

Documentary spotlights importance of ocean planning

YACHATS — A screening of “Ocean Frontiers III: Leaders in Ocean Stewardship and the New Blue Economy,” will take place Wednesday, May 17, at 5 p.m., at the Yachats Commons.

Ocean Frontiers III, produced by Green Fire Productions, chronicles recent efforts along the Eastern seaboard to plan for healthy oceans, robust ocean economies and a sustainable future.

The film’s release coincides

with the implementation of the nation’s first ocean plans in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. The plans, which are based on the most comprehensive database of scientific and ocean use information ever compiled across the regions, will help manage the ocean’s many uses, including shipping, recreation, fishing, offshore energy and wildlife habitat protection.

“Ocean planning is essential for protecting the health and

resilience of our oceans,” said Karen Meyer, executive director of Green Fire Productions and producer of Ocean Frontiers III. “With ocean planning underway along the West coast, it’s important to see what people have done in other parts of the country.

“Much can be learned from the work that was done on the Atlantic and many of the issues are the same on both coasts.”

Ocean Frontiers III explores the intersection of national

security, marine commerce, recreation and conservation. It also dives deeper into expanding industries such as offshore wind energy and aquaculture.

The film allows viewers to witness an unprecedented collaboration of stakeholders — including fishermen, coastal planners, military officials, Native American leaders, environmental advocates, scientists and wind energy executives — who are working to manage and balance all the uses of the

ocean so it can thrive for generations to come.

The award-winning Ocean Frontiers film series follows North American ocean planning from its early days, highlighting the use of new ocean data and extensive stakeholder input to keep national security strong, the economy growing, and ocean habitats protected.

“There’s a huge amount of pride in the work that’s been done to identify solutions that benefit our communities, our

economy and our ocean,” Meyer said. “I’m inspired by all of the people who are part of this collaborative effort and are leading the way to a sustainable and thriving ocean.”

The event is free. RSVP online at bit.ly/OF3Yachats

The event is presented by: Audubon Society of Portland - Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary, Midcoast Watersheds Council, Surfrider Foundation, Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition and Green Fire Productions.

Fishing from 1B

schedule is available online.

MID COAST LAKES:

Mid coast lakes have been stocked and are fishing well. The 2017 trout stocking schedule is available online.

ALSEA RIVER AND BAY: Steelhead

Steelhead fishing is open on the Alsea River and listed tributaries until April 30. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

SALMON RIVER: Steelhead

The Salmon River closed for wild and hatchery steelhead on March 31 to protect spawning wild steelhead

SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook

The Siletz River is open for wild Chinook (1 per day and 2 per season). A few summer steelhead are starting to be caught in the lower river. Steelhead fishing is fair. Drift boaters are having success from Moonshine Park to Siletz and bank anglers are catching hatchery fish in the Siletz gorge.

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WILSON RIVER: Steelhead

The Wilson is in decent shape. Steelhead should be winding down but there was still some good fishing last week, although mostly for wild steelhead.

YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead

The Yaquina River and Big Elk Cr. are closed for steelhead fishing to protect spawning wild steelhead.

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

Trout fishing in streams is closed until May 22.

Most anglers have stopped fishing for steelhead in the Coos Basin. Rivers in the Coos basin are open to steelhead fishing until April 30. Anglers fishing the South Fork Coos River above Dellwood will need a permit from Weyerhaeuser.

In the Coos basin, one additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of three adult fish harvested daily.

Anglers are still 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 seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (two).

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 open inside the Coos Bay estuary. Crabbing has been slow in Coos Bay but crabbers will need to sort through several short crab to find keepers.

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.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead

Anglers are still hooking into a few hatchery fish. Pay attention to river gages for the South as it has been high and unfishable a large portion of the time this season. The South Umpqua will likely be a little high for most anglers this weekend.

TENMILE BASIN: Trout, bass, steelhead

Trout fishing in the streams of the Tenmile Basin are closed until May 22. Trout fishing in Tenmile Lakes, Eel Lake, Saunders Lake are open all year. Anglers have been

catching trout in Eel and Tenmile lakes trolling wedding ring spinners tipped with a worm.

Steelhead season is open in Tenmile Creek and Eel Creek until April 30. Steelhead fishing has been very slow in the Tenmile Basin. In the Tenmile Basin, one additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of three adult fish harvested daily.

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 open along the entire Oregon coast.

Bottom fishing has been good when the ocean conditions allow. Fishing for bottom fish is now restricted to inside the 30-fathom curve. A few black rockfish have been seen feeding on/near the surface recently.

Recreational harvest of razor clams is CLOSED on the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

The recreational harvesting of mussels is OPEN along the entire Oregon Coast from the Columbia River to the California border. Before any shellfish harvest trip, make sure to check the Oregon Department of Agriculture website for any updates.

Surf perch fishing has been good when ocean swells are

small. Surf perch anglers will do the best fishing with sand shrimp or Berkely Gulp sand worms.

OCEAN SALMON: The ocean recreational Chinook salmon fishery off Oregon is currently open from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. Fishing effort and catch have been slow so far.

BOTTOM FISHING:

When the weather allows, fishing during the winter and spring months for lingcod and rockfish can be fun and successful. Last week there were several reports of blue-colored lingcod being caught along the central coast.

These blue-colored lingcod, sometimes called “Smurf lingcod” are safe to eat, the flesh turns white when cooked, and tastes the same as normal colored lingcod. The blue coloration comes from a bile pig-

ment called biliverdin (also responsible for some of the coloration when people get a bruise), but how or why this pigment gets into the tissue of lingcod is unknown, though may have something to do with what the lingcod is eating.

SURFPERCH: Surfperch are a diverse group of fish that provide a variety of angling opportunities.

Striped seaperch are found year-round in rocky areas like jetties; and ocean surf is the place to find redbait surfperch and silver perch.

The bag limit for surfperch is generous at 15 per day.

However, a lot remains unknown about the status of surfperch populations off the Oregon Coast, so, as usual, take only what you will use.

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2 runs scored. Kelby White, also a senior, was 2-for-3.

Senior Hunter Simington, from Mapleton, scored twice in the game, along with cousin Gabe Simington

Last night, the Vikings were on the road at Brookings for a doubleheader with the Bruins (after press deadlines).

Siuslaw was at 1-9 in league after Tuesday’s game.

Brookings-Harbor (5-5) could still make the league

play-offs with a sweep of Siuslaw last night.

The Vikings will close out the season in a 3-game series next week with North Bend, starting at the Dawg House on Monday at 5 p.m., then at home for a doubleheader Thursday during Siuslaw’s senior night.

The senior roster includes the seven players: Brogan Cornish, Drew Rannow, Kyle Rose, Marcos Reyna-Ayala, Hunter Simington, Nick Steinman and Kelby White.

First game is at 3 p.m.

In softball, the Lady Vikings

were just one run away from picking up their second league win Tuesday at Brookings-harbor.

Tied at 6-6 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, the Bruins’ Makayla Holmes drove in the winning run in the for a narrow 7-6 win.

It was the first win of the season for the Bruins.


Siuslaw, 1-9 after Tuesday’s loss, hosted a re-match with Brookings last night in a doubleheader at home (after press deadlines).

Siuslaw will finish its season

in a 3-game series against North Bend, beginning Monday at home during senior night.

First pitch is at 5 p.m. Friday, the Lady Viks will be on the road for a doubleheader with the Bruins. Games are at 3 and 5 p.m.

Like the Viking boys, seven of Siuslaw’s 11-player roster are seniors: Katherine Dodson, Jenicah Ecker, Heidi Jones, Sara Keel, Nikki Launius, Chehalis Stinger and Claire Waggoner



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