

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS Calendar

Winter Sports Opens Nov. 28

- SHS girls BB at Mapleton 7 p.m.
- MHS girls BB hosts Siuslaw 7 p.m.
- SHS boys BB at Mapleton 7 p.m.
- MHS boys BB hosts Siuslaw 7 p.m.

Nov. 30

- SHS wrestling at Harrisburg TBD

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

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| Nov. 3 | 9:37am / 7.2 | 3:04am / 0.6 |
| | 9:40pm / 6.5 | 3:52pm / 1.7 |

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| Nov. 4 | 9:21am / 7.6 | 2:58am / 0.7 |
| | 9:43pm / 6.7 | 3:46pm / 0.9 |

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| Nov. 5 | 10:02am / 8.0 | 3:48am / 1.0 |
| | 10:39pm / 6.9 | 4:33pm / 0.2 |

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| Nov. 6 | 10:40am / 8.3 | 4:33am / 1.2 |
| | 11:30pm / 7.0 | 5:18pm / -0.4 |

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| Nov. 7 | 11:16am / 8.4 | 5:15am / 1.6 |
| | | 5:59pm / 3.2 |

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| Nov. 8 | 12:17am / 6.9 | 5:55am / 2.0 |
| | 11:51pm / 8.3 | 6:40pm / -0.8 |

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| Nov. 9 | 1:03am / 6.8 | 6:35am / 2.4 |
| | 12:26pm / 8.1 | 7:20pm / -0.7 |

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Ready to wrestle



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Though school was out Monday due to the Veterans Day holiday, Siuslaw High School athletes officially began their first day of winter sports practices, including Viking wrestlers, who ran through warm-ups and drills under the watchful eye of long-time coach Neil Wartnik (center right). The Viks' first meet is Nov. 30.

AFTER SYMPOSIUM, SEA OTTERS BECOMING HOT TOPIC ON OREGON COAST

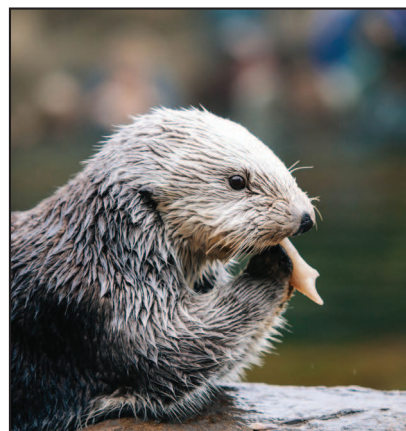
Aquarium announces plans for new sea otter facility and research group convenes in Newport to talk of future sea otter reintroduction in Oregon.

NEWPORT — Last month, the Elakha (Chinook Indian word for sea otter) Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration of sea otters on the Oregon coast, hosted the first Sea Otter Symposium in Newport to discuss scientific understanding of sea otters and key questions about reintroduction in Oregon.

How are the Aquarium and Elakha Alliance related?

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is announcing plans for a new sea otter holding facility, which will allow the aquarium to care for additional rescued sea otters and facilitate new behind-the-scenes guest experiences.

Sea otters were added to the federal Endangered Species List in 1977; fur traders hunted the marine mammals nearly to extinction in the 18th and



NEWPORT AQUARIUM PHOTO

The sea otter was listed as an endangered species in 1977 and remains extinct in Oregon.

19th centuries.

While strong populations of sea

otters now live in California, Washington and Alaska, sea otters remain extinct in Oregon.

The Elakha Alliance's Sea Otter Symposium highlighted the key areas of research needed to successfully reintroduce sea otters on the Oregon coast in the near future.

Attendees included researchers, coastal tribe leaders, environmental organizations, policy-makers, sea otter-care experts and community groups from all over the Pacific Northwest.

Speakers presented findings about the ecological roles of sea otters and their importance to coastal ecosystems, the status of genetic research on sea otters, the current state of sea otter populations on the West coast and current understanding of bull kelp, key

habitat for sea otters, on the Oregon coast.

Robert Bailey, former Manager for the State of the Oregon Coastal Management Program and current Elakha Alliance Board Member, has taken on the role of Director since the passing more than two years ago of co-founder, Dave Hatch. Bailey says that the Alliance was formed with the mission of restoring sea otter populations to the Oregon coast and thereby restoring the ecosystem health of Oregon's waters.

"Sea otters are an ultra-keystone species in coastal ecosystems. Their return to Oregon would restore ecosystem biodiversity and productivity," said Bailey. "There's no question about

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James, me, Danny and Molly celebrating in their new kitchen.

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