

Little from 1B

Whenever Siuslaw played the Reedsport Braves, the pep band avoided the National Anthem — denying Reedsport fans the opportunity to sing “Home of the Braves!” and claim the field as theirs.

It is the Vikings’ field, after all.

It turned out to be a close game. Just prior to half, the Vikings called a fake punt, with the ball being caught and returned for a touchdown to end the half.

The Vikings used the momentum, along with a stout

second-half defense, to win.

It becomes coach Tim Dodson’s first league title — with more to follow.

To earn it against the team from the south makes it even sweeter.

In the state playoffs, a last-second desperation pass by Marist eventually sealed a vic-

tory over Siuslaw on that same field.

Though the Vikings lost the final game on the old Hans Petersen Field, it didn’t tarnish the victories achieved by five decades of past Vikings teams.

Many fans still miss the closeness of the stands.

They miss walking the side-

lines behind the team following the ball.

But sometimes in the quiet of the night, you can still hear the clattering of football cleats on the sidewalk leading to the field of old.

Fishing from 1B

SALMON RIVER: *Trout*
Trout season opened May 22, and there should be some nice cutthroat around.

Remember the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8-inches.

SILETZ RIVER: *Steelhead, Chinook, trout*

The Siletz River opened for wild Chinook on April 1 (1 per day and 2 per season). Spring Chinook and summer steelhead are being caught, and fishing should continue to improve.

ODFW is recycling hatchery summer steelhead from the Siletz Falls trap, giving anglers another shot at catching these fish in the gorge.

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

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WILSON RIVER: *Steelhead, Spring Chinook, trout*

Spring Chinook fishing has been slow on the Wilson.

There are summer steelhead in the system, and fishing pressure is very light.

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YAQUINA RIVER: *Trout*
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COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: *Trout, warmwater fish*

Largemouth bass fishing has been good in many of the area smaller lakes. Bluegills can be found in area lakes right along the weed lines.

Trout fishing continues to be good at Empire Lakes and Eel Lake but trout fishing will slow down as through the month as water temperatures continue to warm. Anglers are having good success using PowerBait at Empire Lakes, while trolling a wedding ring spinner has worked very well at Eel Lake.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: *Trout, bass*

The South opened on May 22 to trout and warmwater fishing.

TENMILE BASIN: *Trout, bass*

Streams and rivers are now open to trout fishing until Oct. 31. Fishing is restricted to artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater. Anglers may

harvest 2 trout per day that are a minimum of 8 inches long.

Trout fishing in Tenmile Lakes, Eel Lake, Saunders Lake are open all year. Anglers have been catching trout in Eel Lake trolling wedding ring spinners tipped with a worm.

Largemouth bass fishing has been very good with anglers catching lots of bass on Senkos and other plastics. Now that the bass spawn is almost over, fish will be spreading out and moving to deeper water. Fishing for bass will be best early mornings and evenings.

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, salmon, halibut*

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. Fishing for rockfish and ling cod was good this past weekend.

Recreational Chinook salmon fishing is open from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain. Anglers may have two salmon per day but is closed to retention of coho except during the selective and non-selective coho seasons.

The selective coho season opened this past weekend and will remain open until July 31 or until the 18,000 marked coho quota has been met. Anglers have reported catching (and releasing) hatchery coho in the Charleston area before the season opened.

As of June 17, there is 24 percent of the All Depth Halibut quota remaining. The nearshore halibut season (inside 40 fathoms) is now open seven days a week except when there are All Depth Halibut days.

As of June 18, there is 86 percent of the Nearshore quota remaining.

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 Berkley Gulp sand worms. Fishing is typically best on the incoming tide.

SHELLFISH:
Call the ODA shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 before harvesting for the most current information about shellfish safety closures. Additional information is available from ODA’s Food Safety Program at (503) 986-4720 or the ODA shellfish closures website. Openings and closures listed below were accurate on June 16.

• MUSSELS
The recreational harvest of mussels is open coastwide.

Rock jetty structures at nearly every port in Oregon support harvestable populations of mussels.

• RAZOR CLAMS
NOTICE: Razor clams remain 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.

• CRABBING
Ocean and bay crabbing is open coastwide. Reports are that crabbing has in good in Yaquina Bay. Typically this time of year we start seeing some soft male crabs that have recently molted. Recent reports are that crabbing has been getting better in the ocean, and the best results are seen in water deeper than 100 feet.

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 quill-back 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.



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