

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES

The coho salmon fisheries in **Siltcoos** and **Tahkenitch** lakes are just getting going. With some recent rain and big tide series fresh coho should be migrating into the lakes. Look to fish near the lake outlet and by the major tributaries that enter the lakes.

Casting or trolling spinners or various plugs can be effective.

Fishing for the various warmwater fish species is fair to good. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity and have both boat and bank access.

SIUSLAW RIVER:

Chinook, cutthroat trout

Fall Chinook fishing is producing fair results with a lot of fish moving to the upper tide water reaches and above. Trolling herring, spinners or bobber fishing can all be productive.

The wild coho fishery is closed for the season.

ALSEA RIVER: *Chinook, cutthroat trout*

The fall Chinook fishery is producing fair to good results for both bank and boat anglers. Recent rains have helped to move a lot of chinook into the good river bank access sections. Casting lures or bobber fishing is producing depending on the section and conditions.

The wild coho fishery is closed for the season.

SALMON RIVER: *Chinook, cutthroat trout*

The fall Chinook fishery is producing fair to good for both boat and bank anglers. Recent rains have moved a lot of fish out of tide water. Casting lures or bobber fishing tends to be the most productive this time of year.

SILETZ RIVER: *Chinook, coho, steelhead, cutthroat trout*

The fall Chinook fishery is producing fair to good results with recent rains moving a lot of fish out of tide water.

The wild coho fishery has closed.

Summer steelhead fishing is fair to good in the upper river above Moonshine Park.

WILSON RIVER: *Steelhead, Chinook*

Fall Chinook fishing should be fair to good. Fish will be spread out from tidewater upstream. Anglers are reminded that the river above Jordan Creek is closed to all salmon fishing. Summer steelhead fishing should improve with better flows.

YAQUINA RIVER: *Chinook, coho, cutthroat trout*

Anglers are having fair to good results for fall Chinook Trolling herring or spinners during the incoming tide through the high slack typically. Recent rains have moved a good portion of fish to the upper tide water reaches and above.

The wild coho fishery is closed.

COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: *Trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch*

Fall trophy trout were stocked in October in Bradley Lake. Anglers fishing from small boats or pontoons have been catching several trout. About 50 large rainbow trout from

Silent auction set for tonight's STEP meeting

A silent auction, featuring new fishing tackle and gear, will be held at the Wednesday, Dec. 2, meeting of the Florence Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) with proceeds benefitting the STEP Hatchery improvement fund.

The silent auction will begin at 6:30 p.m., prior to the 7 p.m. start of the group's monthly meeting.

The auction will close about 15 minutes after the end of the meeting.

New fishing tackle has been purchased from local vendors, including Bridgeport Market and North Country Lures and Flies.

"It's the perfect time to find that special gift for your favorite angler," said Craig Brandt, who is organizing the auction for the club. "Not only

will you get a good deal on some great fishing gear but you'll be supporting STEP's local hatchery, which provides the winter steelhead fishery on the Siuslaw River."

Several members of the STEP group are members of Thrivent Financial, a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission statement is "connecting faith and finances for good." The organization

provides seed money to its members which members can use to benefit the communities in which they live.

Thrivent representative John Thurlow will be in attendance and will explain the company's purpose and commitment to supporting and giving back to its members' communities.

The December STEP meeting of the club will feature Lt. Laura Gallant with the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration out of Newport.

Prior to her talk, the club will hold elections for the 2016 board of directors and hear an update about the hatchery improvements and the upcoming winter steelhead program.

For more information about the club, contact president Ron Caputo at 541-997-4961.

SUCCESSFUL HUNT



COURTESY PHOTO

Noland Huntington bagged this five-point Roosevelt bull elk on a frosty morning Nov. 27. Huntington brought down the 700-pound animal with one shot from his 30.06 rifle.

Going into the woods for a holiday tree? Follow these safety tips

CORVALLIS — Venturing into a national forest in search of the perfect Christmas tree is a long-standing family tradition for many.

Before heading out in search of the perfect tree, have a specific tree or cutting location in mind.

"Searching for a suitable tree within the temperate rainforests of the Oregon Coast can be an exercise in frustration," said Courtney Schreiber, a resource specialist with Siuslaw National Forest. "Trees on the Siuslaw grow very quickly, so it can be difficult to find one that fits inside a typical home."

Furthermore, Schreiber said that the dominant conifer species on the forest are Douglas-firs and Sitka spruces, as opposed to the generally preferred Noble firs or other high-elevation fir species.

Christmas tree safety tips:

Finding a tree may turn into an all-day outing, so be prepared. Winter weather also can make traveling along forest roads hazardous.

- Bring extra food, water, blankets, flashlight, a First Aid kit and survival gear
- Let family or friends know where you are headed and when to expect your return
- Carry tire chains and bring a shovel
- Before cutting your tree, remember these rules:
 - Ensure you're on national forest land. A map is provided with your permit.
 - Take the entire tree – not just the top portion of a larger tree.
 - Attach your permit to the tree immediately after cutting it.
 - Do not discard your tree if later finding one you consider

more desirable. Saw or chop your selected tree within six inches of the ground.

Leave no limbs attached to the stump. To keep the tree from drying out, leave it outside until you're ready to put it in a stand.

At that point, cut the trunk at an angle and keep it in plenty of water.

Input sought on special pass for vets

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is seeking public comment on proposed rule changes to the Special Access Pass program. This program grants veterans with a service connected disability a fee waiver for up to 10 days per month in standard campsites at Oregon State Park campgrounds.

The proposed changes will: allow these reservations to be made online; simplify the stay limit to 10 days per month; add showers to the list of fee waivers available to pass holders; add a \$5 fee for replacement of a lost pass; clarify when a pass can be revoked or

temporarily suspended; add penalties for failure to cancel; and impose a penalty for leaving early without letting park staff know.

More details, including the proposed rule language can be found at www.bit.ly/Veterans_Pass_Rules.

OPRD will accept comments until 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18.

Comments can be emailed to opr.d.publiccomment@oregon.gov and written comments can be sent to Richard Walkoski, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Suite C, Salem OR 97301.

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Thursday 11/26	John Oakley Elwin Price	Florence Florence	Heceta Beach RV Park Abby's Legendary Pizza
Friday 11/27	Raymond Bray Raymond Bray	Florence Florence	Safeway Firehouse Restaurant
Saturday 11/28	Norine Lasertell Muriel Gaston	Eugene Eugene	Cranberry Sweets Cranberry Sweets
Sunday 11/29	Evert Christenson Susan Baughman	Florence Florence	Bay Street Grill Rite Aid
Monday 11/30	Judy Ulrich Jay Tank	Florence Florence	Safeway Safeway

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