

OFWC reclassifies marbled murrelet as state-endangered

Triathlon from 1B

PORTLAND—The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission recently voted to move the marbled murrelet, a small seabird that nests in older forests, from threatened to endangered under the Oregon Endangered Species Act. This decision affects lands owned, managed and leased by state agencies but will have no direct impacts on private landowners.

Staff at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will now develop survival guidelines on state-owned, managed and leased lands for the commission to consider at its June 8 meeting in Salem.

Survival guidelines are quantifiable and measurable guidelines necessary to ensure the survival of individual members of the species. They will serve as interim murrelet protections until affected state



OPEN SOURCE IMAGE

The marbled murrelet (left), a small seabird that nests in older forests, has been put back onto the state-endangered list by the Orego Fish and Wildlife Commission.

agencies develop and adopt endangered species management plans.

Also Friday, the Commission heard an updated status report on white sturgeon in the Lower Columbia River and, based on that update, directed staff to work with Washington to develop 2018 sturgeon retention seasons similar to last year.

The Commission is the policy-making body for fish and wildlife issues in the state and it usually meets monthly. Its next meeting will be March 26 in Salem.

safely. Volunteers also play a vital support role for all of the participating athletes by providing encouragement and hospitality; many athletes have said that they return to the Tri/Du each year because they appreciate the enthusiastic volunteers.

Most volunteers work only half a day and all volunteers will receive a free event t-shirt.

Again this year, Dunes City will award a \$250 donation to the organization that brings the most volunteers on race day, so make sure to mention your organization's name when you register to volunteer.

Volunteers are needed between 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. on race day, Saturday, May 12.

Anyone who would like to volunteer can call Dunes City Hall at 541-997-3338.

Siuslaw from 1B

Fishing from 1B

3-pointer and 2 baskets for Blankenship, and 6 points with 4 rebounds for Freudenthal.

Senior Marika White, who was the only senior on the floor for the Lady Viks on Friday, had 10 boards, 4 blocked shots and scored 7 points.

The Vikings fell 55-37, putting them at 4-20 overall and 1-9 in the Far West League.

With only three seniors on this year's roster — Carreina Greenburg, Lexi Curtis and White — the Lady Viks look to return a strong nucleus of underclassmen next season under new head coach Greg Reynolds.

Juniors Alyssa Richards and Madison Reynolds are the only juniors on this season's roster.

conditions improve — usually once water levels start to drop after a good rain. Check out the zone reports for the best weekend possibilities.

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.

NORTH COAST LAKES: Trout stocking is complete for the year. Cape Meares, Town, Coffenburg, 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.

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

SALMON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook

The Salmon River IS open 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.

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SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook

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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.

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

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PACIFIC HALIBUT All 2017 sport halibut fisheries have concluded.

Allocations for 2018 will be announced soon.

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.

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

Soccer from 1B

The board positions up for election are Vice-President, Secretary, and Registrar.

Any club member interested in running for a position must notify the board and provide their information by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 13.

Viks from 1B

lead to start the third quarter before falling behind 31-28 after a nearly scoreless third period.

But Siuslaw rallied, outscoring the lancers 20-14 to nab a come-from-behind 48-45 win.

Despite the win, the Vikings were still ranked 27th by the Oregon School Activities Association's RPI state ranking as of Monday night, leaving them six spots out of a post-season bid.

The Class 4A has a total of 24 playoff spots, including automatic playoff qualification for the 7 district champions, 7 second-place teams, 6 third-place teams and 4 individual playoff berths for teams ranked among the top 20.

Final rankings were posted last night (after press deadlines).

The Lancers were ranked last by the OSAA in 40th place among Class 4A schools.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jake Hickson
Senior

BASKETBALL

Siuslaw H.S. BASKETBALL

Highlight: Coast Radio Sports Athlete of the Week is Viking senior basketball player **Jake Hickson**. Hickson excelled in both of last week's wins with 29 points against the North Bend Bulldogs on Tuesday and led scoring Friday with 12 points in the final game of the season against South Umpqua.

Honorable Mention

Jared Brandt

Highlight: Honorable mention goes to fellow Viking basketballer, Jared Brandt for his contributions of 12 and 9 points respectively in both Siuslaw victories.

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