

ODFW to host free family fishing at Cleawox Lake

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will host about 30 different Family Fishing events throughout the state from April to November, including an event on June 8 at Cleawox Lake in Honeyman State Park. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All family fishing events are free and open to all ages. Children 11-years old and younger do not need a fishing license. However,

those age 12-17 will need a youth license, which can be purchased from any ODFW license agent or online via MyODFW.com for \$10. Adult anglers will also need an Oregon fishing license. Licenses won't be issued at the event, so those who are required to have one should obtain their license ahead of time.

ODFW and volunteers will also hand out rods, reels, tackle and bait to participants while supplies last.

Pre-registration is not required and participants are welcome to bring their own fishing equipment if they prefer. ODFW staff and volunteer instructors will be present to assist with every-thing from gearing up, casting, landing and cleaning fish.

“Family fishing events are wonderful ways for new or beginner anglers to get out and experience fishing,” said Amanda Boyles, ODFW Angler Education Coordinator.

“Volunteers and staff are more than willing to help with all fishing-related questions and all you need to bring with you is your li-cense [if you're 12 or older] and a smile on your face. Good luck, have fun and say 'thank you' to all the ODFW volunteers you see out there because they make these events possible,” Boyles added.

Each Family Fishing pond will be regularly stocked with trout by

ODFW. Anyone unable to participate in these fishing events can explore many other fishing, hunting or wildlife viewing opportunities at ODFW's recreation website, including classes and workshops held for all ages, at MyODFW.com.

Detailed information about the many statewide free family fishing opportunities can be found at www.myodfw.com/articles/take-family-fishing.

PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION ADOPTS PACIFIC HALIBUT, OCEAN SALMON REGULATIONS

S A L E M — The Commission adopted Pacific halibut and ocean salmon regulations at a meeting last week in St Helens, Ore.

Catch limits set by the International Pacific Halibut Commission are 25 percent higher this year. Under 2019 regulations, the Columbia River Subarea all-depth fishery will change from every Thursday, Friday

and Sunday to specific dates. The Central Coast Subarea spring all-depth fishery will have fixed open and backup dates beginning May 9.

Ocean salmon seasons, which are set with the Pacific Fishery Management Council, were also adopted today. 2019 recreational seasons for Chinook salmon will be the same as last year. Columbia River coho

salmon forecasts are up from 2018 and will allow for improved recreational coho salmon fishing along the entire Oregon coast beginning in late June with some retention of wild fish allowed in September from Cape Falcon south to Humbug Mountain.

Commissioners also:

- Adopted 2019-20 Oregon Game Bird Regulations: Boundaries

and tag numbers for eastern Oregon controlled fall turkey seasons were changed (incl. 400 more tags) and there is a decrease in the daily bag limit for pintail to one a day.

- Appointed several people to the Commercial Fishery Board: William Gunderson, Kenneth Ulbricht, Joseph Watkins, Timothy Foley, Mark Gmeiner and Wilson

Thompson were appointed to the Commercial Fishery Board.

This board reviews contested cases when an applicant is denied a commercial fishing permit.

- Adopted a Fish Passage Prioritization List: The list provides focus for efforts in restoring passage and meeting the critical needs of Oregon's native migratory fish.

- Updated Public Records Requests policy: ODFW's policy was updated to bring it in line with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services model policy.
- To see the schedule of future Commission meetings, visit www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes.

Sign ups underway for upcoming annual Boys & Girls Club golf tourney fundraiser

The 22nd anniversary of the Boys & Girls Club Fore Kids Golf Tournament happens Saturday, June 1, at Ocean Dunes Golf Links in Florence.

The \$89-per-player entry fee for the annual golf tournament fundrasier includes golf cart, hot dogs, beverages, awards barbecue, Hole-In-

One Challenges and more.

Check-in for pre-registered participants, and on-site registration for remaining slots begins at 8 a.m., with the start of the tournament set for 10 a.m.

The scramble-style tourney will feature hole-in-one challenges, closest-to-the-pin prizes on par-3 holes and a

\$5,000 putting contest.

Entry forms are available at Ocean Dunes Golf Links, 3345 Munsel Lake Road, the Boys & Girls Club (1501 Airport Road) or online at www.BGCWLC.org.

In addition to golfing, there will also be the annual helicopter golf ball drop fundraiser at around 3:30 p.m. at

Ocean Dunes on tournament day.

The grand prize for the ball closest to (or in the hole) is \$1,500; second prize is \$800 for the ball *farthest away* from the hole.

Numbered golf balls are \$5 each.

All proceeds from these two events will go to sup-

port the Summer Brain Gain Program, a fun and engaging way for the club kids to reduce summer learning loss.

Not a golfer but want to help out? Consider sponsoring a child for the summer program. A donation of \$100 sends a child to the summer program for a week, which includes two hot meals and

a snack each day, fun-filled project-based activities emphasizing math and literacy, and a field trip.

For more information about the tournament, golf ball drop or how to sponsor a child for the summer program, call the Boys & Girls Club at 541-902-0304.

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more active and they are starting to move around in the basin.

The popular NF Alsea fishery is very low and clear and has been slow and will benefit from the forecasted rain. The lower river has been in good shape

and the drift boaters have been catching a few fish every day. Numbers are still low at Alsea hatchery but the fishing continues to be fair overall.

The later returning right maxillary clipped fish will continue to return through April. The earlier returning left maxillary clipped fish are past peak and numbers will continue to decrease for the rest of the season.

Expect more fish to show up with each rise in the river level from now through April. Bobber fishing with jigs/bait, drift fishing, and casting lures are all effective ways to catch these hard fighting fish.

Trout fishing in streams will reopen May 22.

SALMON RIVER:
Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing closed on the Salmon River on March 31.

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SILETZ RIVER:
Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing has been slow on the Siletz. Low and clear conditions and bright sunny skies have made for some tough conditions. Water temperatures are warming up and fish activity and movement is increasing throughout the basin.

Anglers are starting to catch more wild fish in the basin as well, remember to handle these wild fish with care and immediately release

them back into the river. January is typically when things heat up and continue through April.

Side drifting, bobber dogging, bobber fishing with jigs, and casting lures are all great techniques to catch winter steelhead.

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The 4-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

Fishing on the Wilson has been moderate, despite the challenging conditions, with some fish being caught. Catch-and-release only for wild fish.

The Wilson is predicted to start rising on Friday and peak under 6 feet on Sunday afternoon. There have been fish available and the rain could get fish moving and more active.

There are hatchery and wild fish available throughout the system, and bright fish still coming in (catch-and-release only for wilds).

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YAQUINA RIVER:
Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead closed on the Yaquina and Big Elk on March 31.

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COOS RIVER BASIN:
Winter steelhead

Steelhead returns should begin to drop off as the month progresses, and some of the steelhead encountered will be spawned out.

Trout fishing in streams and rivers will open May 22, while lakes in the basin are open year-round.

TENMILE LAKES:
Trout, warmwater species, largemouth bass

Tenmile Lakes should start giving up some nice holdover trout in the coming weeks; some can measure

over 17-inches long.

Fishing for largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and brown bullhead catfish should begin to “turn on” with spring weather and longer days.

Yellow perch fishing should also pick up this time of year, with some fish in the 9- to 12-inch range. Look for yellow perch in the deeper mudflats in the lake. Anglers are using small jigs or a worm on a hook fished near the bottom.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH:
Winter steelhead

The river should be in shape for the weekend. Lots of hatchery fish have been reported this year. Anglers were doing well in the upper sections of the South around Canyonville this past week.

WINCHESTER BAY:
Bottomfish, perch

Fishing in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful.

PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES:
Bottomfish, salmon, halibut, surfperch

Bottomfishing has been good when the ocean lays down and anglers have been able to make it out.

Bottomfish anglers may now fish at all depths until May 1. Fishing for lingcod and rockfish has been good when the ocean is calm enough to fish. The daily bag limit for marine fish is 5 plus 2 lingcod. The retention of cabezon is closed until July 2019.

Anglers may also choose to fish the offshore longleader fishery outside of the 40-fathom regulatory line, which is open year-round. The longleader fishery has a daily bag limit of 10 fish made of yellowtail, widow, canary, blue, deacon, red-stripe, greenstripe, silvergray, and bocaccio rockfish. No other groundfish are allowed and offshore longleader fishing trips cannot be combined with traditional bottomfish, flatfish or halibut trips. Ocean salmon fishing is open for Chinook salmon from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. through April 30.

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10818 Hwy 36 – Large commercial building on two city lots at the junction of Hwy 36 and 126 in Mapleton, a high traffic area. Metal building with high open beam ceiling, 3 phase power on one meter. Check with Lane County for zoning uses. Property is being sold "as is". **\$65,000.** #2802-18047518

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

HANNAH RANNO
JUNIOR
TRACK & FIELD

HIGHLIGHT:

The Sports Club, the Siuslaw news and Coast Radio Sports congratulate Junior Track standout **Hannah Rannow** as this week's Athlete of the Week. At Friday's Central Coast Invitational, with eleven teams represented, Hannah dominated the 800 meters with a time of 2:18.32. Rannow's time is currently leading the state and it was a new personal record time for her.

Honorable Mention: **Andrea Osbon - Siuslaw Track & Field**

Highlight:
Honorable mention goes to sophomore **Andrea Osbon** who placed second in both the Shot put and Discus. Shot put distance was 35ft 2 inches, just 3 inches from Newport senior Halle Hargett.

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