

Trail from 1B

southern Alsi village near the Yachats area, as well as the trauma inflicted upon the Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw and Alsi tribes during resettlement. It also will describe the journey within the last 30 years to bring truth and reconciliation between the Tribal People and the Yachats community. "This talk will be a weaving of historical truths and a multi-path journey of reconciliation that has resulted in profound transcendence," said presenter Joanne Kittel, a Yachats resident, retired psychotherapist and author of "Yachats Indians,

Origins of the Yachats Name and the Prison Camp Years." Kittel will be joined by Doc Slyter, a Tribal flutist and council member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. Slyter recently was honored as a "Special Friend of Yachats" by the City of Yachats. The presentation is intended to be an opportunity for celebration and will include Native American flute music and drumming. Audience members will be invited to participate in the drumming. The Cape Perpetua Winter Discovery Series is an opportunity to explore topics and resources relevant to the

Oregon Coast during the off-season months between November and March. All presentations and guided walks are free, but a Northwest Forest Pass, Oregon Coast Passport, federal recreation pass or \$5 day-use fee is required within to the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area. For more information, contact the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center at 541-547-3289. Upcoming Winter Discover Series events: • March 20 (2 p.m.) — Children's Stories and Tidepool Walk: Children's author Kizzie Jones will read from one of her latest books, and then lead families down to the tidepools for a

guided tour. Jones blends her love of dachshunds and the ocean to create whimsical tall tales. Titles to her credit include "How Dachshunds Came to Be: A Tall Tale About A Short Long Dog" and "A Tall Tale About A Dachshund And A Pelican: How A Friendship Came To Be." • March 21 (11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.) — Experiencing Gray Whales: Cape Perpetua volunteer interpreter and naturalist Michael Noack has studied gray whales for many years, assisting with whale research missions and training Whale Watch volunteers. Visitors will enjoy hearing

about his first-hand encounters with these iconic creatures of the Oregon Coast. • March 26 (2 p.m.) — Oregon Dunes: They're more than just sand. Learn about the origins, shapes and future of the longest stretch of coastal dunes in the United States. Dina Pavlis, author of "Secrets of the Oregon Dunes" will share photos, stories and knowledge gained from living and playing. No RSVPs necessary for any of the Discovery Series events. For information, call the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center at 541-547-3289.

Plover from 1B

vehicles and kites are prohibited within the closure areas as they can frighten nesting adults, causing them to abandon their eggs. "We appreciate everyone's efforts in helping this species

recover on our Oregon beaches," said Cindy Burns, Siuslaw National Forest wildlife biologist. "By sharing the beach, we can continue to make it an enjoyable place to be for all its inhabitants." Signs attached to the ropes notify visitors that the closures won't be enforced until March

15. Nesting areas within the Siuslaw National Forest include: • Baker/Sutton beaches • Siltcoos estuary north to within a mile of Sparrow Park Road • Oregon Dunes Day Use beach

• Tahkenitch Creek estuary • Ten Mile Creek estuary south to the Coast Guard South OHV Trail The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed Western snowy plovers as a threatened species in 1993. Habitat loss from invasive European beachgrass, as well as human disturbances,

including litter and discarded food scraps which attract predators, have contributed to the birds' decline. Part of the Siuslaw National Forest and its partners' Dunes Restoration strategy is aimed at removing European beachgrass near nesting areas to improve habitat conditions.

Fishing from 1B

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 drifting jigs or bait under a bobber are good techniques to consider. **SILETZ RIVER: steelhead** Winter steelhead fishing is fair to good with both bank

and boat anglers hooking fish through the mainstem as river conditions allow. The river should fish well most of this week. Side drifting, bouncing bottom or bobber fishing can be productive. **WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook** Steelhead angling should be good as the river drops from recent high water. Fish are spread out through the system. Angling for Chinook is closed. An error in the 2016 Fishing Regulations mistakenly lists river as open for hatchery Chinook beginning Jan. 1; the correct opening date is April 1. **YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead** The winter steelhead fishery is fair in the Big Elk and should continue to produce over the next few weeks. Look for the next good rain to push in another batch of fish.



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