

# Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

## Fee stations closed to reduce theft, vandalism

REEDSPORT — Repeated theft and vandalism of fee stations in isolated locations along the Oregon coast is causing Siuslaw National Forest officials to reconsider how it collects user fees that support local recreational activities.

The frequently targeted fee stations will be removed, and visitors will be directed to nearby fee stations in more secure locations or to local businesses that serve as recreation pass vendors.

“Providing safe and enjoyable recreational opportunities to the public is a Forest Service priority, and recreation fees play an important role in that mission,” said Tom Johnson, the recre-

ation coordinator who oversees the area’s fee collection program.

Recreation fees are retained locally and are reinvested to support and maintain recreation facilities and programs throughout the Siuslaw National Forest and Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.

The selected fee stations are expected to be removed by April 2016.

Visitors should be aware that recreation

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— Tom Johnson, Siuslaw National Forest

passes still will be required at fee sites even if a self-service fee station isn’t available. Affected sites will have directions posted to the next closest fee station or pass vendor.

A list of recreation pass vendors throughout Oregon and Washington is continually updated under the “Passes and Permits” section at [www.fs.usda.gov/siuslaw](http://www.fs.usda.gov/siuslaw).

Online pass sales also are available through the site.

Forest Service officials invite suggestions for other ways to facilitate payment of day-use fees in lieu of self-service fee stations by calling 541-271-6001.

## On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

[www.dfw.state.or.us/RR](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/RR)

### 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.

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.

Winter steelhead season has arrived. The best chances to hook a chrome steelhead at this time would be in the lower section below Five Rivers. Tossing spinners, or floating bait or a jig are good options during low clear flows.

### SALMON RIVER:

*Chinook, steelhead*

The fall Chinook fishery is very slow. Most remaining fish are actively spawning or already spawned out.

Winter steelhead season tends to kick in this time of year. A small number of fish are likely in the system now and look for the numbers to steadily increase over the coming month. Casting lures, bouncing the bottom or drifting jigs or bait under a bobber are good techniques to consider.

### SILETZ RIVER:

*Chinook, steelhead*

The fall Chinook fishery is slow. A small number of new fish may be found in the lower river but most remaining fish are actively spawning or spawned out.

The wild coho fishery is now closed for the season.

Winter steelhead season is just getting underway.

This time of year typically sees the first few fish entering the river. Best chances early on during

## SPORTS Calendar

### Jan. 16

• SHS WRESTLING  
SIUSLAW INV.  
9 A.M.

### Jan. 19

• SHS GIRLS BB  
HOSTS MARSHFIELD  
6 P.M.

• SHS BOYS BB  
HOSTS MARSHFIELD  
7:30 P.M.

• MHS GIRLS BB  
HOSTS MCKENZIE  
5:30 P.M.

• MHS BOYS BB  
HOSTS MCKENZIE  
7 P.M.



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Mapleton sophomore Clarissa Triebkorn gets a steal for the Sailors.

## LADY SAILORS NAB ROAD WIN

By NED HICKSON  
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MAPLETON: 30 MOHAWK: 23

The Mapleton girls basketball team picked up its second straight win and its second of the league season Tuesday night, knocking off Mountain West League rival Mohawk.

“It was our most complete game of the season,” said Mapleton coach Jesika Crook. “The girls played really well and answered every time our opponents scored.”

Back from the injured reserve list was freshman post Alyssa Richards,

who added a spark to the Sailors’ offense by leading the team in scoring and rebounds with a double-double 10 points and 14 rebounds.

“Defensively, she was a big factor with six blocked shots,” Crook said of Richards, who has been off the floor for the past two weeks.

Mapleton also got solid offensive effort from senior wing Destiny Weber, who chipped in nine points to go with seven rebounds and a steal. Josi Hays, a junior post, led the team off the glass with 17 rebounds, along with a steal, a blocked shot and four points.

“It was another double-digit

rebound performance from Josi,” Crook said of Hays, who has become a force off the boards for the Sailors, providing extra possessions with her rebounding.

“We’re excited to build off of our momentum from Eddyville and Mohawk as we head into this week,” said Crook, whose team was on the road at Lowell last night (after press deadlines).

Mapleton (2-3) will bring its lineup home this Tuesday, when the Sailors take on fourth place league rival McKenzie (3-2).

Tipoff is set for 5:30 p.m.

## Mapleton dealt tough loss at Mohawk

By NED HICKSON  
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MAPLETON: 35 MOHAWK: 44

The Sailors once again had even scoring across their roster, with five players finding their marks against Mohawk Tuesday night, but it wasn’t enough to unseat the fourth-place Indians.

“It was a tough loss,” said Mapleton coach Will Crook. “We didn’t quite play to our potential and in the end it cost us.”

The Sailors had a strong first quarter and equally strong fourth quarter, but



Mapleton sophomore Dominic Wells had 13 rebounds and seven points against Mohawk.

passing errors and turnovers in the second and third periods left the Sailors with a 22-point deficit heading into the final quarter.

“We battled back and made a game of it in the last period, but it was too much ground to make up,” said Crook, whose team outscored the Indians 15-2 in that quarter only to come up short of the win, 44-35.

Junior guard Hunter Simington led

See MAPLETON 5B

See FISHING 3B

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