

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

On the Bite

A WEEKLY
FISHING REPORT FOR THE
LOCAL REGION
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Coastal streams open to trout May 22

There are some nice cut-throat in these streams, and these aggressive fish can be a hoot to catch.

Enjoy free fishing, clamming June 2-3

June 2-3 is Free Fishing Weekend and you won't need a license, tag or endorsement to fish anywhere in Oregon that's open to fishing. Trout, bass, rockfish, crappie, salmon, clams — take your pick! ODFW and its partners also will host several free trout fishing events throughout the state to help you and your family or friends get started.

Pack the fishing tackle this holiday weekend

If you're headed outside for the upcoming holiday weekend, don't forget to pack the fishing tackle.

Wherever you plan to play this weekend — from the beach to the desert — there will be some great fishing nearby. Here are a

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TEED UP FOR A FACE LIFT



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The new Florence Golf Links, formerly known as Sandpines Golf Links, gets painted as crews worked last week to finish before today's official name change. The property, purchased earlier this month by OB Sports, includes a par 72, 18-hole golf course designed by Rees Jones, along with The Grill & Lounge restaurant, a pro shop, putting green, driving range and 9,000 square foot club house. Florence Golf Links is operated by general manager Rick Reed and golf pro Kevin White.

TIME OUT

By Lloyd Little
Retired teacher, coach
and game official

With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, parent and spectator, Lloyd Little has gained some insights and perspectives regarding athletics. In this weekly column, he shares what he's learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

The last state track title for the Siuslaw Vikings occurred in 1997. The boys won the state title with only one first place finish.

The final event of the meet was the 1,600-meter relay. The Vikings trailed Lasalle by 10 points. Lasalle had no team in the relay so a first-place finish would put the Vikings in a tie for first place.

The relay team of Jon Jensen, Matt Pearson, Aaron Long and David Richmond would not be denied. For Aaron and David, it was their third race of the day.

The state champions were truly a team of parts; each member did their best on this day to win the title. It definitely takes more than just star athletes to win their events in order to have a chance to bring home a team title. In 1970, Mary Jacobson of Siuslaw won individual state titles in the shot put and the discus. She added a second-place finish in the javelin for 28 points. The remainder of that team scored only six points for a third-place trophy.

In 1979, the Siuslaw boys team won a state title. Joe Hill and Mike Roe were top point contributors in the sprints and jumps. Their efforts were backed by points scored in the javelin, 5,000 meters, pole vault and the triple jump for a team title.

In 1985 and 1986, the back-to-back state champion girls' team was led by Terri Gortler. Her first place finishes in the 100 and 200 meters each year were the foundation of their title. Those victories accounted for 20 points each year. The rest of the 1985 team scored

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CHINOOK FISHING RE-OPENS ON COLUMBIA

Recreational fishermen will get another chance to go after spring Chinook salmon in the Columbia River under seasons adopted Wednesday by fishery managers from Oregon and Washington.

Below Bonneville Dam, the season open yesterday, May 25, and continue through Wednesday, June 6.

The open area is from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to Beacon Rock, for both boat and bank anglers, plus bank angling only from Beacon Rock upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline.

Above Bonneville Dam, the season will also open Friday, May 25 but continue through Friday, June 15.

Boat and bank angling will be allowed from the Tower Island Power Lines about six miles below The Dalles Dam upstream to the Oregon/Washington border (upstream of McNary Dam).

Downstream of Tower Island, salmonid angling is restricted to bank



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Chinook fishing on the Columbia opened Friday and continues through June 6.

angling only.

The seasons were approved after

fishery managers reviewed early season catches and an updated run forecast that showed 116,500 upriver spring Chinook are expected to return to the river mouth.

The daily bag limit is two adult salmonids (Chinook, coho, or steelhead) per day, but only one may be a Chinook. Only hatchery fish may be kept.

Current high river conditions are predicted to continue for some time, so boat anglers should use caution when navigating and anchoring due to faster than normal current and potential for floating debris.

For more information about upcoming Columbia River seasons, including regulation updates, visit ODFW's online fishing reports at www.myodfw.com.

Marine Board urges boaters to plan ahead for safety

SALEM — There are dozens of boat types on the market and many opportunities to explore Oregon's waterways. Regardless of what's calling you to the water and the type of boat you're in, be sure to plan ahead, pay attention and share the water so everyone can have a fun time.

The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) invites boaters to explore the interactive Boating Oregon Map, where you can find a boat ramp near you, plan for a weekend escape to places less-frequented or find a waterway in the center of all the action.

"This season is off to a great start," says Ashley Massey, Public Information Officer for the Marine Board. "Take time to plan ahead. Check the weather forecast, water levels or tides, see if there are any reported obstructions, and have the right gear for the activities you're doing," Massey adds.

Boaters can check the Marine Board's website to find out what equipment is required based on the size of the boat and rules for operation which

vary by waterbody. Massey also emphasizes paying attention to your surroundings, continually scanning port to starboard

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and keeping a close eye on what's ahead.

"Brush up on the rules-of-the-road, start out slow because of debris in the water from this past winter, and whatever you do, don't text and drive. In 2017, there were 17 collisions from distracted driving. Social media, taking pictures and texting can be fun, but the operator needs to maintain focus and awareness to what's going on around them," says Massey. "High

water levels in the spring cover many wing dams (also known as pile dikes) on rivers and bays and are just below the surface. Boaters need to keep their distance from the shoreline up to several hundred feet out from shore so they don't inadvertently hit one of the piles."

Boaters are encouraged to learn where the wing dams are located based on the waterbody where they're boating from NOAA Charts. The navigation charts can be downloaded for free.

With Oregon's population increasing and many people wanting to boat in their own backyards, think about taking a "dispersion excursion" to lesser-known waterbodies, especially for people new to paddle-sports or seeking more solitude.

There are 96 waterways where motors are prohibited and 50 designated as electric motor only.

Visit the Marine Board's Experience Oregon Boating Handbook for more information about these regulated

See **BOATING 3B**

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
May 26 11:04am / 5.8 10:56pm / 7.5	4:49am / 0.1 4:46pm / 1.4

May 27 11:57am / 5.9 11:32pm / 7.6	5:43am / -0.4 5:30pm / 1.8
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May 28 12:44am / 6.8	6:24am / -0.8 6:12pm / 2.1
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May 29 12:07am / 7.6 1:28pm / 6.0	7:02am / -1.0 6:51pm / 2.3
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May 30 12:41am / 7.5 2:09pm / 6.0	7:39am / -1.1 7:29pm / 2.6
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May 31 1:15am / 7.3 2:49pm / 6.0	8:15am / -1.0 8:08pm / 2.8
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June 1 1:49am / 7.1 3:30pm / 5.9	8:52am / -0.8 8:48pm / 3.0
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SPORTS

Calendar

MAY 30

• SBSA 12U
HOSTS CBCL
6 P.M.

MAY 31

• SBSA 14U
AT BANDON
6 P.M.

JUNE 2

• FREE FISHING
STATEWIDE
ALL DAY