

TEMPORARY ROAD, PARKING LOT CLOSURE AT SILTCOOS BY ODNRA Oct. 17-21

A series of intermittent closures will take place in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (ODNRA) South Jetty and Siltcoos areas from Oct. 17-21.

A crew of Marine Corps Reserves out of Springfield will engage in training with heavy equipment and perform general maintenance in select campgrounds and recreation sites. Visitors to the area are encouraged to use caution as they may encounter heavy equipment and road flaggers.

A portion of roadway and two parking areas on South Jetty Road will be temporarily closed for maintenance. The parking lot at the South Jetty

#6 crab dock and the end of South Jetty Road at the jetty will be closed to vehicles while workers remove sand and repair road surfaces.

Visitors can park at the South Jetty #7 parking area and access the crab dock and beach by foot. Heavy equipment will also be repairing OHV trail access near Goosepasture Staging Area and may have that portion of South Jetty Road limited to one lane with flaggers while this work is completed.

Heavy equipment work will also take place on the dunes between Siltcoos and South Jetty, including repairs to Incinerator and Coast Guard

OHV trails, clearing sand from OHV access points and clearing encroaching vegetation from sand camps and other areas for safety and visibility.

Hazard trees will be removed in Carter Lake, Waxmyrtle and Lagoon Campgrounds. This is a unique opportunity for Marines to train with heavy equipment in partnership with the Forest Service.

For more information and for updates about road closures and delays, please contact the ODNRA office in Reedsport at 541-271-6000.

Fishing from 1B

ALSEA RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

Fall Chinook fishing on the Alsea river/bay remain open. A few fish are being caught but overall the fishing has been slow

Concentrate your efforts low in the estuary and close to the ocean to catch the fish moving in and out on the tides. Expect numbers of fall Chinook entering the bays and estuaries to increase later in the month and into October. Best techniques include trolling herring/spinners and bobber fishing with bait.

Sea-run cutthroat will begin entering the lower river later this month and into the fall. These fish are very aggressive, respond well to flies and lures, and can be up to 20-inches long.

SALMON RIVER: *Cutthroat trout, fall Chinook*

Fall Chinook fishing on the Salmon river/bay opened Aug. 1, expect numbers of fall Chinook entering the bays and estuaries to increase later in the month and into September. Best techniques include trolling herring/spinners and bobber fishing with bait.

SILETZ RIVER: *Steelhead, cutthroat trout, fall Chinook*

Fall Chinook fishing on the Siletz river/bay opened Aug. 1, a few fish are being caught but it has been slow. Expect numbers of fall Chinook entering the bays and estuaries to increase later in the month and into September. Best techniques include trolling herring/spinners and bobber fishing with bait.

Note: Salmon fishing in the Siletz river is closed above the marker sign approximately 1,200 feet above Ojalla bridge until Oct. 7.

Summer steelhead are in the river. Fishing has begun to slow down as stream flows decrease and water temperatures increase in the gorge.

Early mornings or late evenings provide the best opportunity to catch these fish. The fishing will improve when we get some cooler weather or a little bit of rain to "stir" things up a bit.

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

Sea-run cutthroat will begin entering the lower river later this month and into the fall. These fish are very aggressive, respond well to flies and lures, and can be up to 20-inches long.

Trout fishing is open in streams and river.

Note: The 3.5-mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is 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.

WILSON RIVER: *Steelhead, trout*

Summer steelhead are pres-

ent, but it looks like numbers are down a little this year. There are steelhead sporadically throughout the system. Low clear water and warm water temperatures can make fishing for summer steelhead challenging, but there can be some good action.

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.

Warm water temperatures can stress fish and increase hooking mortality, so anglers are encouraged to avoid catch-and-release fishing during the heat of the day.

Sea run cutthroat are in the tidewater areas and beginning to move upstream. We've had reports of the fishing for them being good this summer. Spinners or flies are good bets for success.

YAQUINA RIVER: *Cutthroat trout, fall Chinook*

Fall Chinook fishing on the Yaquina river/bay opened Aug. 1, fishing has been slow so far. Expect numbers of fall Chinook entering the bays and estuaries to increase later in the month and into September. Best techniques include trolling herring/

spinners and bobber fishing with bait.

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COOS RIVER BASIN: *Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish, trout, salmon*

Streams and rivers are open to trout fishing. Trout fishing in streams and rivers is slow due to low water conditions. 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.

Through Sept. 30, salmon anglers with a two-rod validation will be able to use rods while fishing for Chinook salmon and hatchery Coho salmon in Coos Bay.

Recreational fishing for bottomfish is open in the ocean along with bays and estuaries.

The daily bag limit for marine fish is 4, plus 2 lingcod. The retention of cabezon is no longer allowed.

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