



# Community & Lifestyle

## ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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**Best bets for fishing:**  
 Anglers are spoiled with choices right now. Trout, bass and salmon are all on the list.

- With the cooler, wetter spring, fishing for stocked trout continues to be good in several areas.
- This is a great time of year to visit Oregon's hike-in lakes for a day of trout fishing.
- Resident coastal cutthroats are on the bite in most coastal rivers and streams.
- Where water temperatures are warming, fishing for bass and other warmwater species is improving. Now is a great time to target these fish before aquatic weeds grow enough to make fishing challenging.
- Ocean salmon season is open, and some Chinook are also being caught in coastal rivers.

Local lakes stocked in spring and/or early summer: Alder Lake, Buck Lake, Carter Lake, Cleawox Lake, Mercer Lake, Munsel Lake, Siltcoos Lagoon, Siltcoos Lake, Sutton Lake and Woahink Lake.

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

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### Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>July 18</b> 12:10pm / 5.4 11:02pm / 7.4	5:34am / -0.7 5:10pm / 3.0
<b>July 19</b> 12:52am / 5.7 11:45pm / 7.7	6:15am / -1.2 5:56pm / 2.9
<b>July 20</b> 1:31am / 5.9	6:55am / -1.5 6:41pm / 2.6
<b>July 21</b> 12:29am / 7.8 2:10pm / 6.1	7:35am / -1.7 7:27pm / 2.4
<b>July 22</b> 1:14am / 7.8 2:49pm / 6.3	8:15am / -1.7 8:15pm / 2.1
<b>July 23</b> 2:00am / 7.6 3:29pm / 6.5	8:56am / -1.5 9:06pm / 1.9
<b>July 24</b> 2:50am / 7.2 4:11pm / 6.7	9:37am / -1.2 10:02pm / 1.6



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Residents can have their cleaned, collected plastics picked up July 27 as part of what local Master Recyclers will become an ongoing service to the community.

## Local recyclers launch COVID-safe plastic pick-up

The new plan will allow residents to schedule a pickup time for the safe collection of plastic recyclables

BY MARK BRENNAN  
 SIUSLAW NEWS

One of the unanticipated results of the COVID-19 pandemic has been a major increase in the creation of household waste. This is due in large part to the Shelter-in-Place Executive Order issued by Oregon Governor Kate Brown at the end of March, and her subsequent orders which have forced families to modify the way they shop and eat.

Families and individuals are now purchasing more items from grocery stores to eat at home and they are taking advantage of take-out menus from favorite restaurants — which are more common than previously, and increasingly the only option available to diners.

Unfortunately, a large percentage of the associated increase in waste products is plastic.

The limitations placed on dining at restaurants has led

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to a major jump in the usage of plastic to-go containers and plastic to-go bags. Most of these are not recyclable and end up in the landfill.

Recent legislative restrictions on the use of plastic bags have been suspended locally during the pandemic and single-use plastic bags have reappeared in most retail settings.

Much of the plastic used to package products purchased from retail outlets can be recycled and, fortunately, Florence has one of the state's most robust Master Recycler Programs.

In addition to increased plastic usage resulting from increased to-go food and grocery purchases, there are also the newly added waste

materials from the Personal Protection Equipment (PPE's) used by medical staff at hospitals and clinics, which have added a level of danger to the recycling process.

In response to the significant increase in plastic waste, Florence Master Recyclers has announced it will be sponsoring a COVID-aware plastic pick-up plan.

The newly formulated plan will allow interested residents to recycle #2, #4, #5, plastic tubs, bottles, jugs and lids by scheduling a pick-up time for the safe collection of plastic recyclables.

"In these Covid times, it is crucial that the plastics we receive are extremely clean

and organized. We appreciate all the effort everyone puts into collecting, sorting and cleaning the plastics so we can accurately and safely deliver the plastics to Lane County Waste Management," said Nancy Rhodes, Master Recycler and co-coordinator of the event. "Your plastics must be clean, dry and label free. It must be sorted by number in separate clean paper or plastic bags and, to ensure the safety of everyone involved, masks will be required and social distancing will be practiced."

The Florence Master Recyclers will be working to collect the plastic from local residents up until the co-coordinator for the collection, Britte Kirsch, delivers the collected items to the Glenwood Transfer Station on July 27.

There are the usual restrictions as to what can be recycled and the manner in which plastic can be collected for this trip to Glenwood,

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## OFWC takes adopts historic climate, ocean Change policy

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted a Climate and Ocean Change Policy today on a unanimous vote, making them the first state fish and wildlife commission in the nation to adopt such a measure.

The Policy approved today will be the framework under which ODFW will evaluate the impacts of climate change on the resources under its stewardship, adopt management practices to safeguard those resources and minimize the impacts to communities that depend on these

resources.

The Policy also includes an ambitious goal for ODFW's operations to reach carbon neutrality by mid-century.

"I am proud that our agency is out front with this. We're leaders. It's causing other states in the U.S. to look at us in developing their own climate change plans," said Commissioner Greg Wolley during the hearing and testimony portion of Friday's meeting.

The policy aligns the Department with direction from

Governor Kate Brown's Executive Order 20-04, Directing State Agencies to Take Actions to Reduce and Regulate Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The Policy provides high level guidance on how climate change will be considered in planning, budgets, investments and policy making decisions as required by the Executive Order.

Throughout the past two years, ODFW staff drafted the current policy and submitted

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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.

### Sports Dilemma and COVID-19

Last Saturday, July 11, my grandson Miles traveled with a local rookie team to play a doubleheader in North Bend.

The team was formed few weeks ago and has been following the guidelines for outdoor activities. I was asked to help coach the team but, with my health-risk factors, I have re-mained isolated.

With Governor Brown's latest COVID-19 outdoor requirements, Miles' team may

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## Annual B&GC 'FORE! Kids' golf tourney tees off Aug. 22

The 23rd Annual "Fore! Kids" Golf Classic and 9th Annual Helicopter Golf Ball Drop is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 22, at Florence Golf Links.

Entry into the 4-person scramble is \$90 per player, including opportunities to participate in the Hole-In-One Challenges and Million Dollar Shoot Out, awards luncheon and more. All proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County.

Team reservations and pre-

registration is encouraged, as this event often sells out.

Team check-in starts at 8 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Register online at <https://forethekidsgolf.afrogs.org>.

Entry forms are also available at Florence Golf Links, 1201 35th St., or the Boys & Girls Club, 1501 Airport Rd.

Scheduled for 3 to 3:30 p.m. on tournament day at Florence Golf Links will be the Helicopter Golf Ball Drop sponsored by Fairway Estates Homes of Flor-

ence, which is a supporter of the Club Kids Summer Program.

The winner will receive \$1,000 cash. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased when you reserve your team or at the Boys & Girls Club.

The Boys and Girls Club summer programs include; Summer Brain Gain, Florence Air Academy and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Programs, all fun and innovative

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