

# Charter fisherman to speak about catching tuna

The April Salmon Trout Enhancement (STEP) meeting will feature David Huntington of Hunting Fish Charters. He will speak on fishing for tuna off the Oregon Coast.

Each year, the warm pacific currents bring tuna in reach of Florence fishermen.

Huntington will talk about where to fish and what gear is needed to catch tuna out of the ocean. He will also discuss the care of the fish at the boat and back in port.

For anyone who has ever wanted to go tuna fishing, this is an opportunity to learn how to fish for them from an experienced fishing guide.

Florence STEP meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month in the back room of the Florence Elks club.

The next meeting will be April 4, beginning at 7 p.m.

The public is always welcome at the STEP meetings.

For more information, call Ron Caputo at 541-997-4961.



Charter fisherman Dave Huntington will speak at STEP on Wednesday, April 4.

## Viks from 1B

Still, the Viks were up against the No. 3 ranked (Dallas) and No. 4 ranked (Estacada) teams in the 5A and 4A, respectively.

A highlight for Siuslaw was accomplishing a first by being the first team this season to score against undefeated Dallas (4-0) thanks to a double from sopho-

more Zach Stinger, who went on to score on a Dallas error.

The Viks also scored on a two-run single from junior Tim Lowder that scored senior Evan Teter and sophomore Caleb Hennessee.

Sophomore Jared Northrop, senior Tanner Wilson and Lowder combined for 191 pitches in five innings against Dallas. Junior Gabe Simington started

for the Viks against Estacada and provided Siuslaw's only hit against the Rangers on an RBI single in the third inning.

The Viks had a 2-1 lead in the top of the fourth inning, but Estacada put together a 12-run series in the bottom of the inning to end things in five innings, 13-2.

Dallas also won its match-up in five innings, 28-3.

Tuesday, Siuslaw continued play (after press deadlines) at the tournament.

Tuesday, the Viks will play at Jefferson High School, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

## Fishing from 1B

drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

**NESTUCCA RIVER and THREE RIVERS:** *Steelhead*

Fishing was fair to good on the Nestucca last weekend. It should be fishable throughout the week. There should be good numbers of broodstock hatchery fish and wild steelhead throughout the system.

Float fishing jigs, beads, or bait, drift fishing, nymphing, and swinging flies or spinners are all good techniques.

Three Rivers is getting on the low side, but a little rain predicted for Thursday may help. There are fish throughout the system.

**SALMON RIVER:** *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. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

Winter steelhead has picked up throughout the river. Rain over the weekend has raised the river level and got fish moving again.

**SALMONBERRY RIVER:** *Steelhead*

The Salmonberry is getting low and clear, but the rain predicted for Thursday should put it in good shape for the weekend. There should be some big wild steelhead showing up this time of year, but be prepared to catch and release.

Check with the Port of Tillamook Bay for access restrictions.

**SILETZ RIVER:** *Steelhead*

Winter steelhead has picked up throughout the river. A mix of wild and hatchery fish are being caught. Rain over the

weekend has raised the river level and got fish moving again.

Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

• Note: The 3.5 mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is *now open* to motorized vehicles. The road is open as far as we go, MP 13 but is only open to public vehicles on the weekend.

Anglers can walk/bike in the road during the weekdays. If anglers do walk in they can park at the one mile gate and start from there.

**TRASK RIVER:** *Steelhead*

Fishing was slow on the Trask last weekend, there were a few fish caught, but not great numbers. The Trask is getting a little on the low and clear side, but rain predicted for Thursday should keep it fishable through the weekend.

This is mostly a wild fish river, although some hatchery strays are caught. Float fishing jigs, beads, or bait, drift fish-

ing, nymphing, and swinging flies or spinners are all good techniques.

**WILSON RIVER:** *Steelhead*

Fishing was fair to good on the Wilson last weekend and some nice fish were caught, including some broodstock hatchery fish.

The Wilson is getting a little on the low and clear side, but the rain predicted for Thursday should get fish moving and keep it fishable through the weekend.

Float fishing jigs, beads, or bait, drift fishing, nymphing, and swinging flies or spinners are all good techniques.

**YAQUINA RIVER:** *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. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

Winter steelhead fishing has improved as more fish have moved in to the river.



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# Coastal Gem Walkers announces March jaunt

The Yachats Coastal Gems walking group invites the public to join the group on April 3, in Florence, to explore both sides of Honeyman State Park along the shores of Woahink and Cleawox lakes in a beautiful and peaceful park setting.

Dogs are allowed on walks but must be on a six-foot non-extendable leash to walk with us and owners must carry and use appropriate cleanup materials.

The 5K (3.1 miles) walk is rated 1B for fairly level footing on natural trails. The 12k (7.5 miles) [all three sections] walk is rated 2B for those same trails and a couple of easy hills.

We cheerfully walk at your pace and leave no walker behind. Walking sticks and sturdy shoes recommended. Call Maryann at 541-961-4279 for more information or email us at yachatscoastalgems@gmail.com.

The Yachats Coastal Gems will meet first at the Sportsman, located at 249 Highway 101, at 9:45 a.m. then drive to the walk at 10 am. Though the group often carpools, do not leave vehicles in the Sportsman parking lot during the walk.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**Hannah Rannow**



**TRACK & FIELD**

**Siuslaw Track & Field**

**Highlight:**  
**Hannah Rannow**

ran a personal best 11:03.61 for a first place finish in the 3000 meters during last week's Siuslaw Icebreaker. Coach Chris Johnson says what made the victory even more amazing is that she did it in, what he described as, a monsoon.

**Honorable Mention**  
**Gabe Simington**

**Highlight** Simington pitched 5 and a third innings against Sutherlin last week. The Vikings did not get the win, but Simington faced 22 batters striking out 10 and went 2 for 2 from the plate and left the mound with a 4-0 lead.

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