

# ANNUAL ELLIOT BASS FISHING CONTEST JUNE 4-5

The Florence Siuslaw Lions Club will host its 34th annual Elliot Fun Bass Tournament, June 4 and 5, on Siltcoos Lake.

Held in memory of George Elliot, a long-time supporter of the Florence Lions Club, it originated as a joint fund raiser with the Florence Bass Club.

The two-day tournament will begin at 6 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, with two-person teams launching from Darlings Resort and fishing until 5 p.m.

Sunday, fishing will be from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The cost for entering the competition is \$60 per team; weigh-ins are at noon and 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

All fish will be released back into the lake, and trophies will be presented between 11 a.m. and noon on Sunday.

During those two days, the Lions Club will be cooking

hamburgers and hot dogs from their food wagon. There will also be raffle tickets available for a raffle fundraiser following Sunday's trophy presentation.

Raffle items will include merchandise donated by local merchants. Money raised from the raffle will go to the Dale Libby Memorial Scholarship Fund and Joann Coffindaffer Scholarship Fund. The funds provide two scholarships to graduating high school students each year.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased by anyone Sunday morning at Darlings Resort.

For more information or to register a team for the fishing contest, call Mark Meyers at 541-999-9104 or Jerry Coffindaffer at 541-997-8108.

The community is invited to bring a picnic lunch or purchase fresh-grilled burgers and spend the day enjoying the lake, watching the weigh-ins and participating in the raffle.



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The Florence Siuslaw Lions Club will team up with the Florence Bass Club to host the 34th annual bass competition this weekend at Darlings Resort.

## Fishing from 1B

### ALSEA RIVER:

The river is now open to cutthroat trout fishing. Casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective. Bait is not allowed above the head of tide until Sept. 1.

### SALMON RIVER:

The river basin is open for cutthroat trout fishing. Casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective. Bait is not allowed above the head of tide until Sept. 1.

### SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead

Steelhead fishing is slow but the summer steelhead run is underway. This run typically peaks by early July but fish can be found throughout the mainstem at any time now. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

Cover water and fish small and simple as the river conditions are low and clear.

Cutthroat trout opened May 22 and can offer anglers of all experience levels good opportunity. Casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers

or dry flies can be very effective.

### SIUSLAW RIVER:

The river is now open to all fishing or cutthroat trout. This fishery can offer anglers of all experience levels good opportunity. Casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective.

### WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook, cutthroat

Fishing for steelhead and spring Chinook is slow. More fish should be moving into the river. The water is low and clear, so use lighter gear and target the deeper holding areas.

### YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead

The river basin is now open to all fishing, including above the head of tide.

### COOS COUNTY LAKES and PONDS: Trout, warmwater fish

Legal size trout were stocked this month into Powers Pond, Empire Lakes, Bradley Lake, Butterfield Lake, Saunders Lake, Srulake, and Tenmile Lakes.

Anglers that catch a tagged trout in Empire Lakes can report the tag number to

ODFW by stopping by the Charleston Office, calling 541-888-5515, or report tags online.

A few of these tags are worth a \$50 gift card. Fishing in the area lakes for trout has been ok with anglers having the best success using small spinners, spoons, or garlic flavored Powerbait. The daily trout bag limit in these lakes is five trout per day with only one trout over 20 inches.

There are trout available for kids in the Millicoma Pond at the Millicoma Interpretive Center and fishing is excellent. Millicoma Pond is set aside for kids fishing only and is a great chance for them to hook into fish.

Call before traveling to Millicoma Pond to make sure the gates are open. The phone number is 541-267-2557.

Largemouth bass and bluegill fishing is picking up with the warmer days. This time of the year bass and bluegills will be found in shallow water typically near a weedline or structure. Plastic worms, shallow crankbaits, and spinner baits are good to use for bass.

Bluegills will bit on worms,

small jigs, or flies.

### COOS RIVER BASIN:

Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish

Trout season is now open in rivers and streams.

Anglers have been catching rockfish along the jetties and submerged rock piles. An occasional ling cod is also being caught in the bay. The marine fish daily bag limit for bottom fish (rockfish) is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (two). Anglers can only keep three blue rockfish and one canary rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of China, quillback or copper rockfish.

Retention of cabezon is prohibited through June 30.

Crabbing has been decent with the best crabbing near high tide. There has been a mixture of hard shell and soft shell crab in the catch. It is still recommended you discard the crab viscera (guts/butter) before cooking.

Recreational harvest of bay clams remains open along the entire Oregon coast.

TENMILE BASIN: Trout,

steelhead, bass

Trout season is open in rivers and streams. Angling is restricted to artificial flies and lures in streams and rivers above tidewater. Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout but trout fishing has been slow but the lake was recently stocked with legal size rainbows.

Largemouth bass fishing has been good over the past month. Anglers are catching bass in shallow water on spin-

ner baits, jigs, and rubber worms.

### UMPQUA RIVER, NORTH: Steelhead, spring Chinook

Winter steelhead angling is about over, but summer steelhead angling will be picking up as we move towards the summer months. Remember all wild steelhead must be released unharmed.

Spring Chinook fishing has been improving and should continue to do so as water temperatures warm.

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Friday 5/27	Robert Strickler Dave Gruesz	Florence Florence	Three Rivers Casino Resort Safeway/Florence
Saturday 5/28	Brenda McDaniel Chuck Katz	Westlake Florence	City Lights Cinemas Copeland
Sunday 5/29	Pattie Panther Mike Ksen	Florence Roseburg	Safeway/Florence Three Rivers Casino Resort
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