

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS

Calendar

Dec. 28

• MHS BB
AT REEDSPORT HS
GIRLS: 5:30 P.M.
BOYS: 7 P.M.

Dec. 29

• MHS BB
AT PERRYDALE HS
GIRLS: 4 P.M.
BOYS: 5:30 P.M.

Dec. 30

• SHS BB
AT CORBETT HS
GIRLS: 4 P.M.
BOYS: 5:30 P.M.

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

Dec. 28
12:40am / 5.6 6:01am / 2.7
11:45pm / 7.1 6:51pm / -0.3

Dec. 29
1:17am / 5.8 6:39am / 2.7
12:21pm / 7.1 7:26pm / -0.4

Dec. 30
1:53am / 5.9 7:18am / 2.6
12:57pm / 7.1 8:00pm / -0.4

Dec. 31
2:29am / 6.0 7:57am / 2.6
1:34am / 7.0 8:35pm / -0.4

Jan. 1
3:09am / 6.0 8:37am / 2.6
2:12pm / 6.8 9:14pm / -0.2

Jan. 2
3:48am / 6.1 9:24am / 2.6
2:55am / 6.4 9:53pm / 0.1

Jan. 3
4:29am / 6.1 10:18am / 2.5
3:46pm / 6.0 10:35pm / 0.4

Scouting for spouting



COURTESY PHOTOS

Visitors to the Oregon coast have a great opportunity to spot gray whales this week as they migrate to warmer waters near Mexico.

WATCHING FOR WHALES

BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

The majestic appearance of whales, while brief, is a memory that lasts a lifetime. Thousands will be gathering along the Oregon coast during Whale Watching Week, which began yesterday, in hopes of catching a glimpse of the winter whale migration as it continues through Saturday, Dec. 31. During that time, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is hosting 24 “Whale Watching Spoken Here” stations at various points along scenic



The tail of a migrating gray whale appears off the coast near Cape Perpetua last December.

See **WHALES 3B**

Siuslaw forest benefits from restoration grants

CORVALLIS — Siuslaw National Forest officials received good news last week in the form of two large grants awarded to the forest and its partners for restoration efforts spanning much of the Oregon coast.

A total of \$495,000 in federal funds will support invasive species management and ecological restoration on the Oregon dunes, as well as stream and forest restoration on and off Forest Service land on the north Oregon coast.

The “Salmon SuperHwy Basin Management Project” was selected for

a highly competitive Joint Chiefs’ Landscape Restoration Partnership award by the heads of the U.S. Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Funds totaling \$413,000 will be shared among the Siuslaw National Forest and the NRCS Oregon state office to restore and improve habitat for the endangered coho salmon, protect water quality, increase forest health, and support local communities through economic development, increasing infrastructure resiliency and reducing fire risk.

It builds on the existing Salmon SuperHwy initiative that aims to fully address fish passage and habitat needs on federal and private lands in the Nestucca and Tillamook Bay watersheds through a partnership of Forest Service, NRCS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Trout Unlimited, private landowners and others.

Oregon dunes restoration efforts will benefit from the Pulling Together Initiative grant that is being awarded to Cascade Pacific Resource

See **GRANTS 3B**

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A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

www.dfw.state.or.us/RR

MID COAST LAKES
Holdover trout will be available in most lakes. Fishing for the various warm water fish species will slow as water temperatures cool. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity.

Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes are open for wild coho until Dec. 31. Fishing has been fair to slow. Casting spinners near the weed lines and trolling plugs or spinners can be effective on fish that recently entered the lake.

SIUSLAW RIVER:
Chinook

The Siuslaw River and bay is open for Chinook salmon. Fishing is slow.

Trolling herring in the lower bay is an effective technique. Eggs and bobber can be productive in the upper bay and river.

ALSEA RIVER AND BAY: *Chinook, steelhead*

The Alsea River and bay is open for Chinook salmon. Fishing is slow. Fish are throughout the bay and river. Eggs and bobber can be productive in the upper bay and river as the season progresses.

Steelhead fishing is open. Fish are entering the mainstem with the first entering steelhead near the town of Alsea. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

- Open for hatchery steelhead through Dec. 31.

- No fishing from a floating device upstream from Mill Creek.

SALMON RIVER:
Chinook

The Salmon River and bay is open for Chinook salmon. The run is near the end but a few fish are still entering the system.

Trolling herring in the lower bay is an effective technique. Eggs and bobber can be productive in the upper bay and river as the season progresses.

Parking can be limited at Knight Park during the fall salmon return. Anglers are reminded that from Knight Park boat ramp to Sulphur Creek through Dec. 31, angling is restricted to single point hook metal lures, fly angling, or salmon bobber angling.

See **FISHING 2B**

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