

Community Lifestyle

Missing shared experience of sports more than sports themselves

Things have gotten a little sparse for sports reporters these days. From a professional standpoint, there are no events to attend, no action shots to photograph,

> buzzworthy headlines to

personal

standpoint,

write. From



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nearly all my favorite pastimes have been relegated to the cul-SENTINEL tural back-

burner as the global human world takes on an unprecedented crisis.

This is far from a complaint. While I've been enamored with sports for as long as I can re-member — some of my earliest cogent memories are watching the early 90s, Clyde Drexler-led Portland Trailblazers on a grainy tube TV — I fully recognize their place in our society.

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Low Tide

1:44pm / 0.2

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide

April 29 12:38pm/ 0.2 5:12am / 6.3

7:39pm/ 5.5

April 30 12:58am / 3.5 6:32am / 6.0

8:36pm / 5.9

May 1

7:55am / 6.0 2:20am/ 2.9 2:46pm/ 0.2

9:25pm/ 6.4

May 2 2:20am / 2.9 7:55am / 6.0 2:46pm / 0.2 9:25pm / 6.4

May 3

9:11am / 6.2

3:28am / 2.0 3:41pm / 0.2 10:09pm / 7.0

May 4

10:19am / 6.4

4:25am / 1.0 4:32pm / 0.4 10:49pm / 7.6

May 5

5:17am / 0.0 11:20am / 6.7 5:19pm / 0.6 11:29pm / 8.1



"Restoring the Siuslaw" is one of two interactive maps now available to the public, which tell the history of the Siuslaw River and its restoration through the Siuslaw Watershed and community partners.

SWC, Ecotrust release 'Story of the Siuslaw'

pril marked the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, a global celebration encouraging education and stewardship of the planet's natural resources.

A lot has happened in 50 years.

The Siuslaw Watershed has been shaped by change. Managed and stewarded by Siuslaw tribal people for generations and into today, the watershed at one time supported such ecologic proliferation that its salmon run was second only to the Columbia. In the time following white European settlement, streams were straightened, forests logged and salmon numbers greatly reduced.

Now, the Siuslaw enters another era of change, as partners and community members join together to restore habitat to benefit both fish and people. But amidst this change the Siuslaw River, its tributaries, coastal lakes and estuary hold great promise for restoring endangered coho salmon.

To tell the stories of a place that holds so much possibility for the coho, Siuslaw Watershed Council has partnered with Ecotrust to produce two story



"Story the Siuslaw" interactive map tells the history of the Siuslaw River.

maps — illustrative story experiences. Take a scroll through the "Story of the

(http://bit.ly/storyofthesiu-

slaw) with photos, old and new, and

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Wild Chinook bag limit reduced on Siletz when opens May 1

In the wake of poor Chinook salmon returns in 2019 and a low fall Chinook forecast for 2020, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife this week announced that it is reducing the bag limit on Siletz River early returning wild Chinook to one adult Chinook per day,

effective May. 1 through July 31. Prior to the rule change, the bag limit was two adult wild Chinook.

Siuslaw"

The reduced bag limit was triggered by a provision of the Coastal Multi-ODFW's Conservation Species Management Plan that requires ODFW to lower harvest impacts when population forecasts decline to a certain point.

The reduced bag limit is intended to improve natural production of wild Chinook.

The temporary rule, adopted April 22, reduces the sea-

sonal bag limit for adult wild Chinook salmon in the Siletz River basin from the permanent limit of one per day and two for the period of April 1 through July 31, 2020 to one adult wild Chinook for the season from May 1 through July 31.

Be on lookout for nesting birds as spring nesting season approaches

ODFW biologists have been responding to an increased number of calls about nesting birds. April through July is a critical time for most bird species as they care for their young.

ODFW reminds Oregonians that taking and keeping an animal from the wild as well as moving or destroying an active nest is not only against the law, but may harm or kill birds.

Please consider these tips if you do encounter a nest or baby bird:

• Leave fledgling birds alone. It is natural for fledgling (mostly feathered and on the ground) birds to be awkward while learning how to fly.

If you see one on the ground, leave it alone and

keep your distance. Bring your pets under control and indoors if possible.

The bird's parents will feed it for several days on the ground until it can fly. Some fledglings such as great horned owls spend up to several weeks on or near the ground as they learn how to

Owl parents protect and

feed their owlets during this

time. • Return nestling birds to the nest. Nestlings (baby birds not fully feathered) found on the ground can be gently and quickly returned to the nest.

It is a myth that a nestling touched by humans will be abandoned by its parents.

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Hello Friends!! Who would have thought we'd be in the 6th week of lockdown with no end in sight! I guess I'm still in disbelief that in our lifetime this could be possible and wearing masks could be the new normal. I've been cooking and getting tired of it. Walking, golfing and, yes, I'm working!

The open sign may not be on at Coldwell, but we're all hard at work serving our customers.

Give me a call or email me if you have any real estate needs. Lastly, enjoy the Spring flowers and blooming Rhodies and the natural beauty of Florence!

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