

**Fishing** from 1B

• Fish early in the morning when waters are cooler and fish are more active.  
 • Look for fish in deeper water, where it's cooler.  
 • Focus on warmwater species like bass, crappie, bluegill and walleye.  
 • Travel to higher elevation lakes and streams where the water, and you, will be cooler.  
 • Consider a trip to the coast where ocean and bay fishing can be good throughout the summer.

**MID COAST LAKES:** Mid coast lakes stocking schedule for this year is posted online. Stocking of mid coast lakes began in February. **Siltcoos Lagoon** will not be stocked this year due to continued low dissolved oxygen. Trout scheduled to be released in Siltcoos Lagoon will be diverted to **Cleawox Lake**. In addition, fishing for warmwater species such as bass and other panfish should improve through June as water temperatures warm and these fish get more active. **Ollala Reservoir, Mercer Lake, Siltcoos Lake**

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**ALSEA RIVER:** *Cutthroat trout*  
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**SALMON RIVER:** *Cutthroat trout*  
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**SILETZ RIVER:** *Steelhead, spring Chinook, cutthroat trout*  
 Summer steelhead are in the river. Fishing is good in the lower gorge. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

Spring Chinook are available in the Siletz. Be aware of the regulations for the Siletz, 1 wild Chinook per day and two for the season through July 31.

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• **Note:** The 3.5 mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz

gorge is now open to motorized vehicles, 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.

**SIUSLAW RIVER:** *Cutthroat trout*  
 Trout fishing in streams and river opened May 22. Fishing is restricted to artificial flies and lures through Aug. 31.

**WILSON RIVER:** *Steelhead, spring Chinook, trout*  
 Summer steelhead are present in decent numbers. Low clear water can make fishing for summer steelhead challenging, but there can be some good action at first and last light, or on those drizzly overcast days. Concentrate on deep pools and deeper riffles. Drift fishing, spinners, and flies are good choices. Light line, small presentations, and fishing the riffles and deep pools at first and last light can increase success.

There are still a few spring Chinook available in the Wilson River, although numbers will be very low, especially considering the low runs we are

seeing on other basins.

Cutthroat trout can be found throughout the river, with sea-runs beginning to enter tidal areas. Fishing should be fair to good, with spinners or flies good bets for success.

**YAQUINA RIVER:** *Cutthroat trout*  
 These lakes and ponds are now listed individually in the alphabetical listing. Spring trout stocking begins around March 1.

**COOS COUNTY LAKES/PONDS:** *Trout*  
 These lakes and ponds are now listed individually in the alphabetical listing. Spring trout stocking begins around March 1 (see stocking schedule).

**COOS RIVER BASIN:** *Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish, trout*  
 Streams and rivers are open to trout fishing. Trout anglers are having success using small spinners or flies. Anglers can use only artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater. The daily limit for trout in streams is 2 fish per day and they must be 8-inches or longer.

Recreational fishing for bot-

tomfish is open in the ocean along with bays and estuaries. Beginning July 1, the daily bag limit for marine fish will be reduced from 5 to 4 plus 2 lingcod. The retention of cabezon starts on July 1 with a 1-fish sub-bag limit. Anglers have reported catching rockfish, greenling and striped surfperch inside Coos Bay near the north jetty and other submerged rock structures.

**COQUILLE RIVER BASIN:** *Crab, trout*  
 Streams and rivers are open to trout fishing. Trout anglers are having success using small spinners or flies. Anglers can use only artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater, except the use of bait is allowed on the South Fork Coquille up to the Forest Service boundary upstream of Powers. The daily limit for trout in streams is 2 fish per day and they must be 8-inches or longer.

Smallmouth bass have started to bite in the mainstem Coquille River. Smallmouth are hitting on crankbaits, jigs and bait in the mainstem and South Fork Coquille river. There is no size limit or daily bag limit on

the number of smallmouth bass you can keep in the Coquille River Basin.

**TENMILE LAKES:** *Trout, warmwater species, largemouth bass*  
 Legal-size rainbow trout were stocked in Tenmile Lakes in early June. Trout anglers trolling spinners and wedding rings in the main part of the lake are catching lots of trout, some over 20-inches. As water temperatures warm, trout fishing will be best in the early mornings. Trout fishing is open all year in Tenmile Lakes.

Fishing for largemouth bass has been good. Water temperatures are in the upper 60s and bass will be found in the shallow water near weed lines and submerged logs in the mornings and evenings.

Yellow perch fishing is good in water depths of 10-15 feet and along weedlines. Anglers are using small jigs or a worm on a hook fished near the bottom.

**UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH:** *Trout, bass*  
 The South Umpqua and Cow Creek opened to trout fishing May 22.

**Little**

travel during Thanksgiving, Christmas or during spring break. A family with a three-sport athlete either stays home for practices or travel to a tournament to watch their son or daughter play.

In July of 1993, our family took our one-and-only family vacation. Brandon had just finished his rookie year in Florence Junior Baseball and our girls had not yet reached the age for Florence Junior Softball. My wife and I determined this could be our last summer without a sport-team commitment.

We loaded up our caravan and went to southern California. We went to Disneyland, Knott's Berry farm, (the best rides), Sea World, Universal Studios and to a California Angels baseball game against the New York Yankees. Wade Boggs would have five hits on this night. With a trio of three-sport athletes and one four-sport athlete, we knew our family vacations were at an end.

Every year from 1994 through 2003, we took summer "Sportcations." We traveled to support our children and their teams. I coached and Lisa assisted in the many off-field needs of the team as we traveled to tournaments during the summer. Many a weekend were spent at campsites around Western Oregon.

One of our favorite tournaments took place in Siletz. First with Brandon, and then three more summers with our girls, we camped near the ballfields

with the team. Not all parents could travel, so our caravan often carried two or three additional players. Camping out bonded the team. Parents planned meals, snacks and activities for the team at night and between games when time allowed. One night, we took the team to Bullwinkle's near Wilsonville after a long day at the ballpark.

We had a car wash fund raising activity for a special tournament in Beaverton. Camping was not an option, so we stayed at a motel. When we first arrived at the fields, the girls — all 12-and-under — were wide-eyed.

There were four games being played at once in this softball complex. Teams from all over Oregon and some from other states were all there. Our girls saw members of other teams exchanging pins representing their team. We had no such pin, so my wife and a couple other

moms went to a hobby store and purchased materials.

That night at the motel, the team members sat down and made over 130 "Tsunami" pins. The next day, they traded whenever they had time between games. Some opponents thought our team pins were the best because they were handmade and trading was fast and furious. It involved no cars. We also played well enough to earn a trophy.

If you are similar to my wife and I, you the amount of time and money needed to take "Sportcations" in order to watch your young athlete play. During the time we followed our four athletes in their playing days, we traveled to more than 80 Oregon towns. We also traveled to Seattle, Reno and Atascadero, Calif., to have our girls attend special softball and pole-vaulting camps.

These "Sportcations" put thousands of miles on each of

our Caravans and our Mountaineer. The mileage totaled to more than 21,000 miles for just a single round trip to these locations; several towns were traveled to over and over during sport seasons. This added several thousand more miles to our cars.

When your daughter or son chooses to participate in extra school competitions, sport or non-sport, prepare yourself to have many such "sportcations" in your life. Make sure you carry a first aid kit, an ice chest, a bleacher chair or folding chair (depends on the sport venue), snacks — and an extra supply of emotional support.

Families on vacations share fun and excitement with each other; families on "sportcations" also have fun, but also some disappointments. They share this with teammates and families — creating the kinds of memories only made through "sportscations."

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**Regionals** from 1B

Sissel had 3 hits in the game. From the mound, Halpin, along with Landon Croff and Hunter Wheeling, held Klamath Falls to a 1-hitter. South Oregon came from behind, overcoming an early

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bye on Wednesday) before facing the at-large team on Friday. South Oregon is part of the National Division at Regionals, which includes teams from Idaho, North Oregon, Wyoming and one at-large team; American Division teams include South Washington, North Washington, Montana, Alberta (Canada) and Portland. Pool play will continue through Friday, with the top two teams within each pool moving on to the single-elimination championship game — with the winner of that advancing to the Babe Ruth 13-15 World Series in Longview, Wash., Aug. 9-16.

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