

**Little** from 1B

Coach Lutero would place his hand on his stomach for the belly play and his hand by his side for a veer.  
 Even if the defense saw these signals, Jeff McClellan and the offensive line had their blocking rules and defense keys to make the plays work anyway.  
 When I coached the Siuslaw JV football team to 35 straight

wins, I had several ways of running our plays. We often started games with no huddle and 10 straight plays ready to go.  
 These plays were usually in numerical order for memory sake.  
 During practices, I ran all plays numerically to make sure we practiced them all. During games, it was common for me to just yell out the play to be run — even if the defense heard

the play, they did not have time to adjust to stop it.  
 Today, there are fewer and fewer teams using a huddle. They look to the sidelines for signals being flashed by two or more players. Because of this, there also need to be “dummy signals” because college players are capable of changing defenses.  
 You even see coaches covering their mouths with their play sheets so their words cannot be

seen by a lip reader.  
 Many plays are simplified for faster play. This reduces the need to huddle. More blocking is a zone block. The offenses rely on knowing what a defense is doing to run their plays.  
 When I watched the Siuslaw Vikings play this past fall, I watched our quarterback going to the sidelines to get the play calls.  
 He would then run to the huddle and call the play. He

would run the play and repeat the procedure.  
 I got tired just watching him.  
 Let me talk about those play sheets. As a coach, I copied all my plays on a laminated list. If I run a slot right 34 on one, my players knew the formation first; slot right, the play is half-back running into the four hole, and the ball will be snapped on one.  
 If I had 10 formations, I could run the same play from

each formation. The defense may have seen 10 formations, but my line only needs to hear “34” for their blocking assignment. It is the same play with 10 looks.  
 The same could be done for each play.  
 Even if my play sheet was covered with formations and numbers, there is a limited number of plays.

**Fishing** from 1B

Siuslaw system return to Whitaker Creek (Siuslaw) and Green Creek (Lake Creek). No reports of any winter steelhead being caught but fishing should start to pick up soon with each rise in the river lev-

els. Bobber fishing with bait/jigs and casting lures are good techniques to catch a Siuslaw winter steelhead.  
 Due to lower than expected returns and conservation concerns, Fall Chinook fishing on the Siuslaw remains closed upstream of the Tiernan boat ramp (downstream of

Mapleton). Below the deadline the bag limit for fall Chinook is reduced to one adult Chinook per day and a limit of 3 now through the remainder of the season.  
 Chinook fishing continues to be slow in the open area.  
 All wild coho must be released for the 2018 fall

salmon season.  
 Lake Creek, a tributary of the Siuslaw River, is closed for the 2018 fall salmon season.  
 Trout fishing closed Nov. 1.  
 Winter steelhead fishing opened Dec. 1 and fish will start entering the Siuslaw system throughout the month of December.

ALSEA RIVER: Fall Chinook, winter steelhead  
 Due to lower than expected returns and conservation concerns, fall Chinook fishing is closed on the Alsea upstream of the Hwy. 34 bridge. Below the deadline the bag limit for fall Chinook is reduced to one adult Chinook per day and a limit of 3 from Nov. 1 through the remainder of the season.  
 Very few fish are being caught below the deadline and fishing continues to be very slow.  
 All wild coho must be released during the 2018 fall salmon season.

continues to be slow on the Siletz River. Due to lower than expected returns and conservation concerns, the Siletz River is now closed to Chinook fishing above the marker located approximately 1200 ft. upstream of the Ojalla boat ramp. Below the deadline the bag limit for fall Chinook is reduced to one adult Chinook per day and a limit of 3 through the remainder of the season.  
 All wild coho must be released during the 2018 fall salmon season.

The popular NF Alsea fishery opened Dec. 1. Bobber fishing with jigs/bait and casting lures are all effective ways to catch these hard fighting fish.  
 Trout fishing in streams closed Nov. 1.

SALMON RIVER: Fall Chinook, winter steelhead  
 Fall Chinook fishing on the Salmon River has been slow this year. Due to lower than expected returns and conservation concerns, Chinook fishing above the Salmon River hatchery is closed for the remainder of the 2018 season.  
 Below the deadline the bag limit for fall Chinook is reduced to one adult Chinook per day and a limit of 3 through the remainder of the season.

Summer steelhead are still being caught in the gorge area and the fish are still in good condition. The rise in river levels with the recent rain moved the summer steelhead throughout the basin and fishing is still good. Early mornings or late evenings are not as critical with the cooler temperatures and overcast weather so fishing can be good throughout the day.  
 Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

Winter steelhead fishing opened Dec. 1. Time to dust off the gear and get things ready for the upcoming season.  
 Trout fishing closed on Nov. 1.

Steelhead fishing is open in the gorge area year-round but salmon fishing/retention is closed upstream of the marker approximately 1200 ft. above the Ojalla boat ramp for the remainder of the 2018 fall salmon season.  
 Winter steelhead will start to show up in the Siletz in December, time to get out the steelhead gear and prepare for the upcoming season.

SILETZ RIVER: Summer steelhead, fall Chinook, winter steelhead  
 Fall Chinook fishing con-

Trout fishing closed Nov. 1.  
 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.

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