

ODFW INCREASES DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR ANGLERS

The daily bag limit for general marine fish (rockfish, greenlings, skates, etc.) has been increased to 5 fish by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife.

The bag limit for marine fish had been reduced to 4 on July 1. That smaller bag limit reduced the catch of black rockfish and nearshore rockfish species (China, copper, quillback rockfish) enough that the bag limit can now go

back to 5 fish.

Yelloweye rockfish is still tracking high, said Lynn Mattes, ODFW recreational groundfish project leader.

However, she added, the Pacific Fishery Management Council is projecting enough unused yelloweye rockfish for the Oregon recreational bottomfish fishery to proceed.

The fishery will also go back to all-depth beginning Oct. 1 as planned. This will

allow anglers in the popular deepwater lingcod fishery to fish throughout the fall and winter, Mattes said.

Bag limits will remain the same with 5 general marine fish, 2 lingcod, 25 flatfish and 10 fish in the longleader fishery (retention of 8 rockfish species allowed).

Cabezon remains closed for the remainder of the year.

OFWC ADOPTS FISHING, BIG GAME HUNTING REGULATIONS

SALEM — The Fish and Wildlife Commission met this past Friday, Sept. 14, in Bandon at the Bandon Community Center.

The Commission adopted big game hunting and sport fishing regulations for 2019. The major changes adopted for big game hunting are related to an effort to simplify regulations first announced in late May 2018.

As adopted by the Commission, the 2019 regulations will allow mechanical broadheads for big game archery hunters and reduced the required bow draw weight for some big game species. Staff proposed the changes to simplify regulations and allow hunters to choose equipment based on performance and their own personal preference.

The Commission also adopted 2019 Sport Fishing Regulations at the meeting.

The changes further simplify salmon and steelhead seasonal regulations. There are also changes that increase the possession limit from two to three daily limits for trout and warmwater fish; and standardize striped bass regulations by removing all size and bag limits statewide.

For more details on proposed changes by zone see

Exhibit C of the Commission packet on www.odfw.com.

During the sportfishing regulations portion of the meeting, the Commission also considered a petition to prohibit retention of wild winter steelhead throughout the Southwest Zone. The Commission denied the petition and directed staff to develop a multi-species conservation plan. The Commission reduced the bag limit to one wild steelhead per day and three per year on all streams in the Southwest Zone that currently have an annual bag limit of five wild steelhead beginning Jan. 1, 2019.

Additionally, the Commission denied a petition to initiate rulemaking which could result in listing the Humboldt marten as endangered or threatened under the Oregon Endangered Species Act. Staff recommended denying this petition, as it does not provide scientific evidence to substantiate claims of current threats and that Humboldt marten populations are in decline.

In 2017, the Oregon Legislative Assembly directed ODFW to create a program to offer big game preference points in lieu of a cash reward for people providing informa-

tion leading to citations or arrest of poachers.'

The Commission approved administrative rules for this program, which were developed by ODFW, Oregon State Police and Oregon Hunters Association (the sportsman organization that administers the Turn In Poachers program).

Under the adopted rules, people that provide information leading to an arrest or citation may choose to receive five preference points in cases of unlawful take, possession or waste involving moose, mountain goat, bighorn sheep and wolves and four preference points for cases involving bear, cougar, deer and elk.

Lastly, the Commission approved an amendment to a memorandum of understanding with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation regarding off-reservation hunting; funded several access and habitat projects (which open private land to hunting access or improve wildlife habitat); and modified licensing rules so they are in keeping with ODFW's new Electronic Licensing System launching Dec. 1, 2018 for the sale of 2019 licenses.

Little from 1B

heard he usually bragged about us while drinking coffee downtown on Saturday mornings with his friends.

I knew my parents watched me in my games. I also knew there was at least one other person watching me and all my teammates. That person was our video cameraman.

His films would allow our coach to detect good and poor play from the game. Mark Bosket has videotaped for the Siuslaw varsity football team for more than 30 years.

He traveled to all games and his tapes gave coaches Len Lutero and Tim Dodson the

ability to make adjustments by changing plays and personnel throughout those years.

In short: the film showed whose was getting the job done.

At Pacific University, the video camera person was Mrs. Buckiewicz, the coaches' wife. I can remember seeing her on the roof of the Pacific Lutheran grandstands as it moved up and down in the wind.

Providing film for coaches can be challenging and hazardous. Mr. Bosket and Mrs. Buckiewicz remind me of the mailman's credence "Through rain, sleet and any place I need to be, I will film this game and deliver it to the coach."

As a player, I knew there would be eyes on me. If I did

not play hard, I would know it after the game from those eyes. It might also come from the eye of the camera. Either of those sources could let me know of my efforts. The biggest judge for my efforts was who I looked at in the mirror. I knew more than anyone else whether or not I gave it my all. As athletes from Siuslaw and Mapleton take to the fields, courts and courses this year, keep in mind people who care about you are watching you. They will pat you on the back and console you for your efforts. Yet the mirror you look into will tell you the truth; someone important to you is watching.

Waived from 1B

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Mapleton from 1B

the set close with serving from Michael and sophomore Taylor Winona.

Unfortunately, the Mustangs were able to narrowly defeat the Sailors, 25-22, before completing the sweep with a 25-17 win in game three.

Michael served up 7 aces in the match, along with scoring 2 kills and providing 1 block. Winona had 4 aces and 1 kill for Mapleton.

Today, the Sailors will be hosting Pacific and Oak Hill high schools. The Sailors will

face Pacific at 1 p.m., followed by a match between Pacific and Oak Hill at 3 p.m., and the Sailors playing Oak Hill at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Mapleton will host Eddyville, beginning at 6 p.m.

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