

Aquarium extends hours, launches summer programs

NEWPORT — Whether it's a Behind-the-Scenes tour above the Passages of the Deep, a smooch from a 500-pound sea lion, or a playful encounter with a 4-foot-tall brown pelican, visitors will find plenty of exciting and engaging activities at the Oregon Coast Aquarium throughout the summer.

The aquarium, ranked among the 10 best in the United States, is offering a variety of education programs this summer to broaden the world of marine science for new and return visitors alike.

Perennial favorites such as the Sea Lion Kiss will be offered four days a week, Friday through Monday. Visitors interested in a Behind-the-Scenes tour can schedule one any day of the week, and the comically majestic brown pelicans will make twice-daily appearances, at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The daily Vulture Chat at noon allows visitors to "talk" with our turkey vultures through the interpretive skills of our aviculturists. On certain days each week, visitors can view the feeding frenzy in the shark infested waters of the Open Sea exhibit, or witness the slow-motion drama of a sea star extruding its stomach to consume a clam during the Tide Pool Feed. Returning this summer is the Drifter Detectives Plankton Discovery Station, where kids

and their families learn about marine life unseen by the naked eye. Families can also learn about the unique adaptations of marine and coastal animals at the Passages Discovery Zone.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is now open every day, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Labor Day, Sept. 5. For more information, call 541-867-3474 or visit www.aquarium.org.

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.

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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.

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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.

Trout season is now open.

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**

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