

# Winchester Bay opens, Siuslaw remains closed to crabbing

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) announced that additional areas have been added to the ocean and bay recreational crab fishery along the southern Oregon coast.

The recreational crab fishery is now open from the north jetty of the Umpqua River (including Winchester Bay) south to the California border.

On the north coast, the recreational crab fishery is open from Cape Lookout north, including, the Columbia River.

The area between Cape Lookout and the north jetty of the Umpqua River will remain closed to ocean and bay recreational crabbing due to elevated levels of domoic acid detected in the viscera of Dungeness crab.

The closure includes popular

recreational crabbing spots in Siletz Bay, Yaquina Bay, Alsea Bay and the Siuslaw River.

Changes to the status of the ocean commercial fishery in the region between Cape Blanco and the Ore./Wash. border will be considered this week upon completion of additional domoic acid testing from the Newport area, and in consultation with the commercial crab industry and the

Washington and California Fish and Wildlife agencies.

It is recommended that crab always be eviscerated prior to cooking. Evisceration includes removing and discarding the internal organs and gills.

Despite the closure, crab and shellfish products sold in retail markets and restaurants remain safe for consumers because these products were not harvested in areas closed for

biotoxins.

Domoic acid or amnesic shellfish toxin can cause minor to severe illness and even death.

Severe poisoning can result in dizziness, headaches, vomiting and diarrhea.

More severe cases can result in memory loss and death. Shellfish toxins are produced by algae and originate in the ocean.

Toxins cannot be removed by cooking, freezing or any other treatment.

For more information, call ODA's shellfish safety information hotline at 800-448-2474 or visit the ODA shellfish closures online at [www.oregon.gov/OD/programs/FoodSafety/Shellfish/Pages/ShellfishClosures.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/OD/programs/FoodSafety/Shellfish/Pages/ShellfishClosures.aspx).

## C&M Horse Club to saddle up again in February

Junior equestrians should be ready for the second half of Horse Club, which will begin Friday, Feb. 3, for equestrians ages 6 to 18.

Horse Club meets every Friday (except for school holidays) until May 19, 2017.

Each week, the club builds

on the skills learned in the previous weeks and uses hands-on techniques to help the participants learn safety around horses, grooming and riding.

The program also reviews horse and tack parts and provides written handouts on the major parts of the program.

By the end of the year, the goal will be for the kids to have learned the basic fundamentals of horsemanship, how much fun it is to ride and what wonderful animals horses are.

For more information, call 541-997-7540, or stop by C&M Stables, 90241 Highway

101, eight miles north of Florence.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

C&M Stables was established by Jeff Chastain, a Florence native, in 1981.

## OSAA from 1B

North Bend, North Eugene and Philomath school districts.

This was the third meeting for the OSAA dealing with the reclassification and redistrict-

ing of schools for the 2018-20 seasons.

The next meeting is set for Monday, Jan. 30, when the committee will meet in Wilsonville in hopes of adopting either a six- or five-classification system.

Public testimony will be allowed that morning and will be followed by a closed work session later in the day.

"We need to get people writing to the OSAA about this," said Johnson.

Written suggestions and pro-

posals can be emailed to the OSAA at [bradg@osaa.org](mailto:bradg@osaa.org) for consideration during the next round of discussions at the end of January, when the final decision is expected to be made.

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