

SPAWN SQUAD



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Members of the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) check steelhead in the Whittaker Creek trap. There were 175 steelhead in the trap on Thursday, Feb. 28. The fish were sorted and live spawned and sent back down stream to be able to be caught by a lucky fisherman or to go back to the ocean to return next year.

Youth Soccer registration deadline is Monday

The Siuslaw Youth Soccer program is gearing up for its spring 2018 season.

Regular registration is open through March 12. The regis-

tration fee is \$55 and scholarships are available.

Late registration will be March 13-19, with an additional \$20 late fee; no scholarships

will be available during the late registration period.

No registrations will be accepted after March 19.

ENTIRE OREGON COAST OPEN FOR CRABBING



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A drop in domoic acid prompted the ODA to open crabbing throughout the coast.

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announce that recreational and commercial crabbing is now open from Cape Blanco, north of Port Orford, to the California border. Crab samples taken from the area indicate that levels of the marine biotoxin domoic acid have dropped below the alert level.

As a result, the entire Oregon coast is now open for recreational and commercial crabbing, free of restrictions.

For commercial crabbing, ODA and ODFW have lifted the requirement that all crab harvested from Cape Blanco to the California border be eviscerated (gutted).

It is still always recommended that crab be eviscerated and the guts or butter discarded prior to cooking.

When whole crab are cooked in liquid, domoic acid may leach into the cooking liquid.

It is recommended to discard the cooking liquid, and do not use it in other dishes, such

as sauces, broths, soups, roux, etc. The consumption of crab viscera is also not recommended.

ODA and ODFW will continue monitoring marine toxins in crab and shellfish to ensure that the concentrations remain below the alert level.

For more information, call ODA's shellfish safety information hotline at 800-448-2474 or visit www.oda.direct/ShellfishClosures for the latest on ODA shellfish closures.

Track

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Also, the Viks will have seniors Kyle King and Isaac Griffes, who will compete in the jumps and distance races, respectively.

Griffes was the Far West League cross country champion last fall, with King receiving a nod from Far West League coaches this past basketball season with first-team all-league honors.

Early numbers suggest approximately 20 athletes, including seven sophomores and eight seniors, on the boys' team roster as practices got underway March 1, and 18 athletes on the roster for the girls' team.

Siuslaw kicks off the season at the Pleasant Hill Ice Breaker on Wednesday, March 14, with the Viks' first home meet set for Thursday, March 22, during the annual Siuslaw Ice Breaker Invitational.

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Volunteers needed for annual DC triathlon

Dunes City will host the sixth annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon on Saturday, May 12, and organizers are recruiting volunteers to help staff the event.

Volunteers help ensure that the races run smoothly and safely. 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.

Trout

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information for your favorite local lake or wherever you are planning a getaway."

Users should be aware that trout stocking information for the South Willamette waterbodies (including in Marion, Benton, Linn and Lane counties) is not available in ODFW's stocking schedule.

These waterbodies are now being stocked by a third party under contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Anglers should visit www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental-Stewardship/Fish/ to find out more about when and what is being stocked.

Trout stocking information for many waterbodies in eastern Oregon is not listed either

because it's not yet available. Unlike western Oregon, many lakes and ponds in eastern Oregon are not accessible until later in the year.

As always, the trout stocking schedule lists the week that a waterbody is being stocked, not a specific date.

The actual day of the week will vary, based on workload and weather, so ODFW does not release this information.

Trout are Oregon's most popular game fish with tens of thousands of anglers of all ages fishing for them every year.

ODFW stocks between 5-6 million trout and kokanee in lakes, ponds and rivers throughout the state annually.

ODFW photos of trout and fishing are available at www.flickr.com/photos/odfw.

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