

**Viks** from 1B

5 points. The Lady Viks also got scoring from fellow seniors Abby Watkins (3) and Nikki Launius (3), junior Marika White (2) sophomore Alyssa Richards (2)

and freshman Mia Collins (1). Tatum lead in rebounds with 7, and Long had 4 steals. North Bend went on to win it 59-27, moving into a tie for first place with Douglas and Marshfield at 4-1. In the boys game, the Vikings

remained a threat to the undefeated Bulldogs throughout the first half, trailing by just 8 points at halftime, 29-21. But the Bulldogs dominated the second half, outscoring Siuslaw 39-17 and posting five players in double-figure scoring

en route to a 68-39 win. For the Viks, 37 of its 39 points came from its juniors, with post Trent Reavis claiming 20 points to lead scoring. Jake Hickson had 8 points, including a pair of 3-pointers; Kyle King had 6 points and Jared Brandt had 3 points to

go with 7 rebounds. The Bulldogs remain poised at the top of the Far West at 5-0, followed by a three-way tie for second place between Siuslaw, Marshfield and Douglas (3-2). Last night the Vikings had a bye, but will return to the hard-

wood Friday to kick off the second half of league at South Umpqua. Girls tip off at 6 p.m., followed by the boys game at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Siuslaw will host Marshfield.

**Fishing** from 1B

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**ALSEA RIVER: Chinook, steelhead**

Steelhead fishing opened on the Alsea River and listed tributaries. Fishing is fair when river conditions are favorable.

Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

**SALMON RIVER: Steelhead**

The Salmon River opened for wild and hatchery steelhead is open. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Salmon River. Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1/day and 3/year. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

**SILETZ RIVER AND BAY: Steelhead**

Winter steelhead opportunities are improving as more fish move through the mainstem. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

**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.

**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 Oregon Department of Agriculture 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.

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