

# Fishing from 1B

move to the shallows for spawning. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity.

## SIUSLAW RIVER: Cutthroat

For cutthroat trout, casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective. Angling for all species in streams above tidewater is restricted to artificial flies and lures until Sept. 1. Casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective.

## ALSEA RIVER: Cutthroat

The Alsea River is open for cutthroat trout, 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.

## NESTUCCA RIVER and THREE RIVERS: Steelhead, Chinook, cutthroat

Spring Chinook angling is improving as more fish arrive. A few summer steelhead are showing up, too. Gear restrictions are in effect in Three Rivers. On Three Rivers, from the hatchery deadline downstream to markers below Gauldy Bridge, new angling regulations allow youth angling only (17 and under) from June 1 to July 15. Check regulations. Angling for cutthroat should be fair to good in the early season.

## SALMON RIVER: Cutthroat

The Salmon River is open for cutthroat trout, 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, cutthroat

Steelhead fishing is slow. This run typically peaks by early July but fish can be found throughout the mainstem. 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. For cutthroat trout, 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. The water is low and clear, so use lighter gear and target the deeper holding areas. Trout angling should be fair.

## YAQUINA RIVER: Cutthroat

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

Legal and trophy size trout were released earlier this month in Empire Lakes, and legal-size trout were put into Tenmile Lakes. This was the

last trout stocking until fall.

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.

## TENMILE BASIN: Trout, steelhead, bass

Angling is restricted to artificial flies and lures in streams and rivers above tidewater. Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout. Anglers have been catching rainbow trout trolling wedding ring spinners. Use of bait is allowed in lakes year round.

Largemouth bass fishing has been good over the past month. Anglers are catching bass near structure or on the deep end of the weed lines using spinner baits, jigs, or rubber worms. Top water lures have been effective in the early mornings or evenings.

## UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Bass, trout

Trout fishing should remain viable in cold water areas. Trout fishing is catch-and-release only in the South Umpqua and tributaries. Bass fishing should be good with warming water temperatures.

## WINCHESTER BAY: Bottomfish, perch

Fishing for bottom fish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful.

## PACIFIC OCEAN AND BEACHES: Bottomfish, Dungeness crab, surf perch, salmon, halibut

Recreational harvest of crab is open along the entire Oregon Coast. It is still recommended you discard the crab viscera (guts/butter) before cooking.

Anglers fishing the beaches from Coos Bay to Bandon have been catching redbait surf perch. Sand shrimp or Berkley Gulp sand worms have been working the best for bait. Surf perch fishing is usually best on the incoming tide.

Recreational ocean salmon fishing from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. is open for all salmon except coho salmon.

Anglers are allowed two salmon per day with a minimum size for Chinook at 24 inches or larger. The selective coho (fin-clipped) season will open June 25 with a quota of 26,000 coho.

The Nearshore Halibut season is open seven days a week from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.

Fishing for bottom fish is now closed outside of a line approximating the 30-fathom curve.

Fishing for black rockfish has been good from Coos Bay south to Bandon. Fishing for lingcod has been decent.

The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (2). Anglers can only keep 3 blue rockfish and 1 canary rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of China, quillback, or copper rockfish.

## OCEAN SALMON

The Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. Chinook salmon recreational fishing season continues through Oct. 31. This season is open for all salmon except coho salmon, with a bag limit of two salmon per day, and minimum sizes for Chinook at 24 inches or larger, and steelhead at 20 inches or larger.

Ocean Chinook fishing so far this season has been relatively slow, due to overall low effort levels. Most anglers are concentrating on bottomfish for now.

Just a reminder: Anglers are restricted to no more than two single point barbless hooks when fishing for salmon, and when fishing for any other species if a salmon is on board the vessel.

## BOTTOM FISHING

Bottom fishing is good on both the north and south coasts last week. Anglers out of Garibaldi averaged over five fish per angler and south coast catches averaged 3-5 fish per angler on private trips, and limits on charter trips.

Lingcod has dropped off somewhat along the majority of the coast, but Garibaldi anglers averaged one lingcod per angler and Depoe Bay anglers brought in nearly two lings per angler.

There were also some lingcod landed on the south coast, averaging one lingcod per angler out of Charleston.

Lingcod move closer to shore in spring to lay large egg

masses, which are guarded by males.

To catch lingcod, try a white plastic grub on a lead jig head in rocky areas when the tide is not running fast.

There's a new rockfish in town – the Deacon rockfish. Deacon rockfish is a newly identified species that was formerly referred to as the solid version of blue rockfish.

What does that mean for you? Nothing in 2016. Every rule that refers to blue rockfish (like the daily bag limit of 3) now applies to blue rockfish and deacon rockfish combined.

## SURFPERCH

South coast surf perch fishing has been excellent, with lots of limits! Surfperch are a diverse group of fish that provide a variety of angling opportunities.

Striped Seaperch are found year-round in rocky areas like jetties; and ocean surf is the place to find Redtail Surfperch and Silver Perch.

## RAZOR CLAMS

NOTICE: Razor clams are closed from the north jetty of the Siuslaw River to the California border due to domoic acid. Razor clamming open from the Columbia River to the north jetty of the Siuslaw River.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture is continuing to test for shellfish toxins.

## CLAMS

Both razor clamming and bay clamming have been excellent all along the coast.

Check the ODFW Shellfish website for where and when to harvest your favorite bivalves. Updated maps on where to clam

Some recommended areas to go are the Charleston Triangle in Coos Bay for gaper clams and Netarts Bay for butter clams.

## CRABBING

Ocean crabbing has been slow on the south coast, and good on the central coast. Estuary crab catch has been picking up as male crab molt, grow into legal size, and move into estuaries.

Red rock crab are caught using the same gear as Dungeness crab but have a larger daily limit (24), and, unlike Dungeness crab, any size or sex of red rock crab may be retained (although most crabbers keep only the largest crabs, which have a lot more meat than small ones).

## SWC to discuss effects of barred owl removal

The Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC) will host a general meeting Wednesday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss the experimental removal of barred owls to benefit northern spotted owls.

There will be a 2016 status update that includes marbled murrelets and corvids and the

effects of the program on landscape and location.

The Siuslaw Watershed Council's general meeting will be held at the Grange in Blachly on Blachly Grange Road, near the Triangle Lake Schools campus.

The meeting agenda includes a presentation by

Dave Simon, U.S. Geological Survey Research wildlife biologist, and Kim Nelson, a research wildlife biologist at Oregon State University.

The SWC board of directors and executive director will give project updates and announcements of upcoming activities.

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