

Oregon Parks accepting applications for conservation grants

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) has officially opened the grant cycle for the 2018 Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

More than \$3 million in assistance is available for development and rehabilitation of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities, as well as land

acquisition.

Eligible recipients include cities, counties, METRO, ports, park and recreation districts, tribes and state agencies.

The application deadline is March 2. The online grant application, along with instructions and other forms, are available at www.oregon.gov/oprd/

grants.

Returning applicants should use their account username and password. New applicants must request an account by going to oprdrgrants.org.

OPRD will conduct two workshops in January 2018 to familiarize applicants with the grant process. The first is an in-person session on

Jan. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon in Salem.

The second workshop is a webinar on Jan. 10, 10 a.m. to noon.

Content at both workshops will be the same.

Registration is required for both. Contact Michele Scalise, OPRD lead grant program coordinator, at michele.scalise@oregon.gov.

The Land Water Conservation Fund grants provide assistance to state and local governments for acquiring and developing public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

Since 1964, this national grant has awarded more than \$55 million for Oregon recreational areas and facilities.

ODFW cites health concerns for postponement of 2018 sport abalone season

SALEM — ODFW is calling a time-out on abalone season, postponing the 2018 recreational season that was set to open Monday, Jan. 1, until further review and Commission consideration in March.

The decision follows California's closure of its 2018 abalone season due to concerns over the health of the population.

Abalone stocks in California have fallen below target levels as abalone face ongoing environmental conditions that have reduced their food

sources. Since California Fish and Wildlife closed its season on Dec. 7, ODFW has seen a dramatic spike in inquiries about the Oregon fishery, which is dwarfed by the California fishery.

Oregon issues about 300 abalone permits per year, while California issues 25,000 or more.

Southern Oregon is on the northern edge of red abalone range and the state's fishery is managed conservatively to protect the health of Oregon's relatively small population.

"California's closure could lead to a large fishing effort shift to Oregon, which would cause a spike in harvest under the current rules. Yet we suspect that Oregon's abalone population has declined from historic levels," says Scott Groth, ODFW shellfish biologist for the south coast. "This emergency action postpones the fishery so we can hold off on issuing 2018 abalone permits until we've had a chance to do a more thorough review of the situation."

ODFW staff plan to evaluate the

fishery (including potential impacts from California's closure), solicit public input, and present suggestions, including possible rule changes, to the Fish and Wildlife Commission at their March 16 meeting in Salem.

Annual regulations require recreational abalone harvesters to purchase an Oregon shellfish license and obtain a free annual abalone/scallop permit from ODFW.

ODFW will continue to issue permits for scallops after Jan. 1. Abalone are highly prized and the

fishery creates a high demand, primarily among divers. While seven species exist on the West Coast, five of these have some listing status under the Endangered Species Act.

Red abalone are the only species still fished in the contiguous United States, and southern Oregon and northern California are the only areas where recreational harvest has occurred in recent years.

Commercial harvest is not allowed in either state.



NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw senior forward Jake Hickson takes advantage of a fastbreak opportunity to score against Waldport on Tuesday.

Siuslaw

from 1B

Senior post Marika White had 4 rebounds against the Lady Irish.

The win puts Siuslaw at 3-8 in the pre-season heading into this weekend's Crossover Tournament at North Valley High School in Grants Pass. The Lady Viks opened the tourney last night (after press deadlines) against Phoenix. Today, they take on host North Valley at 11 a.m.

In the boys' game last Tuesday against Waldport, the Vikings battled a high-pressure Irish defense that was also quick on offense. The scrappy Irish kept things close for most of the first three periods before Siuslaw steadily pulled away

down the stretch on freethrow shooting and solid Viking defense, 42-33.

The win puts the Viks at 7-4 in pre-season play, their best start under second-year coach Dylan Perry.

Last night, Siuslaw was in Grants Pass for the Crossover Tournament at Hidden Valley High School, which continues through today.

Tuesday, the Lady Viks will be on the road at Junction City to face the Tigers, with the Viking boys hosting Junction City at Glenn Butler Court.

Girls tip off at 7:15; boys will tip off at 7 p.m.

The Far West League season kicks off Friday, Jan. 12, at home against Marshfield.

Girls tip off at 6 p.m., followed by the boys at 7:30 p.m.

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