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Heceta from 1B

upon the shallows near Devil's Elbow in 1775. They talk of the intricacies of the beam itself. How its rotation sequence and number of Fresnel panels is unique — because each lighthouse has its

own signature. The Umpqua River lighthouse near Winchester Bay, for example, has 32 light panels, with every third plate colored red, creating a consistent red flash every few seconds. Up the coast in Newport, the Yaquina Head Lighthouse flashes its warning to sea-goers every 20 seconds — not in a beam, but a

burst of light that can be seen from 20 miles away. In the end, however, it's the silent sweep of brilliant light across the horizon that speaks to visitors the most. Standing at the base of the lighthouse, the group stares up at the slowly revolving beacon, momentarily joining its vigil. With their

eyes, they follow the enormous shafts of light slicing through the darkness, entranced by the motion. The repetition. And the thought that, 100 years from now, it could still be here, lighting the way — unchanged and offering safe passage through troubled waters. *(Tours of the Heceta Head*

Lighthouse are given daily throughout the summer from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.. The lighthouse observation area is open year round during park hours, offering a spectacular view of the coastline. To arrange a tour outside of the regular tour season, call Oregon State Parks at 1-800-551-6949.)

Fishing from 1B

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.

Fishing for largemouth bass is best in mornings and late evenings. Bass will be found in a little deeper water associated with cover, like weed-lines or other structure.

Bluegill fishing is picking up with many fish found in or near shallow water. Plastic worms, shallow crankbaits, topwater lures, and spinner baits are good to use for bass. Bluegills will bite on worms, small jigs, or flies.

**UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH:
 Bass**

Trout fishing is catch-and-release only in the South Umpqua and tributaries. Bass fishing should be good with warmer water temperatures.

**TENMILE BASIN: Trout,
 bass, yellow perch**

Trout fishing has been slow in Tenmile Lakes due to warm water. Trout anglers should fish in the deep water and fishing is usually best in the mornings.

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.

Fishing for yellow perch has been slow in Tenmile Lakes. Anglers fishing along the edge of the weedlines are having the best success.

Worms fished near the lake bottom work very well for catching yellow perch.

The water level in the lakes is very low so boat anglers should use caution.

**COOS RIVER BASIN:
 Dungeness crab, bay clams,
 rockfish**

Angling is restricted to artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater.

Anglers have been catching a few rockfish along the jetties and submerged rock piles. The marine fish daily bag limit for bottom fish (rockfish) 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. Retention of 1 cabezon per day is allowed.

Crabbing has been decent for those crabbing from a boat 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. Clamming is excellent during low tides near Charleston, off Cape Arago Highway, and Clam Island. There are also good places to dig clams even on positive low tides in Coos Bay.

NOTE: Recreational harvest of razor clams is closed from the north jetty of the Siuslaw River south to the California border due to elevated levels of domoic acid. This includes all beaches and all bays.

Before any shellfish harvest trip, make sure to check the Oregon Department of Agriculture website for any updates.

**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.

Razor clamming is closed south of the north jetty of the Siuslaw River.

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 on June 25 with a quota of 26,000 coho.

Fishing for salmon in the ocean has been very slow. As

of July 3, 99 percent of the selective coho quota remains.

Anglers have been catching tuna about 20-30 miles west of Coos Bay.

The Nearshore Halibut season is open seven days a week from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. As of July 3, 67 percent of the nearshore quota remains.

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 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. Anglers may harvest one cabezon per day.



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