

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife seeks candidate to represent ocean fishing

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking qualified applicants to fill a seat on the Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia.

This seat will represent ocean fishing interests. Interested individuals must apply by March 2 2020, using the applica-

tion provided on the Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia online at www.oregonocean.info/index.php/ocean-documents/oah-hypox/1989-oah-council-fish-application-01-2020-final/file.

The ideal candidate will be able to effectively rep-

resent Oregon's interests in ocean fishing through their participation in either recreational or commercial fisheries.

The Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia was created by the Oregon Legislature in 2017 to ensure a coordinated and effective response to the

threats of ocean acidification and hypoxia to Oregon's cultural and commercial ocean resources.

The council is co-led by the ODFW and Oregon State University and is comprised of representatives from Oregon State agencies, the Governor, the Oregon Ocean Science Trust, Oregon Sea Grant,

a conservation organization, shellfish mariculture interests, fishing interests, the academic research community and Oregon tribes.

The council will review activities advancing knowledge of and adaptation to the impacts of ocean acidification and hypoxia on Oregonians

and make recommendations on additional measures that Oregon should take to prepare for further future impacts.

Council members will be volunteers, however, council-related expenses will be reimbursed.

Viks from 1B

the same. "But then foul trouble got the best of us."

While the Viks ultimately lost the game, 29-34, the battle with Marshfield was hardly a loss to be ashamed of, said Cole. And it wasn't the first close game the Viks have lost in league play, where Siuslaw currently stands 0-3. Just three days prior, the Viks lost to Marist by 2 points.

"That was one I really wanted to steal from them," Cole said. "We watched them in a past tournament we went to. We had some film on them, and really wanted to get a win from them. We didn't come out ahead, but we had a really good game and I was pleased with how the team played."

In that game, the defense was strong, "one of the best games we've played defensively," said Cole. They just couldn't keep on top of Marist's main shooter.

"But we've got a plan for her next time," Cole said. "We should be able to come out ahead."

The improvements that the Viks have shown over the season have been many. While the norm at the top of the season was at least a 20-point loss, the recent games have been a lot closer and within single digits.

"I'm pleased with how we're playing," Cole said. We're getting better and better every game, and



Savannah Morris, a senior guard for Siuslaw, prepares to shoot a free throw. The Viks' free throw shooting has been strong overall but just 68 percent against Marshfield on Friday's close game.

that's what you're looking for."

One of the biggest improvements has been with turnovers.

"We've limited our turnovers, which is why we're so close in these games," Cole said. "Instead of 29 turnovers, the last two games we've averaged 15. I keep telling them, if we have less turnovers, we can actually compete in these games."

One of the biggest challenges that the team is

having is with executing its offense with one of its leading scorers, junior Gracie Freudenthal, recently out due to ankle injuries. That has made a huge dent in the offensive structure.

"The Marist game was really the first time we've had Gracie back," Cole said. "She stepped up and was the second leading scorer, so it's good to have her back. In the Marshfield game, she was also the second leading scorer, so

she's getting back into her routine. We're just about 100 percent back with her. Once we get her rockin' and rollin', all the other girls will start stepping up and scoring and we're going to come together."

Freudenthal's return is expected to help bolster the already strong offense of Mia Collins, who scored 13 against Marshfield, along with Brea Blankenship, who had 6 points.

Free throws have also

been improving.

"Mia was 5-9 on free throws against Marshfield, and Gracie was 100 percent on free throws," Cole said. "That's one thing we're really focusing on in practice is getting our free throws, especially in these close games. That's what's going to pull us ahead. We were only 68 percent against Marshfield, so we have room for improvement, but we also only missed four, so that's important. But we're

shooting for 80 percent."

As far as defense, Cole said that's always been the team's strength.

"The whole team is excellent, in my opinion," she said. "We rotate so quickly. We've been doing a lot better on rebounds, too."

The biggest strength? The team's tenacity, Cole said.

"We never give up, even against Marist with only a couple seconds on the clock. We weren't giving up," Cole said. "It's really good to see that they're fighting all the way through to the final buzzer. We just have to keep going a little bit sooner on offense and keep our defense strong, and I'm excited to see where we go with the rest of the season."

Win or lose, Cole is pleased with the progress the team has shown in league play.

"It sucks to lose, but they understand that," Cole said. "And they understand that they can change the mindsets of others perceive them. This is a team that can win. We just need to put our heads together and come together as a team."

After hosting Elmira last night (after press deadlines), the Viks head to Junction City on Friday and then, next Tuesday, will host a rematch with Cottage Grove.

Friday's game at Junction City tips off at 7:15 p.m.

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