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on and on. The instant replay can take minutes. I did not tally the replays or their results, but somewhere in my dazed and confused viewing I recall hearing “the previous call is confirmed,” more often than “overturned”.

In the quest to “get it right,” reviewing plays disrupts the flow of the game. This often works to the benefit of the defense, even when confirmed on behalf of the offense. The time spent reviewing allows the defense to regroup and slow the offense momen-

tum. The review in football has carried into other professional sports as well; colleges and universities are reviewing more and more calls.

Most sports are not subject to instant replay.

From amateur teams and small colleges, down to high school and younger, programs at those levels simply lack the money for all necessary cameras.

However, even the Little League World Series has now implemented instant replay for 12-year-olds.

Most, if not all replays, are centered around the position of the ball at the

time of the play: Was it inbounds, first down, fumble, interception, touch-down, three-point shot, out or safe, home run, etc.?

Coaches welcome a replay that goes in their favor. Sometimes I hear commentators announce that “holding” could be called on every play. Then they replay a holding call and we scratch our heads wondering “where was the hold?”

One irate coach, who was interviewed on the sidelines leaving for halftime, was asked why he was so angry at the officials.

“Just watch the replay,” he said. The replay clearly showed a hold

not called.

If we are so determined to “get it right” in the sports world, when does common sense come into play?

Recently, a viewer of a golf tournament watched a super slow motion oscillation of a ball resting on the green. He called the rules officials to report what the camera saw but the naked eye could not see.

A penalty was issued to the golfer.

In my opinion, when technology has to zoom in to see a quarter inch of space we have gone too far. Let the replay be viewed at normal speed and then make a decision — just like on-field officials are asked to do.

Don’t be surprised if, at some point, we see parent who are filming their child’s game go to an official and show a replayed of a call.

Although I haven’t seen it happen, I have watched hours of high school videos that show incorrect calls on several instances.

It’s part of the game.

The most glaring example was a non-touchdown scored against Scappoose to lose a play-off game in the early 90s.

Maybe we could go back to an honor system and call your own fouls?

Fishing

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large brood trout.

• In the Southeast Zone, the Ana River has been kicking out trout in the 12-to 16-inch range. The Blitzen also has great year-round fishing.

• Expo and Reinhart ponds in the Southwest Zone were recently stocked with legal and larger trout last week.

• The Central Zone has several popular winter trout fisheries including the Deschutes, Fall and Metolius rivers. Also the Crooked River, which has rebounded in 2017.

Winter steelhead water watch

This time of year, water conditions for winter steelhead fishing can vacillate between too low and clear, and too high and muddy.

Successful anglers will:

1) adjust their gear and tackle for current conditions, and/or

2) be ready to hit the water when water conditions improve — usually once water levels start to drop after a good rain.

Check out the zone reports for your best bets.

SIUSLAW RIVER:

Steelhead, Chinook

A few winter steelhead are starting to be caught in the lower river.

Fall Chinook fishing has been slowing down, but a few fish are still available.

Anglers are reminded that there is no wild coho salmon retention in 2017.

NORTH COAST LAKES:

Trout stocking is complete for the year. Cape Meares, Town, Coffenbury, Lost and Sunset lakes were stocked with “trophy” rainbow trout in late September.

Cedar Creek Hatchery has stocked over 160 surplus summer steelhead in Town Lake near Pacific City so far this fall.

These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience. Once in the lake they are considered “trout” and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20-inches may be retained, and these fish will all be in that size range.

MID COAST LAKES:

Olalla Reservoir has been stocked with about 100 surplus summer steelhead this season. These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience.

Once in the lake they are considered “trout” and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20 inches may be retained, and these fish will all be in that size range. Mid coast lakes been stocked with trout throughout the spring. Trout stocking has ended for the year but there still should be fish around to catch.

ALSEA RIVER:

Steelhead, Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing is slow to fair. Anglers are

reminded that there is no wild coho salmon retention in 2017.

A few winter steelhead are starting to be caught in the lower river.

SALMON RIVER:

Steelhead, Chinook

The Salmon River opened Dec. 1 for wild and hatchery steelhead. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Salmon River. Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1 per day and 3 per year.

Fall Chinook fishing has been slowing down, but a few fish are still available.

SILETZ RIVER:

Steelhead, Chinook

A few winter steelhead are starting to be caught in the lower river.

Fall Chinook fishing has been slowing down, but a few fish are still available. Anglers are reminded that there is no wild coho salmon retention in 2017.

WILSON RIVER:

Chinook, steelhead

Fall Chinook fishing is slow to fair. There should be fish available throughout the system. Bobber fishing bait, back-bouncing, back-trolling plugs or divers and bait, or casting spinners can all be effective methods.

Anglers are reminded the Wilson River is closed to salmon fishing Aug. 1 to Dec. 31, upstream of Jordan Creek (River Mile 21.9).

The first winter steelhead was reported on the Wilson, but it’s still early and fishing is slow. Drift fishing baits or bobber fishing with jigs, beads, or bait are all good techniques.

YAQUINA RIVER:

Steelhead, Chinook

The Big Elk opened Dec 1 for wild and hatchery steelhead. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Big Elk. Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1 per day and 3 per year.

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PACIFIC HALIBUT

All 2017 sport halibut fisheries have concluded.

Allocations for 2018 will be announced in late January 2018.

For more information, see the sport halibut webpage.

SHORE AND ESTUARY FISHING

Shore and estuary anglers may fish for surfperch, flatfish species like starry flounder and sanddabs, and baitfish (herring, for example).

Due to inseason regulation changes, anglers may NOT catch or retain lingcod, any species of rockfish, cabezon, greenling, or other bottomfish species except for flatfish species like sanddab and starry flounder.

Surfperch fishing is not impacted by this closure, and remains open.

Public piers provide opportunities to catch surfperch and baitfish and to drop crab pots (but check first for crab health safety closures).

Learn about surfperch fishing.

When fishing from shore or inside estuaries and bays, it is important to check the tide.

Many fish that swim into estuaries and bays, including salmon, surfperch, and Pacific herring, tend to come in with the tide.

Catch of these species is more likely to occur closer to slack tide.

Additionally, the accessibility of some areas can be completely dependent on the tide. Do not allow the incoming tide to become a safety hazard.

WARMWATER FISHING — South Coast

The south coast area extends along the Oregon coast from Yachats south to the Oregon-California border. The area offers some of the most productive and scenic warmwater fishing in the state with excellent fishing for bass and panfish available in large waters such as **Mercer Lake, Siltcoos Lake, and Tahkenitch Lake.**

Tennile Lakes located north of Coos Bay is renowned for its crappie and trophy bass fisheries, and the site of bass tournaments. Anglers should also try one of the many smaller lakes scattered along Highway 101 and throughout the coastal dunes area, or **Triangle Lake** closer to the Willamette Valley.

The warmwater fish available in the south coast area include: Largemouth bass,

smallmouth bass, bullheads, black crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, green sunfish, warmouth and channel catfish.

North and South Tenmile Lake provide some of the finest warmwater fishing on the Oregon coast. Located on the east side of Hwy 101 mid-way between Reedsport and Coos Bay, the combined lakes offer nearly 2,000 acres of water and miles of shoreline to fish for largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and brown bullhead catfish.

Much of the property around Tenmile is privately owned and the lakes are best fished by boat, but a fishing dock at Tenmile Lake County Park in the small community of Lakeside is wheelchair accessible and a great spot for kids. There also is a campground and boat launch at the County Park. Spinreel Campground (US Forest Service) on the west side of Hwy 101 offers camping for those wanting an extended stay.

Several area resorts and marinas also provide camping spaces, lodging and boat rentals.

The shoreline of North and South Tenmile is varied as a number of streams flow from the coastal foothills and into the lakes creating several large arms and many smaller bays and inlets dotted with pilings, docks and boat houses. Both lakes are shallow with an average depth of about 15 feet and abundant aquatic weeds, willows and bank vegetation that provide excellent cover and productive habitat for warmwater fish.

Fish generally range from 1 to 4-pounds, but a 6-pound bass is not uncommon. Bass fishing is best during periods of warmer water from spring through early fall.

When spring water temperatures reach about 60 degrees F, the bass move into shallower water to spawn. During the spawn, lures and jigs that imitate prey such as small fish and crayfish, and soft plastic worms work well.

Spinnerbaits, buzzbaits and other surface lures are also effective. Anglers should target areas around willows, docks, logs or vegetation that provide a combination of cover and patches of open water. Good locations include the Black’s Creek arm and railroad trestle crossing on North Lake, and the Coleman and Templeton arms of South Lake.

• **Crappie**

Anglers catch crappie in both lakes with good fishing in the spring and throughout the summer. Best fishing is in the calm water along the shoreline, in the many small coves and inlets. Crappie anglers should target shaded areas with wood structure including submerged brush and trees, downed logs and docks.

The fish are often found in schools at depths of 10-15 feet. A good set-up is light spinning tackle with 4-pound test line and a light-colored 1/32 ounce jig. Have an assortment of garland-style and curly tail jigs in a variety of bright, neutral and dark colors and sizes.

Use a tapered panfish bobber and change the depth of the jig until you find fish. Allow the jig to sink then retrieve slowly.

Fishing is best early and late in the day, but a mid-day breeze can also trigger a bite. Crappie abundance can go through cycles every few years so check with ODFW for the latest information.

• **Yellow perch**

For yellow perch, you can fish the same areas of the lakes and use a similar set-up as for crappie, but try baiting the jig with a piece of worm. A size-8 hook baited with worm and rigged 1-2 feet above a sinker fished on the bottom will also work. Perch will most often be found in deeper water than crappie.

Like crappie, perch fishing is best from spring through fall, but they can be caught year-round, even during winter.

• **Bluegill**

Bluegill fishing is best as the water warms during the summer. Bluegill will be found in shallow areas with less woody structure, but more vegetation.

During the late summer and early fall they can be caught in the canal between North and South Tenmile. As with crappie, light spinning gear works well, but smaller jigs and hooks are needed. A small hook baited with a piece of worm or other panfish bait and suspended 10-18 inches below a bobber can be extremely effective.

Bluegill are aggressive biters, but if you give them too much time they will steal the bait off your hook — pay close attention to your bobber. They will feed throughout the day and are a great target for young and beginning anglers.

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