

Flood conditions means extra caution for boaters

Last weekend's heavy rain-fall and continued wet forecast this week sets up the perfect scenario for potential flooding on area rivers.

With flooding comes debris flows with trees, root wads, and other material that can impact the safety of boaters on the water.

The Oregon Marine Board and marine law enforcement strongly urge boaters to take the following precautions:

Before hitting the water, OSMB suggests checking current conditions online at:

www.boatoregon.com and click on the 'Boat Oregon Map'

- Make sure the boat ramp is open for launching.

The Marine Board is working closely with facility managers and will include closure information on the Boat Oregon Map.

- Scout the river before running it. Rivers are dynamic, and don't stay the same over time. Boulders and logs move, trees fall and currents shift.

When in doubt — scout and portage out.

- Wear a life jacket. Given the water temperature and equally cold air temperature, boaters are encouraged to wear a properly fitting life jacket on the outside of their cold weather attire.

- Boat with others and stay within sight of one another.

- Know your limits and how to self-rescue. Be sure your skills and experience are equal to the river and the conditions.

- Fill out a digital float plan

and print out a copy to let others know where you are boating and when to expect your return.

The digital form, when submitted, sends an email to the Marine Board that can be used later to aid marine law enforcement should a boater need help.

Visit www.boatoregon.com and click on the Boat Oregon Map. The website and the application are optimized for mobile devices.

Viks from 1B

cost them junior guard Jared Brandt by the fourth quarter.

Junior post Trent Reavis still managed 17 points and 8 rebounds to lead Siuslaw in scoring and off the boards, with 8 points each from juniors Kyle King and Jake Hickson, as well

as senior point guard Brogan Cornish.

Brandt had 6 points and freshman Sam Myers had 4 points.

Still tied for third at 3-3 with Marshfield and Douglas, the Vikings hosted the Pirates last night (after press deadlines) for a crucial game that could determine the second-place spot in the Far West as the league winds

down next week.

It was the first league win of the season for South Umpqua, which is in last place at 1-5 (10-10 overall).

North Band, ranked No. 4 in the state at the 4A level by the OSAA, remains undefeated in league at 6-0.

Earlier that night, the Lady Vikings took to the hardwood

against the Lady Lancers, whose freshman standout Shalyn Gray was nearly unstoppable, scoring 28 points before the final buzzer.

Meanwhile, Siuslaw senior point guard and top scorer Destinie Tatum found herself the main focus of South Umpqua's defense, which held Tatum to her lowest-scoring game of the season with 5 points before fouling

out.

Sophomore Alyssa Richards led the Lady Viks with 10 points and 8 rebounds, followed by junior Marika White with 8 points, 7 rebounds and 4 blocked shots.

Senior Claire Waggoner also had 8 points to go with 4 rebounds.

The loss puts Siuslaw at 1-5 in league (6-13 overall) along with

South Umpqua (5-15).

Last night, the Lady Viks hosted Marshfield (after press deadlines).

Friday, both Siuslaw teams will be on the road at Brookings-Harbor.

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

Fishing from 1B

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.

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 corks 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 corks.

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.

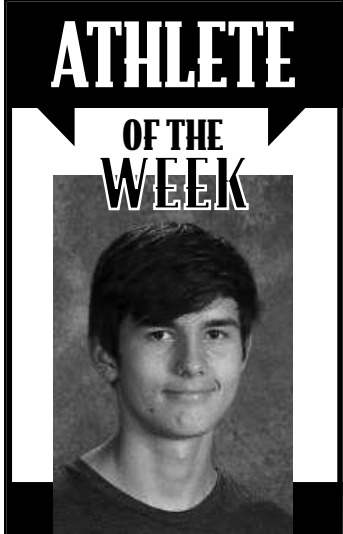
• **Bay clams**

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.



Dominic Wells

Mapleton H.S.



Basketball

The Junior post lead the Sailors with 30 points and 38 rebounds in two games last week on the basketball court. In one game alone, he pulled down 24 rebounds.

Honorable Mention Eyza Abbas

Honorable mention is given to Siuslaw Wrestler Eyza Abbas who finished sixth out of 30 competitors in her weight class at the Western Oregon Girls' Regional Wrestling Meet at Thurston High School in Springfield.

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