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and across the state," Tatum said of Johnson, whose 21 years as head coach of the cross-country and track and field programs have claimed more than a dozen state team and individ-

ual titles. "He will bring his excellent communication and organizational skills to all of our athletic programs.

"I am pleased to announce him as our new athletic director."

Johnson, who replaces Jeromy Graybill, will continue

to coach while officially being a Special Assignment Teacher, teaching for half the day and performing his duties as athletic director and coach in the afternoon.

"Sports has been such a big part of my life, and so has teaching," said Johnson.

"Having the opportunity to do both in this capacity is a great opportunity and a challenge I am excited to take on."

With a combined 42 seasons of coaching under his belt between cross country and track and field, Johnson said he hopes his experience in the

trenches is something new coaches will benefit from and that other longtime coaches can relate to.

"We've got a great administration and coaching staff here," said Johnson. "And working with Corky is going to be a great resource for me as

well. Between the two of us and the staff, it's going to be a great opportunity to grow the athletic program."

Graybill, who was athletic director for the past two school years, resigned in order to return to full-time teaching.

Journey from 1B

"It's a special gathering area tribes have officially been doing since 1989," says Beers. "But it represents tradition dating back thousands of years."

To instill the sense of tradition in participants of the canoe program, the canoe itself is an important part of the experience.

Carved from cedar by tribal member Guy Capoenan and his brothers, the Journey Canoe is the largest of the three types of

canoes used by members.

Spanning more than 32 feet, it can hold up to 14 passengers, each of whom plays a role in the canoeing process on a journey.

"It represents community," says Beers, who explains how each row — whether the lead poles in the front, power pullers in the middle or the steersman at the rear — all contribute to reaching a journey's destination.

"Even if you are in the row waiting to row as a reserve, you are contributing by keeping



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The two eagle feathers (bottom right) are blessed to spread peace as the Journey Canoe makes its way through the water.

spirits up and offering relief as others get tired," he says. "Everyone is important on a journey."

The Siuslaw River trip was the last of three journeys the group has taken in preparation for this month's multi-tribe gathering. In addition to the 14-mile Siuslaw trip, the group also took 16-mile journeys on

both the Coos and Lower Umpqua Rivers as part of the process of making a physical and, just as important, spiritual connection with the journey.

For example, the design of the canoe represents a living thing, complete with a "heart" and a simple mission: To leave peace in its wake.

"Two eagle feathers are tied to the front," says Beers. "They are placed there to bless the waters that we leave behind as a way of creating peace."

Something the world could use a little more of these days.

Fishing from 1B

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

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.

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 opened 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 ling cod has been decent. The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (2). Anglers can only keep three 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.

CRABING

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).

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