Siletz. Side drifting, bouncing bot-

tom or bobber fishing can be productive.

WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook

The river was at flood stage through mid-week. When the river drops, fall Chinook and winter steelhead will be available. Fishing should be fair to good. Anglers are reminded that the river above Jordan Creek is closed to all salmon fishing.

YAQUINA RIVER: Chinook, steelhead

Anglers are having very little success for fall Chinook in the upper section of tide water. Most fish are now on the spawning grounds. The winter steelhead run is now underway.

The Big Elk tends to start seeing fish this time of year in small numbers. Look for the next good rain event to get the fishery going. The wild coho fishery is now closed for the year.

COOS COUNTY LAKES and PONDS: Trout, yellow perch

Fishing for trout has been decent in Bradley Lake south of Bandon and in Butterfield Lake north of Coos Bay. Anglers have been catching some of the large trophy trout stocked this year on small flies or slowly trolling spinners.

Trout will not be stocked again until the spring.

Yellow perch fishing has been good in lakes like Saunders Lake. Fishing a worm on the bottom in deep water should provide lots of bites for yellow perch.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead

The South Umpqua is currently open to adipose fin-clipped steelhead harvest, and winter steelhead fishing should pick up with the recent rains. There will be excellent hatchery steelhead harvest opportunities on the South Umpqua as the season progresses, especially around Stanton Park in Canyonville.

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.

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. Anglers casting spinners have started catching coho in the upper arms of the lakes.

Steelhead fishing is open in Tenmile Creek but does not open in Eel Creek until Jan. 1. A couple anglers have been out for steelhead in Tenmile Creek but so far there are no reports of any steelhead being caught.

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 closed to harvest of Dungeness crab.

Ocean salmon fishing is now closed. Pacific halibut fishing is closed.

Fishing for bottom fish is now open to fishing at all depths. Fishing for black rock-

fish and lingcod continues to be very good from Charleston to Bandon when the ocean is calm enough for anglers to get out on the water. 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.

BAY CLAMS:

Clamming for bay clams (not razor clams) along the entire Oregon Coast. For those who don't mind the dark, there will be minus tides during several evenings in December: take a headlamp or flashlight, warm clothing, and a spirit of adventure. Otherwise, during the day, several clam species can be found even when low tides aren't so low: softshell and purple varnish clams occur primarily above +1.0, and cockles, butters and gapers can be found at tides as high as +1.0.

CRABBING:

NORTH OF HECETA HEAD, The ocean and bays are open for crabbing.

Siuslaw from 1B

over Bryson Bellior of Glide.

Tupua's performance earned him the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler award for the 152- to 285-pound brackets.

Siuslaw also got scoring from junior 138-pounder Scott Simmons, who finished second overall after losing to Myrtle Point's Kodi Courtright, 16-3. Siuslaw also had three third-place finishes, from Pat Hill (120 pounds), Murray Bingham (132 pounds) and

Dylan Jennings (285 pounds). Kainan Lane was fourth in the 285-pound division after losing to teammate Jennings in the match for third place. Monday, the Vikings were on the mats (after press deadlines) at Marshfield High School for the Bay City Duals.

Sailors from 1B

Down 7-17 entering the second period, the Sailors had no answer for the Pirates, who outscored Mapleton 25-4 in the quarter for a 44-11 halftime lead.

Though Mapleton was able to more than double its scoring from the first half with 20 points between the third and fourth quarters, Pacific was able to do the same for a 70-31 win.

The Sailors will get a break for the holidays before returning to

the hardwood Jan. 5, when they will be on the road for a Mountain West League game at Alsea.

Girls tipoff is 5:30 p.m., followed by the boys' game at 7 p.m.

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