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it meant Siuslaw had to defeat Henley/Mazama twice to take the championship.

In the first match, the Vikings again were trailing heading into the second game.

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will continue to arrive through late summer and early fall, sometimes overlapping with winter returning fish.

TROUT:

Cutthroat trout live in these coastal rivers and streams. Although resident fish may be small, they are feisty and fun to catch. Fishing these cool, shaded waters also can provide a welcome respite from the summer heat. In late summer, look for sea-run cutthroat to migrate from the estuaries back to freshwater to spawn. These can be large, hard-fighting fish.

Dozens of lakes and ponds throughout the zone are stocked with rainbow trout from February through May and, for some, again in October.

Tennmile 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.

TENMILE LAKES:

North and South Tennmile Lake provide some of the finest warmwater fishing on the Oregon coast. Located on the east side of Hwy 101 midway 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 Tennmile is privately-owned and the lakes are best fished by boat, but a fishing dock at Tennmile 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 Tennmile 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.

Tennmile's reputation for largemouth bass makes it the site of many bass tournaments. 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

Henley/Mazama, which only needed a mark in the 10th frame to shut out the Vikings, left an open frame, creating an opportunity for Siuslaw to overtake them.

Needing a strike out (3 strikes in a row), Abby Coday delivered for Siuslaw, setting

up a two game match for the championship.

Entering the final game, the teams were only separated by 2 pins, making it a one-game, winner-take-all situation for the title.

In short, after 30 games of qualifying and seven matches

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 Tennmile.

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 deadly.

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.

BROWN BULLHEAD:

Spinning tackle also works well for the brown bullhead catfish, which are abundant and can reach up to 13-inches long.

Worms or baits with a strong odor are effective, particularly when fished near the shore in the evening or at night. Use 6-8 pound test line and a sliding egg sinker placed above a barrel swivel.

Below the swivel, tie your hook to the end of an 18-inch leader. The sliding sinker allows the fish to take the bait without feeling the weight of the sinker.

If you're fishing in an area with weeds, a float can be used instead of a sinker to suspend the bait above the weeds.

MARINE ZONE

PACIFIC HALIBUT:

Halibut can get big — upwards of 100 pounds and almost 70-inches long — making them one of the most popular marine fish. Hauling in these sometimes huge, very flat fish can be back breaking work, but the reward is a delicious fish large enough to feed more than a few family members and friends.

Halibut seasons are announced in May and fishing generally occurs in June and again in August. These are quota fisheries that can close early, so it's important to double-check the open dates

in the elimination, everything came down to one final game.

The Lady Vikings kept things close, but in the end lost out to finish in second place narrowly losing to Henley/Mazama on their home lanes.

"I have been to a lot of state bowling tournaments, includ-

ing winning three titles, but this was some of the most intense bowling I have been a part of," said coach and program coordinator Dusty Anderson, who added that rallying from behind in so many matches "was unbelievable."

In addition to a hard-fought

second place finish for the Lady Viks, Abby Coday, a senior, was named by coaches to the league's First-Team All-Star roster and was recognized as the state tournament championship Most Valuable Player.

are excellent eating) and release the rest.

ROCKFISH:

Ranging in color from black to orange or red, more than two dozen species of rockfish are found along the Oregon coast. Many rockfish species are full-size at about 16-inches (41 cm).

Some species, such as black rockfish, hang out in schools while others are solitary. Individuals of some species can live more than 100 years.

Rockfish can be caught from jetties, but most are taken by boat in deeper ocean waters. Charter fleets in several Oregon ports offer day-long rockfish fishing trips.

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