

# On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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**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.

**SIUSLAW RIVER:**  
*Steelhead*  
The Siuslaw River and bay is closed to Chinook salmon.

Fishing is slow. The Siuslaw River and Lake Cr. are open for steelhead fishing. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

**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.

See **FISHING 3B**

## Crabbing restrictions lifted from Coos Bay to Heceta Head

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) have announced the reopening of recreational crabbing and lifting of commercial crabbing restrictions from the north jetty of Coos Bay to Heceta Head,

north of Florence.

Dungeness crab viscera samples taken from the area indicate levels of the marine toxin domoic acid have dropped and remain below the alert level.

Crab harvesting was closed or restricted in that portion of the central coast last week.

With the reopening and lifting of restrictions, all harvesting of crab is open along the entire Oregon Coast.

ODA and ODFW will continue monitoring marine toxins in crab and shellfish to ensure that the concentrations remain below the alert level.

Despite the recent closure, crab and shellfish products sold in retail markets and restaurants are safe for consumers.

It is recommended that crab always be eviscerated prior to cooking, which includes removal and discard of the internal organs and gills.

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



PHOTOS BY NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw junior post Trent Reavis looks for an opening in the key against Marshfield.

### Viks from 1B

freshman Sam Myers brought the Viks within 5 points, 46-41.

Freethrows from Reavis and King closed the gap to within 3 points with 32 seconds left, but a crucial steal by the Pirates in the final seconds allowed Marshfield

to run out the clock and preserve the win, 46-43.

The loss dropped the Vikings into a three-way tie for third place in the Far West League at 3-4 with Douglas and Brookings-Harbor.

Last night, Siuslaw played at Brookings (after press deadlines) for a chance to take sole possession

of third place with two games remaining in the season.

Tuesday, the Vikings will be on the road at Douglas before wrapping up the final game of the regular season at home against undefeated North bend (7-0) next Friday.

Tipoff for both games is set for 7:30 p.m.

## Hoop shooters advance to state this weekend

The local Elks Hoop Shoot for boys and girls ages 8 to 13 was held Saturday, Jan. 21, at Siuslaw Elementary School. On hand were Elks members, parents and friends of young basketball hoop shooters.

Mylee Blake won the 8- to 9-year-old girls division; Jordan Pitcher won the 8- to 9-year-old boys bracket.

Dillon Jensen won the 10- to 11-year old boys contest, with Makayla Freeman winning the girls side.

Top shooter of the event was Brody Terry, who won the

12- to 13-year-old boys division after sinking 19 of 25 freethrows.

Four of the event's top shooters then advanced to the district championships in Seaside, Ore., where Freeman qualified for the state finals to be held today, Feb. 11, in Milwaukie, Ore.

Terry sank 22 of 25 attempts at district and was top shooter for the event.

He will also move on to state with Freeman this weekend.

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# the spotlight

Together, Wes Wells and I have served the Florence Area for the past 12 years through our family owned business, Wells Tree & Landscape. We have three children who attend Mapleton High School; Dominic Wells, Haley Wells, and Alyssa West. I recently earned my Oregon Real Estate Brokers license to further help our community. I am eager to share my knowledge of the local area with newcomers and serve local residents in the sale of their home.

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