

# Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

## 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 slow to fair. This time of year is typically the most productive. Recent rains and big tide should help to move new fish into the lakes.

The West Lake Boat Ramp at Siltcoos has been close for repairs but there is a neighboring private ramp that can be utilized. 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 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.

**SIUSLAW 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.

See **FISHING 2B**

## CAST AWAY



Fourteen-year-old Joe Carpenter, visiting from Beaverton, takes advantage of a break in the weather for some fishing near the boat ramp at Honeyman State Park. Clear skies are expected to continue through the weekend.

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## Road repair on North Jetty to begin Tuesday

Beginning this Tuesday, Jan. 5, North Jetty Road past Harbor Vista County Campground will be undergoing road maintenance that is expected to continue through Friday, Jan. 8.

Repair work will be taking place each day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as crews level and resurface portions of the road. Expect delays and possible road

closures during those times. For more information or an update on conditions, contact the Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park Office at 541-997-3851.

## SPORTS Calendar

### Jan. 5

- SHS GIRLS BB  
AT ELMIRA  
5:45 P.M.
- SHS BOYS BB  
AT ELMIRA  
7:15 P.M.
- MHS GIRLS BB  
AT ALSEA  
5:30 P.M.
- MHS BOYS BB  
AT ALSEA  
7 P.M.

### Jan. 6

- MHS GIRLS BB  
AT SILETZ  
5:30 P.M.
- MHS BOYS BB  
AT SILETZ  
7 P.M.

## TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>Jan. 2</b> 5:50am / 6.8 6:04pm / 5.1	12:32pm / 2.6 11:58pm / 2.5
<b>Jan. 3</b> 6:37am / 6.9 7:22pm / 5.0	1:35pm / 2.1
<b>Jan. 4</b> 7:24am / 7.1 8:35pm / 5.2	12:54am / 2.9 2:31pm / 1.6

<b>Jan. 5</b> 8:09am / 7.3 9:36pm / 5.5	1:52am / 3.2 3:19pm / 1.1
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<b>Jan. 6</b> 8:53am / 7.6 10:26pm / 5.8	2:46am / 3.3 4:02pm / 0.5
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<b>Jan. 7</b> 9:35am / 7.9 11:10pm / 6.1	3:36am / 3.3 4:42pm / 0.0
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<b>Jan. 8</b> 10:16am / 8.2 11:50pm / 6.4	4:22am / 3.92 5:21pm / -0.5
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## Commercial Dungeness crab season opens Monday

**NEWPORT** — Fresh Oregon Dungeness crab is back on the menu after fishery managers determined the fishery is ready to open Monday, Jan. 4, along the entire Oregon coast.

Fishery managers exercised an abundance of caution in opening the crab season this year due to unusual levels of domoic acid found in crabs along Oregon's southern coast.

The month-long delay in opening the season allowed for additional testing for domoic acid in order to provide confidence that crab harvested from Oregon waters are safe to consume

and of excellent quality. "Along with the state agencies, the Oregon commercial Dungeness crab industry has taken a very proactive and precautionary approach to the opening of this crab season in the interest of public safety," says Caren Braby, ODFW Marine Resources Program Manager.

Testing of crab in recent weeks show the elevated levels of domoic acid in the southern half of the state have decreased and are all below U.S. Food and Drug Administration alert levels for three consecutive crab sam-

pling periods. Based on these results and consultations with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon commercial crab industry and Washington and California Departments of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is opening the ocean commercial Dungeness crab season along the entire Oregon coast just after the New Year, Jan. 4.

Commercial crab boat lights began dotting the horizon yesterday as boats were allowed to set gear three days prior to the fishery opening.

The recreational harvest of Dungeness crab in Oregon's bays and ocean is currently open coastwide.

As the season gets underway, state agencies will continue to monitor marine biotoxins in shellfish to ensure that the concentrations remain below the alert level to ensure the consumer safety.

For more information about Oregon's shellfish marine biotoxin monitoring, call ODA's shellfish safety information hotline at 1-800-448-2474.

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