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Northwest, pitting him against wrestlers from as far away as Washington, Idaho and California.

"Joel understands the basic principle of wrestling hard and coming out on top," said Buss. "He doesn't complicate things."

Sissel said his approach to wrestling in any format is a simple one.

"I just like getting physical with people," he said, a statement that seems to contradict his easy-going nature.

"On the mats, Joel is a beast. he goes after it," said Buss.

Whatever Sissel attributes to his success, the sixth grader went from not placing at all last

season to winning every match during last weekend's OWA Freestyle and Greco divisions by either a technical fall (ahead by 10 points) or an outright pin.

In the Greco championship, Sissel faced defending champion Jared Scott.

"He was the guy to beat," said Sissel.

Things didn't start out well in the opening rounds against

Scott, who got a takedown on Sissel for a 2-0 lead in the second round.

But Sissel went into "beast mode," holding Scott scoreless for the remainder of the match while piling on 12 points to win the title by technical fall, 12-2.

With summer vacation on the horizon, does Sissel plan to relax?

No way.

"There are wrestling camps this summer, so I'll be busy," said Sissel.

Buss echoed that sentiment with some words of wisdom.

"Summer and fall wrestlers make winter winners," said Buss. "It's going to be exciting to see what Joel does from here."

Fishing from 1B

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 redtail 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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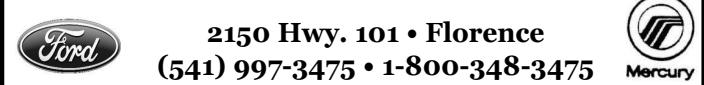
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