



# Community & Lifestyle

## ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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**Best places for local warmwater fishing:**

- Mercer and Munsel lakes (Florence area) are great warm water fisheries and both of them have stocked trout as well, good place to target both species in one trip
- Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes (Florence area) both offer good warmwater fishing opportunities as well as good trout fishing for stocked trout and resident cutthroat.

**Fishing**

**SIUSLAW RIVER: Cutthroat trout:**

Trout fishing opened in the Siuslaw basin (including Lake Creek) on May 22 and has great opportunities to catch a trout throughout the summer months.

**ALSEA RIVER: Cutthroat trout**

Cutthroat trout fishing opened May 22 on the Alsea River and trout fishing has been good throughout the basin. The higher water and cooler temperatures

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## Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>July 3</b> 12:13am / 5.8 11:17pm / 8.2	5:40am / -1.5 5:20pm / 2.5
<b>July 4</b> 1:04pm / 6.0 7:12pm / 6.9	6:27am / -1.8 6:12pm / 2.6
<b>July 5</b> 12:04am / 8.1 1:50pm / 6.1	7:12am / -1.9 7:01pm / 2.6
<b>July 6</b> 12:49am / 7.9 2:33pm / 6.1	7:55am / -1.8 7:49pm / 2.6
<b>July 7</b> 1:33am / 7.6 3:15pm / 6.1	8:37am / -1.5 8:37pm / 2.5
<b>July 8</b> 2:17am / 7.1 3:56pm / 6.1	9:17pm / -1.1 9:25pm / 2.5
<b>July 9</b> 3:02am / 6.6 4:36pm / 6.0	9:56am / -0.6 10:16pm / 2.5



# Game ON!



JARED ANDERSON/FOR SIUSLAW NEWS

A small group participated in a practice run last week in anticipation of the gaming business's reopening and a chance to fine tune how to provide fun in a safe environment.

## DunesDay Gaming reopens with fun and safety protocols

BY JARED ANDERSON  
SIUSLAW NEWS

Frogger will once again be making his way across dangerous highways, alongside Mrs. Pac Man chomping on glowing orbs, as Dunesday Gaming reopens its doors again.

"There were some days when we thought, 'Wow, we may not be able to reopen.' But optimism won out, and we're going to try it and give it our best shot," Brooke Kosten said. "That's what this has always been for us."

Kosten, along with her husband Brian, opened Dunesday Gaming in 2019 and filled its small space with a variety of classic arcade games, console games, basketball, foosball and Virtual Reality (VR) to the delight of gamers young and old in the Siuslaw region.

But after a lengthy shutdown, things will be slightly different for gamers. Reservations of two-hour periods will be required for



groups of up to 10 people. If groups are double booked, they will be split into two different sections in the arcade that they will rotate.

"It's not the same way people are used to experiencing this place," Kosten said. "But I think what people will find is that once we get them here, it's total-

ly fine. We're still getting to do all of the things. Indoor entertainment is something this community really needs."

With a background in healthcare, Kosten said she understands and supports the measures needed to be taken to

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## Openings added to Central Coast halibut season

Two additional openings have been added to Oregon's Central Coast Subarea, increasing anglers' opportunity to harvest the quota for the spring all-depth halibut fishery.

July 16-18 and July 30-August 1 were added, making a total of eight openings for this popular fishery.

The Central Coast Subarea includes ports from Port Orford to Garibaldi.

"Adding these two openings to the spring all-depth season gives halibut anglers more opportunity to harvest the quota," said Lynn Mattes, Recreational Groundfish and Halibut Project Leader. "We haven't met the quota yet and don't believe these extra openings will surpass that."

The fishery was open May 21-23, May 28-30, June 11-13, and June 18-20. Remaining openings are July 9-11, July 16-18, July 23-25, and July 30-Aug. 1.

Many coastal communities remain concerned about a large influx of visitors while some COVID-19 restrictions are still in effect. Anglers are asked to be mindful of the Governor's Executive Order as well as coastal community concerns and:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Check for access before you go. Even if fishing is open, the boat ramp or park where you want to go might be closed. ODFW does not control access to land or facilities it doesn't manage, so check with the land manager or facility owner where you want to go about what's open before you leave home.
- Stick close to home. Don't travel far to hunt or fish. Most places remain closed to overnight camping/lodging.
- Be prepared. Restrooms and other facilities may be more limited. Bring your own soap, water, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, food, etc. Buy your license online before you go.
- Avoid crowds. Go someplace else if your destination looks crowded.
- Practice social distancing. Keep six feet between you and anyone who doesn't live in your immediate household, including while on a boat or at a fish cleaning station.
- Wash your hands often. Keep up on personal hygiene and bring your own water, soap, and hand sanitizer with you.
- Pack out what you pack in. Take any garbage with you, including disposable gloves and masks.

For more information and maps to halibut fishing areas, visit [myodfw.com/pacific-halibut-sport-regulations](http://myodfw.com/pacific-halibut-sport-regulations).



I hope you all had a Happy and safe 4th of July! It was hard not being able to watch the fireworks from my home this year. At Coldwell Banker we have masks available if you don't have one and hand sanitizer readily available. This virus seems to be gaining steam again with all the tourists and the warmer weather when people want to get out and about. We just need to be mindful of others and protect ourselves.

**One last thing....Happy Birthday on Thursday to my sweetie James! The big 72.**

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