

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

Local fishing guide to speak at STEP

Local fishing guide and Florence area native David Huntington will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday, March 2, meeting of the Florence Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP).

Huntington will talk about bottom fishing off the coast of Florence, with an emphasis on halibut and deep water ling cod.

The monthly meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Elks' Lodge on 12th Street in Florence.

The public is invited to attend.

A short business meeting will precede Huntington's talk. Reports from the activities at Whittaker Creek trap and the group's Munsel Creek Hatchery will also be shared. Other club business will be discussed and fishing reports for successes of catching winter steelhead or newly planted trout will be shared.

Huntington will bring some examples of the set-ups he uses to attract halibut and ling cod to the line. The veteran angler and guide also plans to share tips on how to set up on a drift and what the bottom structure of the ocean floor should look like in targeting halibut and ling cod.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and the National Marine Fisheries Service will approve the

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ON THE RISE



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Members of the local Boys and Girls Club took centerstage by tipping off centercourt at halftime during Siuslaw's final home game of the season. Future Vikings got the chance to show their skills during a 10-minute scrimmage in front of a full crowd of spectators. For information about this and other Boys and Girls Club programs for the spring and upcoming summer season, call the main office at the Teen Center at 541-902-0304 Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Annual Shamrock Run to benefit SMS athletes

The Siuslaw Middle School (SMS) cross country and track and field programs will host the seventh annual Shamrock Run 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, March 12.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Bridgeport Market parking lot in Old Town Florence, next to the Port of Siuslaw boat ramp.

Proceeds from the fundraiser provide the two SMS programs with their largest source of funding.

The course is terrific for beginners and experienced runners alike.

The course route can be previewed online at www.goo.gl/r6WUYx.

There are free races for younger



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This year's Shamrock Run will be the seventh anniversary of the popular community event, which encourages showing a bit of the Blarney spirit.

children and a Fun Dash (100m) for ages 5 years old and younger beginning at 8:45 a.m.

The 5K and 2K walk or jog begins at 9 a.m.

Come out and wear your green. Race forms are available at Coastal Fitness and both the Siuslaw Middle

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On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

www.dfw.state.or.us/RR

MID COAST LAKES
Stocking of rainbow trout will begin soon in many mid coast water bodies. Look at the stocking report to see the full stocking season.

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:
Steelhead

The winter steelhead fishery is fair to good for both the Siuslaw and Lake Creek systems. With so much rain this winter, anglers have not had that many quality fishing days so get out there when you can because the next few weeks are typically peak season.

During higher flows, the Lake Creek basin tends to fish better and clear more quickly. Casting lures, bobber fishing or pulling plugs are good options.

ALSEA RIVER:
Steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing is good with anglers doing well in the upper to mid river sections. With so much rain this winter, many fish have pushed upstream quickly. During higher flows, the upper river fishes well. During lower clear flows, it's better to focus efforts in the mid to lower river sections. Casting spinners / spoons, or floating bait or a jig are good options.

SALMON RIVER:
Steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing is fair and fish can be found throughout the mainstem as river conditions allow. Casting lures, bouncing the bottom or

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TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide **Low Tide**

Feb. 27
2:35am / 7.0 8:58am / 7.0
2:53pm / 6.0 8:53pm / 1.9

Feb. 28
3:08am / 6.9 9:43am / 1.6
3:42pm / 5.7 9:28pm / 2.4

Feb. 29
3:46am / 6.7 10:35am / 1.7
4:41pm / 5.3 10:10pm / 2.9

March 1
4:31am / 6.6 11:37am / 1.6
5:54pm / 5.0 11:06pm / 3.4

March 2
5:27am / 6.5 12:45pm / 1.5
7:14pm / 5.0

March 3
6:32am / 6.6 12:20am / 3.6
8:25pm / 5.3 1:51pm / 1.2

March 4
7:37am / 6.8 1:37am / 3.5
9:21pm / 5.7 2:49pm / 0.7

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SPORTS

Calendar

UPCOMING

March 14

• SHS BASEBALL
HOSTS C. GROVE
4:30 P.M.

March 17

• SHS SOFTBALL
AT WALDPOR
4 P.M.
• MHS TRACK/FIELD
AT REEDSPORT
2 P.M.
• SHS TRACK/FIELD
SIUSLAW ICEBREAKER
4 P.M.

CYAN MAGENTA YELLOW BLACK