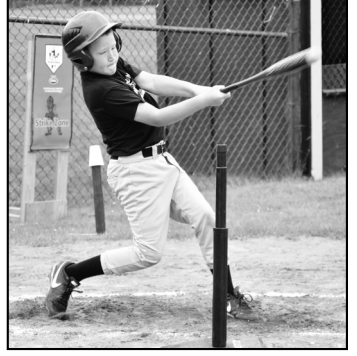


# SATURDAY, IN THE PARK



Young ballplayers were at Miller Park on Saturday, May 9, competing in the annual Pitch, Hit and Run event, which was held in conjunction with the Siuslaw Baseball Association's 100-inning game. Contestants threw at a target, hit from the tee and ran bases with measurements of accuracy in throwing, hitting distance and speed being recorded by volunteers. The top finishers will advance to regionals in June. Photos by Ned Hickson/Siuslaw News

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## Fishing from 1C

week as the river levels being to drop. Lake Creek typically clears up more quickly.

**ALSEA RIVER: Steelhead**  
The winter steelhead fishery is slowing down for the season down but fair numbers of fish can still be found in the upper river, especially after a rain event. Native fish tend to be prevalent this time of year. Casting lures, bobber and jig/bait or drifting beads along the bottom can be effective techniques.

**SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead**  
Steelhead fishing is slow to fair. Fish are being caught in most sections depending on river conditions. This time of year tends to produce a good percent of native fish and/or post spawn fish. Typical steelhead tactics apply such as side drifting, bobber and jig / bait, or casting spoons or spinners.

**WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook**  
Winter steelhead fishing should be slow to fair. Last weekend's rain brought good numbers of fish into the system. Fish will be holding ups as flows are low. Bank anglers can find success throughout the river. Boaters should fish the lower drifts until more rains come. Use lighter gear in

the clear water. Spring Chinook fishing opens April 1, but few fish will be present for several weeks.

**YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead**  
The winter steelhead fishery is slow in the Big Elk. The fishery is typically very slow for the rest of the season. Anglers are advised to watch for private property. Typical steelhead fishing tactics apply but the Big Elk is bed rock dominated and does have a lot of snags.

**UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead**  
Fish have been caught in the Canyonville area and hatchery fish have been reported. The hatchery program for winter steelhead is centered in the South Umpqua, which offers the best chance for catching an adipose-fin clipped steelhead for harvest. Most hatchery fish are caught from Canyonville downstream.

All wild fish must be released unharmed. Plunking should be good at places such as **LAWSON BAR, MYRTLE CREEK** and behind Seven Feathers. The water has been low making it harder for long boat drifts, but still suitable for bank anglers.

**COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: Trout**  
Trophy trout were stocked last week in Bradley Lake and Johnson Mill Pond. Legal-size and trophy trout were also stocked last week in Empire Lakes. Legal size trout were stocked in the past month in **BRADLEY LAKE, SAUNDERS**

**LAKE, POWERS POND, MINGUS PARK POND, and JOHNSON MILL POND.**

Trout are biting on bait fished near the bottom or lures like spinners or spoons. There are several lakes like **TENMILE, EEL,** and **BUTTERFIELD** with holdover rainbow trout from last year's stocking.

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

Steelhead fishing is open until April 30 in the Coos Basin although many anglers have put away their steelhead gear for the season. River levels have been low but there are still a few steelhead around. 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.

**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. Anglers continue to catch surf perch from the beaches near 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 now 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 for lingcod has been very good in the Coos Bay and Bandon areas.

Anglers are catching lingcod in shallow and deep water. Fishing for black rockfish has been decent.

The all depth rockfish season has ended. Retention of cabezon is not allowed until June 30.

### • Salmon

Ocean recreational fishing is open for Chinook salmon from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. through April 30. This season is open for all salmon except coho salmon, with a bag limit of two salmon per day, and minimum sizes for Chinook salmon at 24 inches or larger, and steelhead at 20 inches or larger.

Anglers are restricted to no more than two single-point barbless hooks when fishing for salmon and when fishing for any other species if a salmon is on board the vessel.

Anglers fishing in ocean waters adjacent to Tillamook Bay between Twin Rocks and Pyramid Rock and within the 15-fathom depth contour are reminded that only adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon may be retained or on board while fishing prior to Aug. 1.

### • Pacific halibut

The 2015 Pacific halibut quota is approximately 1 percent greater than 2014.

Therefore, sport halibut seasons are projected to be similar to 2014. The staff-recommended season dates are on the OFDW sport halibut webpage and will be finalized by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on April 24.

### • Crab

Ocean crabbing is slow on the central and south coasts. Bay and ocean crabbers might run into red rock crab as well as Dungeness crab. Red rock crab is a native species but is not present in all of Oregon's bays.

Good places to try are from the docks in Tillamook Bay, Yaquina Bay, and Coos Bay. Red rock crab are caught just like Dungeness and have a daily limit of 12.

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