

Siuslaw National Forest to benefit 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 the

risks associated with fires. It builds on the existing Salmon SuperHwy initiative

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— Jerry Ingersoll, SNF supervisor.

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 Conservation and Development (CPRCD) by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. This grant will support an effort with the

Siuslaw National Forest, CPRCD, Save the Riders Dunes and other local partners to identify and eradicate invasive species on the Oregon dunes and build capacity for broad scale dunes ecosystem restoration projects into the future.

This \$82,000 grant will support restoration of 200 acres of sand dunes within the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (ODNRA), protect critical habitat for threatened and endangered species, provide trainings for coastal communities to learn how to detect and control invasive species on the dunes, and establish a network

of partners all working towards the mutual goal of dunes restoration.

"We're so thrilled about the opportunities these grants will provide to work with our partners to address critical restoration needs up and down the Oregon coast," said Jerry Ingersoll, Siuslaw forest supervisor. "We have some big challenges out there.

"By joining forces with our partners to tackle them, we have the ability to make great strides in improving outcomes for fish and wildlife, and people who live, work and play on the Oregon coast."

Grapplers from 1C

with a pair of pins — in the opener against Ayite Mettle of Newport (4:50) and teammate

Clark Hooper (4:56) — and a loss to Mettle in a rematch for third place.

At 285 pounds, Lane opened the meet with a pin against Kody Jenks of Lowell in 1:19, then lost

in the finals to Thomas Talamantes-Ward by pin in 4:50.

Lowell went on to win the team title with 161.5 points, followed by Newport (117), Siletz Valley (68) and Siuslaw (46).

The meet served as a warm-up for this Saturday's annual Nick Lutz Memorial Invitational at Siuslaw, which gets underway at 9 a.m. at Glenn Butler Court.

The multi-divisional tourna-

ment will include teams from Brookings-Harbor, Churchill, Crow, Junction City, Lincoln, South Umpqua, Taft and Willamette.

Vikings from 1C

Senior guard Destinie Tatum provided the biggest threat against the Pelicans, nabbing a double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds, along with a pair of blocked shots. Fellow senior

Brittany Long, who has been the team's other leading scorer this season, was fighting the flu and made just two shots.

Junior post Marika White had 6 points.

That same night, the Viking boys handed Hidden Valley a decisive 52-35 loss, then faced

Henley on Saturday in a hard-fought game against the 4A's No. 2-ranked team.

The Hornets capitalized on perimeter shooting to pull away down the stretch, sinking five 3-pointers in the game to narrowly escape the Vikings, 48-42.

The Lady Viks, meanwhile,

took on Far West League opponent Brookings-Harbor in a non-league standoff that ended in favor of the Bruins, 51-29.

Last night, the preseason wrapped up with the boys' team on the road at Junction City and the girls hosting the Tigers at Glenn Butler Court (after press

deadlines).

Friday, the Vikings will kick off the Far West League season at home, with Siuslaw hosting South Umpqua.

Girls tip off at 6 p.m., followed by the boys at 7:30 p.m.

Fishing from 1C

WILSON RIVER: Steelhead Hatchery steelhead are available and opportunities should improve on through January as conditions improve.

All the usual techniques such as side drifting, float fishing, and pulling plugs or divers and bait, should be effective.

Anglers are reminded that fall Chinook season is closed.

YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead

The Yaquina River is open for hatchery winter steelhead. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

COOS COUNTY LAKES/PONDS: Trout

Rainbow trout were stocked in Upper Empire, Bradley, Saunders, Powers and Butterfield lakes in October. Fishing for these stocked fish has slowed down. Coos County lakes and ponds will not be stocked again until the spring.

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

Trout fishing in streams is closed until May 22.

A few steelhead have been caught the past few weeks in the West Fork Millicoma, East Fork Millicoma, and South Fork Coos rivers.

The West Fork Millicoma was the only river in the basin that was fishable over the past weekend.

Anglers are drifting eggs or corkies along the stream bottom or using a jig suspended under a bobber. Anglers fishing the South Fork Coos River above Dellwood will need a permit from Weyerhaeuser, which they can pick up at the Dellwood office.

In the Coos Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

Anglers have been catching a few rockfish and surfperch along the jetties and submerged rock piles. Fishing for rockfish in the bay has been spotty. The marine fish daily bag limit for bottom fish (rockfish) is 7 fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (2).

The 7 fish marine bag limit will remain in place, with

these adjustments for 2017: Create a sub-bag limit of 6 black rockfish, remove the sub-bag limit for canary rockfish, add China/quillback/copper rockfishes to the sub-bag limit with blue/Deacon rockfish and change the limit from 3 to 4.

Finally remove the 10-inch minimum size for kelp greenling.

Retention of cabezon is not allowed until July 1.

Recreational crabbing is now open in all Oregon waters. Crabbing was decent over the weekend in Coos Bay.

Crabbing from a boat has been better than crabbing from the dock but dock crabbers are picking up a few legal crabs.

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.

Recreational harvest of razor clams and mussels is closed from the entire Oregon coast 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.

COQUILLE RIVER BASIN: Crab, steelhead, salmon

Trout fishing in streams is closed until May 22.

Steelhead anglers have reported catching a few steelhead in the North Fork Coquille at LaVerne Park and the South Fork Coquille rivers. Anglers have had success drifting eggs or corkies.

Recreational crabbing is now open in all Oregon waters.

Crabbing is very slow in the lower Coquille River due to the large amounts of freshwater coming downstream.

TENMILE BASIN: Trout, bass, yellow perch, steelhead

Trout fishing in the streams of the Tenmile Basin are now closed until May 22. Trout fishing in Tenmile Lakes is open all year.

A few steelhead have been reported in Tenmile Creek. Anglers will have success

plunking near the acclimation sites or fishing a jig under a bobber. Eel Creek is now open to steelhead fishing.

Largemouth bass fishing has slowed down over the past few weeks. Anglers are catching bass near structure or on the deep end of the weed lines using jigs or rubber worms.

Fishing for yellow perch has picked up in Tenmile Lakes. Anglers have been catching a few yellow perch measuring 14 to 15-inches long.

Worms fished near the lake bottom work very well for catching yellow perch. Anglers should fish in water depths of 15 feet or deeper to consistently find the bigger yellow perch.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead

The South Umpqua is open to winter steelhead fishing, upstream to Jackson Creek.

Only adipose fin-clipped steelhead may be retained.

Steelhead are being caught up to Canyonville and anglers are hooking into a few. Fishing may slow with cooler temperatures.

WINCHESTER BAY: Bottomfish, perch

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

PACIFIC OCEAN AND BEACHES: Bottomfish, surf perch, crab

Recreational crabbing is now open in all Oregon waters.

Bottom fishing has been good when the ocean conditions allow.

Recreational harvest of razor clams is closed on the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid. Harvest of mussels is open on the entire Oregon Coast. Before any shellfish harvest trip, make sure to check the ODA website for any updates.

Surf perch fishing was decent this past weekend. Surf perch anglers will do the best fishing with sand shrimp when ocean swells are small.

• **Ocean salmon**

The ocean recreational salmon fishery off Oregon is currently closed. Please stay tuned for updates on the 2017 seasons. Details, including regulations, and more information on ocean salmon seasons.

• **Bottom Fishing**

New bag and sub-bag limits for 2017: To stay within Federal allocations, and try to provide for year-round fishing opportunities, there are some changes to daily bag limits. Canary rockfish has been declared rebuilt and is now part of the 7 fish marine bag limit (no sub-bag limit).

Black rockfish will have a sub-bag limit of 6 fish (out of the 7 fish daily bag, no more than 6 may be black rockfish).

There is a 4 fish sub-bag limit for blue/deacon, China, copper, and quillback rockfish combined (out of the 7 fish marine bag, no more than 4 may be these species combined). The daily bag limit for lingcod remains at 2 fish and flatfish species, other than Pacific halibut, remains at 25 fish.

• **Reminder:** the Cabezon season is closed; it will reopen July 1.

• **Pacific halibut**

The 2017 quota for Pacific halibut will be determined in early this month. ODFW staff-recommended season dates will be available in mid-February.

• **SHELLFISH**

Call the ODA shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 for the most current information about shellfish safety closures before harvesting.

Additional information is available from ODA's Food Safety Program at 503-986-4720 or the ODA shellfish closures website.

• **Mussels**

The recreational harvest of mussels is open coastwide.

• **Razor clams**

NOTICE: Razor clams are closed along the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid. This includes all beaches and bays.

• **Bay clams**


Bay clamming is open along the entire Oregon Coast from the Columbia River to the California border.

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

• **Crab**

Crabbing is open in the ocean and all bays. Crabbing in Coos Bay has been good.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Richard Huff

Siuslaw H.S. Wrestling

The junior 120-pounder swept his way through the bracket at the Alsea Bay Classic last week, winning his first match with a 20-7 major decision, then pinned three more opponents including the final match that he finished in 17-seconds.

Honorable Mention Kainan Lane

Honorable mention goes to 285 pounder Kainan Lane who finished second at 285 pounds at the Alsea Bay Classic.

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their divisions. Anderson said he feels his

teams' prospects for a state appearance are good.

"With only two warm-up tournaments left before district, things look bright that our

varsity teams will make the state tournament," said Anderson.