

OSP urges safe driving Super Bowl Sunday

Football fans around Oregon are gearing up for this weekend's Super Bowl match-up on Sunday, Feb. 1, as our neighbor's to the north contend for top honors in the big event.

According to NHTSA, impaired drivers contribute to Super Bowl Sunday becoming one of the most dangerous days on the road. Nationwide, approximately 48 percent of traffic fatalities on Super Bowl Sunday involve a driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 percent or higher. OSP, local sheriffs and

police departments will be on the lookout for impaired drivers and encourage everyone to place the designation of a sober driver at the top of their Super Bowl game plan. Before choosing to drink, choose a sober designated driver.

If you're attending a Super Bowl party or watching the game at a sports bar or restaurant:

- Designate your sober driver before the party begins.
- Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself. Eat plenty of food, take breaks, and alternate with non-alco-

holic drinks.

• Make sure your ride is sober before letting him/her drive you.

• If you don't have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home; call a cab, friend, or family member to come and get you; or if possible stay where you are for the night and don't drive until you are sober.

- Use your community's sober ride program.
- Never let a friend drive drunk. Arrange a safe way for them to get home.
- Always buckle up. It's still

your best defense against other drunk drivers. If you're hosting a Super Bowl party:

• Make sure all of your guests designate their sober drivers in advance, or help arrange ride-sharing with sober drivers.

• Serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages at the party.

• If you plan to stay sober, offer to drive guests home.

• Encourage guests to pace themselves.

• Host your party like they do at the stadium. Stop serving alcohol at the end of the third

quarter of the game. The fourth quarter is perfect for serving coffee and dessert.

• Keep the phone numbers of local cab companies on hand and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving drunk.

• Remember, you can be held liable and prosecuted if someone you served ends up in a drunk-driving crash.

Support zero tolerance for impaired driving by reporting impaired drivers to 9-1-1 or OSP at 1-800-243-7865.

Siuslaw from 1B

Shayla Peterson, sophomore Hanna Anderson and freshmen Abby Coday, Emy Bloomfield

and Summer Large.

Peterson was the only returning letterwinner from last season.

"With the teams being so young and competing so well

(this season), we are looking forward to next year," said Anderson. "We also hope we can get more kids involved."

Next for area youth bowlers is qualifying for the USBC

state championships, with Holiday Bowl in Florence hosting a sectional qualifier Feb. 28-March 1.

Entry fee is \$25 for under-8 and under-10 divisions and \$37

for under-12, under-15 and under-20.

Entry forms are available at Holiday Bowl, 1710 27th St.

Fishing from 1B

good through the weekend.

SIUSLAW RIVER:

Steelhead

The winter steelhead fishery is producing fish in both the Siuslaw and Lake Creek. The next few weeks should see a good push of fish. River conditions should remain good through the weekend. Typical steelhead angling tactics apply.

YAQUINA RIVER:

Steelhead

The winter steelhead fishery is fair to good in the Big Elk. River conditions should remain in good condition through the week. Anglers are advised to watch for private property. Typical steelhead angling tactics apply but the Big Elk is bed rock dominated and does have a lot of snags.

COOS RIVER BASIN:

Dungeness crab, bay clams, steelhead

Steelhead fishing is good. There is bank access on the West Fork Millicoma at the

Millicoma Interpretive Center and on the East Fork Millicoma at Nesika Park.

Access to the South Fork Coos River is through Weyerhaeuser property and anglers must have the appropriate permit from Weyerhaeuser. In the Coos Basin starting one additional fin clipped steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of three adult fish harvested daily.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH:

Steelhead

The South Umpqua is open for steelhead fishing. Although the peak numbers of fish normally show up from February to late March, the recent rains have moved fish into the Canyonville area and hatchery fish have been reported.

The South Umpqua offers the best chance for catching an adipose-fin clipped steelhead for harvest. The hatchery program for winter steelhead is centered in the South Umpqua.

Most hatchery fish are caught from Canyonville downstream. All wild fish must be released unharmed. As the river drops from last weekend's rain, plunking should be good at places such as Lawson Bar, Myrtle Creek and behind Seven Feathers.

WINCHESTER BAY:

Bottomfish

Fishing for bottomfish in the Triangle and South jetty

has been successful. Crabbing has been slow recently.

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

The ocean is open for harvest of Dungeness crab.

A few anglers have been catching surf perch from the beaches near Bandon and Coos Bay. Sand shrimp is one of the best baits to use when fishing for surf perch.

Fishing for bottom fish, including rockfish and lingcod is open to all depths. The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish and a separate daily limit of two lingcod.

Anglers are only able to keep three blue rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of China, quillback or copper rockfish.

Sometime in March, once a parallel federal rule is adopted, ODFW will announce that anglers can retain one canary rockfish as part of the marine fish daily bag limit.

Retention of cabezon is not allowed through June 30.

PACIFIC HALIBUT:

The Pacific halibut seasons have all closed for the remainder of the year.

The International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) will set 2015 quotas for all areas in later this month. More information on the 2015 sea-

sons will be available after that time.

BOTTOM FISHING:

The ocean is open to bottom fishing at all depths. This time of year, whenever the weather permits, bottom fishing can be great fun and very productive.

Calm seas have brought good fishing, with anglers bringing home mostly lingcod, black rockfish, yellowtail rockfish, and a few blue and other nearshore rockfish.

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The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish. China, copper, and quillback rockfish may not be retained; and only three blue rockfish may be retained per day (as part of the seven-fish bag). Sometime in March, once a parallel federal rule is adopted, ODFW will announce that anglers can retain one canary rockfish as part of the marine fish daily bag limit.

There are separate daily limits of two lingcod and 25 flatfish other than Pacific halibut.

Remember: yelloweye rockfish and canary rockfish can not be retained.

RAZOR CLAMS:

Due to the large number of small razor clams on the beach, diggers should be highly selective about which shows they pursue.

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exactly right.

Vinny Gambini: How could you be so sure?

LISA: [sighs] If you will look in the manual, you will see that this particular model faucet requires a range of 10 to 16 foot-pounds of torque. I

routinely twist the maximum allowable torque.

Vinny Gambini: Well, how could you be sure you used 16 foot-pounds of torque?

LISA: Because I used a Craftsman model 1019 Laboratory Edition Signature Series torque wrench. The kind used by Caltech high-energy physicists. And NASA engineers. Because a split second before the torque wrench was applied to the faucet handle, it had been calibrated by top members of the state AND federal Department of Weights and Measures ... to be dead-on balls accurate!

Belichik blamed the atmosphere for his balls deflating. Physicists like Bill Nye and NASA engineers like Neil Degrasse Tyson publicly refuted

his arguments. In response, Patriots owner Rob Kraft produced lucid, intelligent, well-thought-out objections of the NFL and media's interest in the matter.

Mr. Kraft? Overruled.

Because just as Mona Lisa Vito's torque had been calibrated by top members of the state AND federal Department of Weights and Measures, the concern people have with the non-stop annoying pick-nit cheats and how they affect the outcome of games are serious.

Belichick was dead-on balls accurate when he said he was no Mona Lisa Vito ... he's the colonel from "A Few Good Men."

Now let that trial begin.

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