

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES:
Rainbow trout stocking is underway in many locations along the mid coast. 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 month but can pick up quickly as spring nears and fish move to the shallows for spawning. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity and have both boat and bank access.

SIUSLAW RIVER:
The river basin is closed to all fishing above the head of tide and will reopen for cutthroat trout fishing on May 22.

ALSEA RIVER:
Steelhead
Winter steelhead fishing is slow. This time of year does tend to be dominated by more wild fish and post spawn run backs. Casting spinners / spoons, floating bait or a jig, or bouncing bottom with an egg pattern are good options.

SALMON RIVER:
The river basin is closed to all fishing above the head of tide and will reopen for cutthroat trout fishing on May 22.

SILETZ RIVER:
Steelhead
Winter steelhead fishing is slow. This time of year is typically dominated by mostly wild fish. Side drifting, bouncing bottom or bobber fishing can be productive.

WILSON RIVER:
Steelhead, Chinook
Steelhead angling has slowed in the low clear water. Scale your gear down and choose techniques that fit low water. Bobber and jigs should be an effective technique. Spring Chinook opened April 1, but fishing is generally very slow until later in the season.

YAQUINA RIVER:
Steelhead
The river basin is closed to all fishing above the head of tide and will reopen for cutthroat trout fishing on May 22.

COOS COUNTY LAKES and PONDS: *Trout*
Trophy trout were stocked last week into Empire Lakes, Bradley Lake, and Johnson Mill Pond. Legal size trout are also stocked into Empire Lakes, Bradley Lake, Butterfield Lake, Eel Lake, Powers Pond, and Johnson Mill Pond. Fishing in the area lakes for trout has been ok with anglers having the best success using small spinners, spoons, or Powerbait. The daily trout bag limit in these lakes is five trout per day with only one trout over 20 inches.

TENMILE BASIN:
Trout, steelhead, bass
Streams in the Tenmile Basin are now closed for trout fishing until May 22. Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout but trout fishing has been slow.

Steelhead angling is open in the Tenmile Basin until April 30. In the Tenmile Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

Largemouth bass fishing has been a little slow in

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FILE PHOTO BY NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw coach Tim Dodson (center) shares the "afterglow" with Viking football fans after winning the 2006 4A state football title at Autzen Stadium in Eugene. The banner (far left) still hangs in Dodson's office.

Dodson from 1B

Dodson. "Now, I can honestly say I have no idea."

According to Dodson, the plan has been in the works for a while. But until all the official retirement paperwork had cleared and everything was in place, he wanted to avoid saying anything.

"You just never know how things will play out, and I didn't want to be the guy who says he's leaving then there I am again in the fall. "But once the paperwork cleared, there was no turning back."

The opening for the head football coach position also became official this week, with a search continuing until the position is filled. So far, Dodson, 52, said he hasn't been a part of that process. "I'm not really sure what, if any, role I'll play in that decision," he said.

In the meantime, Dodson said it'll be business as usual until his final contract day June 30.

"No one I know has ever said, 'I sure wish I'd worked another few years,'" Dodson says. "I'm blessed to have had the opportunity to be the head coach and work with such amazing staff and

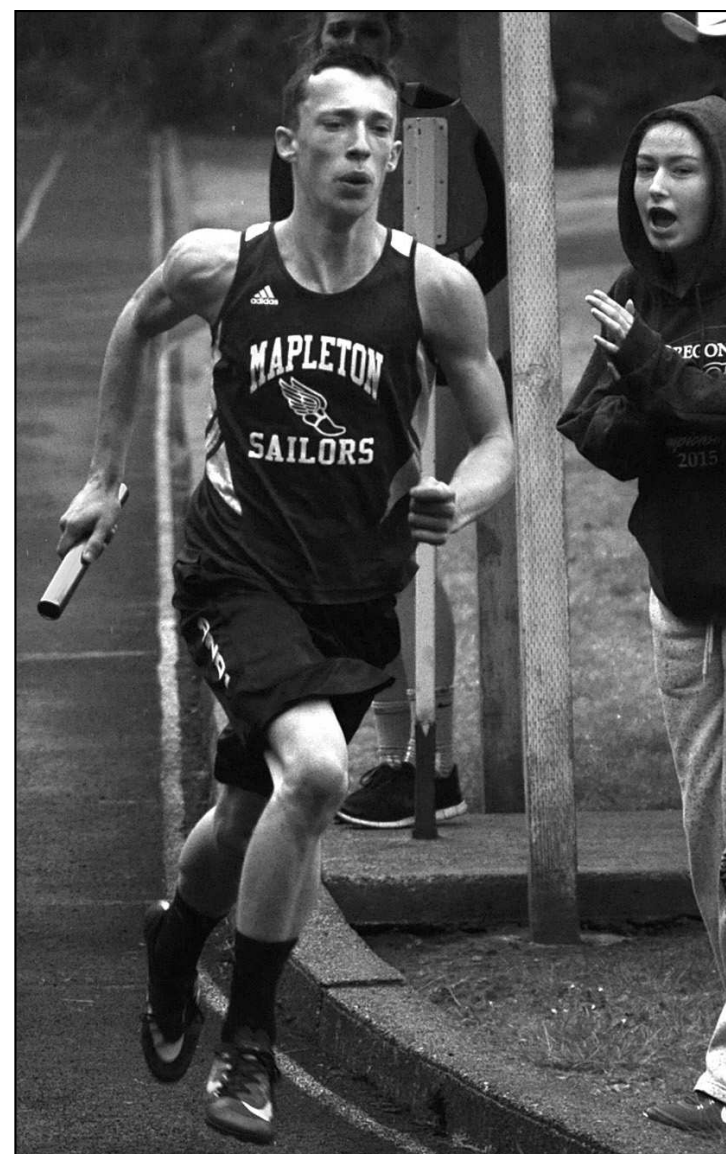
kids over the years. Being able to retire while I'm able to enjoy it and make the most of that opportunity is also a blessing.

"In a way, I'm not ready for it, but it's time."

(Editor's note: Look for a full feature on Tim Dodson's career in next Saturday's sports section.)



Erin Michael (left) prepares to throw a PR for the win in the javelin on Tuesday; Evan Moso begins the third leg of the winning 4x400 boys relay run.



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Track from 1B

Moving on to the discus, the Sailors had another near sweep with efforts from Michael in first place (87 feet, 8 inches), Wells in third (80 feet, 10 inches), Hays in fifth (77 feet, 3 inches) and Wilson in eighth (43 feet, 7 inches).

Mapleton's lady throwers swept the top three spots in the javelin as Michael took first place (101 feet, 7 inches) and Alyssa Richards was second (77 feet, 10 inches).

Wilson was fifth at 60 feet, 11 inches.

In the jumps, Rodet was second in the triple jump (22 feet, 11 inches) and Triebkorn was fourth in the long jump (10 feet, 11 inches).

Richards finished second in both the 1,500 meters (7:00.0) and 300-meter race (15:41.96).

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