# Sign-ups for Saturday's annual Salmon Run 5K fundraiser continue

While working as an intern with the Siuslaw Watershed Council in 2006, Deadwood resident and Mapleton High School graduate Shiloh Sundstrom began the Salmon Run 5K as a fund raiser for its watershed programs

The run lasted three years before trickling off after Sundstrom went to college, where he earned a masters degree in forest resources from Oregon State University in

He dedicating much of his time to the watershed over the years before, two years ago, a tragic hit-and-run accident took Sundstrom's life at age 34.

In February 2016, while accepting the "Spirit of the Siuslaw" award on behalf of his son, Johnny Sundstrom

challenged the board to start the run again.

"The board thought it was a great idea to get that tradition going again," said Tom Burke of the SWC.

Last year's revival of the race drew 74 participants, with those finishing in first place in each division receiving a handmade commemorative wooden medal.

This year, organizers of the Salmon Run hope to increase that number to 100 or more.

"It means a lot to see so many people turn out for this event," Johnny Sundstrom said at the start of last year's run. "Shiloh believed in giving back, and having this race up and running again in his memory and raising money for conservation education and proj-

ects is a wonderful way of continuing his legacy."

This year's race will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, with checkin beginning at 8:30 a.m.

In addition to the 5K run, there is also a 3K fun run/walk.

Both races start at 9 a.m., at the Mapleton High School track, where Shiloh spent a lot of time as both a high school athlete for the Sailors as well as an assistant track coach for his father, Johnny. Just as when the run was first

established 11 years ago, all money raised goes to support SWC programs and the watershed that meant so much to Sundstrom.

Cost is \$25 for the 3K or \$30 for the 5K event and includes a commemorative T-shirt. To preregister, visit www.eclecticedge racing.com.









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the Wilson River and is fair. There are fish throughout the system, and fresh fish are still coming in. Target riffles and the top of pools during first and last light, and concentrate on deeper holding pools once the sun is on the water.

Fishing stealthy, with light gear, and targeting first and last light is often the key to success with these fish.

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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.

A few anglers are still catching a few trout in both Lower and Upper Empire Lakes using PowerBait or trolling a spinner in the deeper water.

ODFW is implementing a tag reward trout study on Empire Lakes for 2017 in which anglers will be asked to report tagged trout that are caught. Anglers can report

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Some of the tags will be worth a \$50 gift card. This study is an effort by ODFW to compare stocking of "larger" trout to last year's stocking of "legal" size trout.

**PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES:** Bottomfish, surf perch, crab, salmon, halibut

Recreational crabbing is open along the entire Oregon

The nearshore halibut season (inside 40 fathoms) is now open seven days a week except when there are All Depth Halibut days. The next All Depth Halibut days are August 4-5. As of July 9, there is 43 percent of the Nearshore quota remaining.

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 sea-

The selective coho season is open and will remain open until July 31 or until the 18,000 marked coho quota has been met. Anglers have reported catching both Chinook salmon and hatchery coho in the Charleston area early last

As of July 9, there is 94 percent of the selective coho salmon quota remaining.

### **CLOSURES:**

· Razor clams remain closed along the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid. This includes all beaches and bays

### 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

- The Central Oregon Coast Pacific halibut spring all-depth fishery is now closed.
- Mussels are closed from Tillamook Head (just north of Cannon Beach) to Cascade Head (just north of Lincoln City).

## **OCEAN SALMON**

Ocean Chinook fishing effort and catch have been slow so far this season; however, some ocean Chinook were landed in Garibaldi, Pacific City, Florence, and Winchester Bay last week.

The Selective Coho (finclipped) season between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain opened on June 24 and will run through the earlier of July 31 or an 18,000 marked coho quota. The bag limit is two salmon per day, and all coho must have a healed adipose fin

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at www.prefontainerun.com Registration forms are available at the Coos Bay Visitor Information Center, Farr's True Value Hardware Nasburg Huggins Insurance in Coos Bay.

Applicants may also call for applications or more information at 541-267-3165.





