

# ODFW sets temporary coastal river fall salmon seasons

Reduced bag limits, closures this year due to poor returns of wild Chinook

For the second year in a row, fishing for wild fall Chinook salmon will be restricted in coastal rivers, due to poor escapement in 2018 and poor forecasted returns this year.

Most of these temporary regulations will be in effect from Aug. 1 through Dec. 31, though a few don't start until Sept. 16 or Oct. 1.

Bag limits vary by basin, and a few rivers and creeks will be closed entirely, due to expected low water conditions (until flows increase later in the fall).

“Due to poor runs last year



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**Temporary bag limits on fall Chinook salmon will begin Aug. 1.**

and low forecasts for this year, we need to take steps to protect these wild populations,” said

Christine Mallette, ODFW’s Ocean Salmon Technical Resources Manager. “We appreciate anglers’ understanding and their input to the proposed conservation measures that were discussed with different coastal communities during six public meetings earlier this summer.”

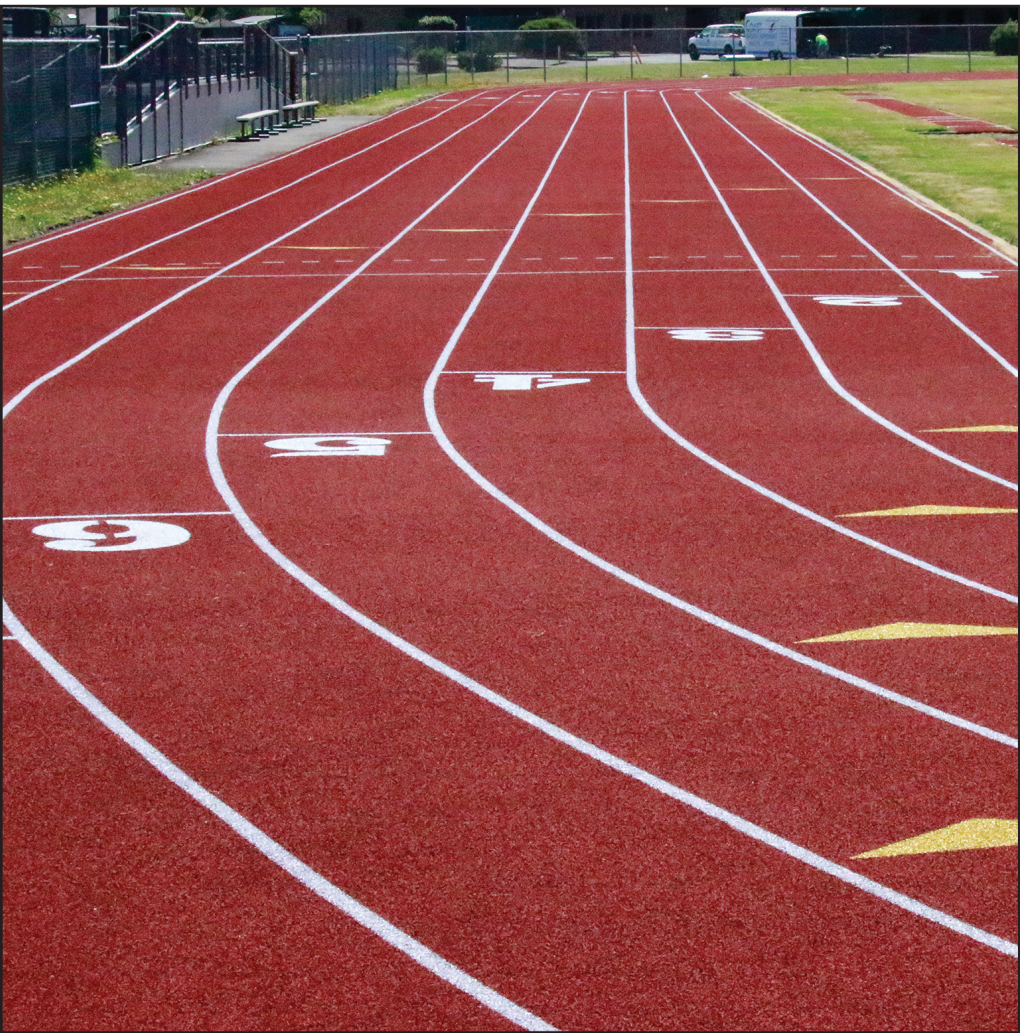
Most anglers who attended expressed support for ODFW’s proposed conservation measures.

Poor out-migration and ocean conditions in recent years, particularly higher than normal water temperatures, are

likely the reason for low Chinook salmon returns. Drought conditions while rearing in their native streams and lingering effects of the blob (large mass of warm water in the Pacific Ocean) both contributed to poor survival.

“Longtime anglers will be familiar with the ups and downs of salmon and steelhead abundance due to the cyclical nature of their runs,” said Mallette. “While we believe salmon runs will improve, we need to implement additional conservation measures now to protect

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**The new BSS 300 surface is a high-level track that is softer, making running easier on the legs, with better grip and a longer-lasting seal.**

## SHS TRACK GETS MAJOR UPGRADE

BY JARED ANDERSON  
SIUSLAW NEWS

Students in the Siuslaw School District will be greeted with a newly completed track at the Hans Petersen Memorial field, made possible by a large estate bequest from an anonymous benefactor.

“For any school, especially of our size, to have a surface of this quality is really awesome,” Siuslaw High School Athletic Director and Track and Field head coach Chris Johnson said. “It’s really great for our kids. Our community is so supportive of our schools and athletics. We couldn’t be more pleased for the opportunity to train and run on this thing.”

When the track was first installed 20 years ago, the plan was to resurface the simple polyurethane service. Instead of replacing the track, a structural spray would be placed on top of it. While some resurface work had been done eight years ago, the dream of a state-of-the-art track never material-

ized, while other facilities, such as the gym, were getting routine maintenance.

“If you look at the gymnasium, that’s something they re-do all the time. It’s not just for volleyball and basketball. There’s also gymnastics and PE in there. But when you’re doing a track resurface, it gets really expensive,” Johnson explained. “The way school districts are, the roof goes bad or you need something that’s more pressing, the track gets pushed along.”

And as the project got pushed along, the track had fallen into disrepair. Some areas were buckling, while in other areas the surface was falling off the side. Rainwater was seeping down to the asphalt base.

“There were places where the grade had slipped, things had shifted,” Johnson said. “Sooner or later, it would have been impossible to contest a track meet on a track that has big gaps and the rubber is becoming delaminated from the underlayer of asphalt.”

It was getting to a point

where an entire replacement was needed, which would have been financially prohibitive for the cash-strapped district. However, an estate bequest of \$165,653 from an anonymous benefactor was given to the district for the sports program. Considering the condition of the track, and the track and field program fulfills Title IX requirements, the district asked the estate if the project was something they were interested in funding.

“To throw [the donation] to one sport, that could be something where the family might not be happy about it,” Johnson said, but the family believed it was what their father would want and gave the blessing for the project to go forward.

“The family who donated it is unbelievable, what a great gesture,” Johnson said. “Without that generosity, it possibly could have been done, but it wouldn’t have been the track that we’re fortunate enough to have now.”

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## SHS BOOSTERS TO HOST ‘HAVANA NIGHT’

Join the Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club for one hot “Havana Night” on Saturday, Aug. 10, for this year’s Booster Club Auction.

Tickets are \$45 each or \$360 for a table. Tickets and tables can be reserved through Tracy at [www.siuslaw.booster.auction@gmail.com](http://www.siuslaw.booster.auction@gmail.com) or by text at 541-999-2341.

To make a donation of any item, contact Tracy.

Doors for the event open at

5 p.m.

It will be a sit-down dinner with salads being served at 6:30 p.m.

In addition, a silent auction will be available before and during dinner with the live auction beginning at 8 p.m.

Come join the fun and help the Siuslaw Booster Club raise money for local middle and high school athletes and athletics.

## SNF GIVES SECOND SUMMER PRESENTATION

On July 12, the second summer presentation by the Siuslaw National Forest was provided at the Harbir Vista Park amphitheater by SNF field rangers.

Both are college students working in the summer months under a grant from the Student Conservation Association.

Their talk explored the different plants that grow in area forests, determined

which were edible or not, and revealed other interesting facts about local plants

Participants from the park and neighborhood enjoyed a campfire during the informative talk.

Some campers were able to see and hear the presentation from afar thanks to the high-powered projector donated by Lane County

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## TIME OUT

By Lloyd Little

Retired teacher, coach and game official

*With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, parent and spectator, Lloyd Little has gained some insights and perspectives regarding athletics. Each week, he shares what he’s learned about sports from his multiple points of view.*

### ACTN 3

Skeletal muscles are responsible for human movement. All athletes have the same number of muscles.

These muscles are comprised of fast twitch fibers for power and speed and slow twitch fibers for endurance. Most humans have a nearly equal distribution of each group. Specific training methods may enhance the utilization of each muscle group.

We also know two equal athletes training and working in fundamentally similar circumstances do not always produce equal results.

Why?

There comes a time in an athlete’s career when they have reached the absolute limit of their potential. Some fall short of reaching the highest level of an elite athlete or professional. Through no fault of their own, they just do not have the genetic advantages afforded those athletes with the ACTN 3 genotype. When elite athletes were tested, 100 percent of males and 97 percent of female athletes all contained the ACTN 3 genotype.

How does this help the athlete? Simply put: the ACTN 3 genotype has given some individuals an increase in their fast twitch muscles. This greatly increases their power and speed. Think of it in a survivor mode. If in history a person has the ACTN 3 genotype, they may have been more willing to fight when confronted with animals or enemies. There is a joke about being a faster runner than the predator, but the one running reminds his companion he only has to

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MID COAST LAKES:

Stocking of the mid-coast lakes began the first week of February and will continue into June. Check the stocking schedule online for dates and locations of stockings. These early stockings include: Alder and Dune Lake, Cleawox, Lost Lake, Munsel Lake, Thissel Pond, Mercer Lake, Big Creek Reservoirs, Ollala Reservoir and Devils Lake.

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Calendar

July 20

• Sandmaster Jam at Sand Master Park 2-5 p.m.

• Flo. Softball Assoc. Homerun Derby at Miller Park 10 a.m.

July 24

• Florence Softball 5:30 p.m.

Beachcomber vs Lofy (North)

ACC vs Welton (South) 7 p.m.

ACC vs Beachcomber (North)

Lofy vs Welton (South)

| Tide Tables                                    |                                |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Entrance Siuslaw River                         |                                |
| High Tide                                      | Low Tide                       |
| <b>July 20</b><br>2:21am / 6.6<br>3:48pm / 6.0 | 9:14am / -0.5<br>9:25pm / 2.4  |
| <b>June 21</b><br>3:01am / 6.2<br>4:23pm / 6.0 | 9:48am / -0.2<br>10:11pm / 2.4 |
| <b>July 22</b><br>3:43am / 5.8<br>4:59pm / 6.0 | 10:22am / 0.4<br>11:02pm / 2.2 |
| <b>July 23</b><br>4:33am / 5.3<br>5:37pm / 6.0 | 10:58am / 0.9<br>11:59pm / 2.1 |
| <b>July 24</b><br>5:32am / 4.8<br>6:18pm / 6.2 | 11:38am / 1.4                  |
| <b>July 25</b><br>6:44am / 4.5<br>7:03pm / 6.3 | 1:02am / 1.7<br>12:25pm / 2.0  |
| <b>July 26</b><br>8:05am / 4.4<br>7:52pm / 6.6 | 2:06am / 1.2<br>1:22pm / 2.5   |