

Yachats to host 11th annual 804 Trail Ivy Pull on Saturday

On Saturday, Aug. 24, the Yachats Trails Committee, Overleaf Lodge & Spa, Dahl Disposal Service, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and SOLVE will partner to support the 11th annual 804 Trail Ivy Pull in Yachats.

This popular volunteer event continues the Yachats community's effort to manage invasive ivy on the historic 804 Trail and restore natural habitat. Anyone wishing to participate in the Ivy Pull should meet in the Over-

leaf Lodge's parking lot, 280 Overleaf Lodge Lane in Yachats, at 9 a.m. on Aug. 24. Participants should bring work gloves, a water bottle and weeding tools — or they may choose from the tools that will be on loan at

the site. Following the Ivy Pull, at about noon, the Overleaf will host a barbecue for all participants and everyone is welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Water and soft drinks will also be provided.

In appreciation of the time and work volunteers put into this project, the Overleaf Lodge & Spa will provide Ivy Pull participants with day passes for the spa facility as well as a chance to win a gift certificate good toward a variety

of spa treatments. For more information on Yachats Trails Committee activities throughout the year, visit www.yachats-trails.org.

Siuslaw Watershed Council to offer presentation on ecosystem

Join the Siuslaw Watershed Council on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at the Siuslaw Public Library from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., for a presentation about ocean and river eco-

system indicators of salmon returns, and how people use those indicators to determine salmon fishing limits on the coast set by the Oregon Department of

Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). John Spangler, District Fish Biologist with ODFW, will bring his 26 years of experience in the Northwest Oregon District to inform attendees about salmon spawning survey data collection, population estimates, forecasts and regulation development for Coho and Chinook salmon

on the coast. Laurie Weitkamp, Research Fisheries Biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will talk about ocean conditions and survival of salmon while they're in the ocean.

Since 2014, ocean temperatures across the much of Northeast Pacific have been above average. Warm temperatures that started with the "Blob" and the strong 2015-16 El Niño have persisted across much of the region despite two weak La Niñas.

The Siuslaw Watershed Council, along with local partners including the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, the Siuslaw National Forest, the Bureau of Land Management, the Soil and Water Conservation District, McKenzie River Trust and many more, are working to restore habitat for fish during their freshwater life stages.

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The initial marine heat wave resulted in dramatic changes to marine ecosystems at all trophic levels from diatoms to marine mammals. While the distributions and abundances of many species have returned to normal, other changes continue due to biological lags and the persistence of warm water species in our area.

across the North Pacific Ocean. The Siuslaw Watershed Council, along with local partners including the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, the Siuslaw National Forest, the Bureau of Land Management, the Soil and Water Conservation District, McKenzie River Trust and many more, are working to restore habitat for fish during their freshwater life stages.

This talk provides an update on how the "Blob," El Niño, and La Niñas changed the ocean and the biological response to those changes, including many observations from our local area.

"In the late 1800s, we know from cannery records that as many as 450,000 coho salmon returned to the Siuslaw every year. That number decreased to as low as 500 coho salmon returning in the 1990s," said Siuslaw Watershed Council Executive Director Eli Tome. "We are working to ensure we have a sustainable and resilient population of salmon in the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes so that future generations may still have salmon in their streams."

Weitkamp has been a Salmon Biologist at NOAA's Northwest Fisheries Science Center since 1992.

Learn more about the work of the Siuslaw Watershed Council at siuslaw.org or follow the council on social media and join us at the event on Aug. 28 to find out how you can get involved.

Her research focuses on the ecology of salmon in estuarine and marine environments, including how physical conditions influence biological processes that are important for survival.

This topic includes documenting the impacts of recent anomalous conditions on marine ecosystems

Siuslaw & Mapleton School Supply Drive

The start of a new school year is upon us. Along with the normal anxieties students experience with starting a new school year, many students are struggling with the additional burden of being unable to afford school supplies and other basic necessities. In order to help, the Siuslaw News in partnership with the Rotary Club of Florence is accepting donations of school supplies or gift cards that can be distributed to each district.

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