

View from 1B

There are other reasons to take action. If we don't figure out what to call these days, our sports calendars can get out of whack. It's like trying to catch up on sleep; you can't. Schedules will run into one another, and the next thing you know, the Chicago Blackhawks will be playing hockey in June in places like Tampa Bay, which sounds preposterous, but that's exactly the kind of apocalyptic vision that I feel awaits

us if we don't act now. You don't have to slip too far down the slope to see that this could lead to the watering down all of our standards. It would be like calling a team that has won three non-consecutive Stanley Cup championships over a six-year span a "dynasty" instead of the accurate way we refer to such scenarios in our present day, which is "not a dynasty." Boardwalk vendors say that "dog days" refers to the hot dogs they sell, but I'm skeptical. We've only been calling

them "hot dogs" since World War II. I doubt we referred to the summer months as the "Frankfurter Wiener Days" before the war. Anyway, the answer I propose looms a little further off the boardwalk, in waist-deep water, waiting to strike at any moment: These are the "Shark Days of Summer." For one, this is the time of year Discovery broadcasts "Shark Week" all month. I'm not quite sure what is left to discover about sharks, but give those producers and scientists

credit for giving us what we want, which clearly is taunting sharks — because I think we have a pretty firm grasp on what sharks do by now. It's not like we're going to suddenly find out something that changes our perception of the sharks. We will never see the scientist turn to the camera and say something like, "Hey! Guess what? Found out something NEW. Turns out, they're huge Judy Garland fans. We caught some hammerheads sneaking off to the Maldives the other

night and heard them singing show tunes with a bunch of leopard seals after hours." In addition to the headline-grabbing exploits of the sharks trying to eat newspaper editors off our southern coast, "Shark Tank," starring Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, is enjoying a ratings bonanza on the tube. I am not in any way trivializing the danger of what's

been going on — people have legitimate reason to worry — but again, I just want to point out the statistics. As scary as it may seem, the odds of being attacked by Mark Cuban are very low. My elevator pitch could probably use a little work, though. Enjoy the rest of your summer, folks!

Rules from 1B

country meets where transponders are used for the order of finish. Other changes to cross country included an addition to Rule 9-1-3, which now allows the

use of double painted boundary lines and/or natural or artificial boundary markers as an alternative method to mark the course for both runners and spectators. The remaining changes to track and field concern equipment standards.

Rule 6-5-2 was added, specifying the maximum allowed diameter for indoor shot put to account for the synthetic cover that is not present on the outdoor implement. Rule 6-6-1 was revised to allow for the use of newer javelin materials such as car-

bon fiber. Lastly, Rule 7-6-3 was altered to recommend that the takeoff board for long jump and triple jump be at least eight inches wide, but still allow for larger boards.

Fishing from 1B

area. New fish will continually be moving into the river through the summer with 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.

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. **COOS COUNTY LAKES/PONDS:** Trout, largemouth bass, bluegills. Trout are still available for kids in the Millicoma Pond at the Millicoma Interpretive Center and fishing is excellent. Millicoma Pond is set aside for kids fishing only and is a great chance for them to hook into fish. Call before traveling to Millicoma Pond to make sure the gates are open. The phone number is 541-267-2557. Fishing for largemouth bass and bluegills have been good in many of the Coos County lakes. Fishing for bass will be best in the mornings and late evenings. Fish for bluegills around structure like submerged logs and weedlines. **COOS RIVER BASIN:** Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish, trout. Streams in the Coos Basin are open although most of the larger rivers will be too warm for trout. Trout anglers should

focus on small streams and fish early in the morning or in the evening. Angling 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. **UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH:** Steelhead. The mainstem South Umpqua upstream to Jackson Creek Bridge is open to fishing, 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. **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 been improving, and there have been reports of coho and chinook being caught in the ocean off

of Winchester Bay. **PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES:** Bottomfish, salmon, Dungeness crab, surf perch. The ocean is open for harvest of Dungeness crab. Crabbing has been good outside of Coos Bay and Winchester Bay. Anglers continue to catch surf perch from the beaches near Winchester, Bandon and Coos Bay but catch rates have slowed down.

WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook, cutthroat. Spring Chinook fishing is slow in the low clear water. Summer steelhead fishing is slow also. Fishing for cutthroat trout should be fair. Use lighter gear for best results as the water is extremely low and clear. **YAQUINA RIVER:** Cutthroat trout. Cutthroat trout fishing is slow to fair. The best opportunities are coming in the early mornings when river temperatures are the coolest. River conditions are very low and warm for this time of year. 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. **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. The water level in Tenmile Lakes is extremely low and boat anglers should use caution when boating in the lakes. 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.

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