



Community & Lifestyle

ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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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 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 have created great spring/early summer conditions for trout fishing and will provide good opportunities through the summer months.

SALMON RIVER: Cutthroat trout:

Cutthroat trout fishing opened on the Salmon River on May 22. Good cutthroat fishing can be found throughout the Salmon River estuary and river through the summer months.

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide **Low Tide**

July 29

8:50am / 4.8 2:34am / 0.1
8:21pm / 7.5 2:01pm / 2.4

July 30

10:09am / 5.1 3:39am / -0.4
9:19pm / 7.6 3:10pm / 2.8

July 31

11:14am / 5.4 4:37am / -0.9
10:14pm / 7.7 4:15pm / 2.8

Aug. 1

12:06am / 5.8 5:28am / -1.2
11:06pm / 7.7 5:13pm / 2.7

Aug. 2

12:50am / 6.0 6:14am / -1.3
11:54pm / 7.7 6:04pm / 2.5

Aug. 3

1:29pm / 6.1 6:56am / -1.3
6:51pm / 2.3

Aug. 4

12:38am / 7.6 7:35am / -1.2
2:06pm / 6.2 7:34pm / 2.1



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In his four decades as a local firefighter, Dave Beck has seen and helped SVFR grow into the department it has become today.

Battalion Chief Beck hangs up his fire hose

After 50 years in the fire service, including 40 years with SVFR, Dave Beck retires his turnouts

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SIUSLAW NEWS

“Everyone loves a firefighter,” Dave Beck said. “It’s one of those jobs where kids love you, you show up to a school in a firetruck. You don’t hear anyone say, ‘I hate firefighters.’ I have a grandkid who just loves the fire department. You see it in his eyes when you talk about it.”

On Saturday, community members gathered at Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) Station 1 to celebrate the retirement of Beck, who was the Battalion Chief for Canary Station. While he’s been with the station for 40 years, Beck had already been fighting fires for 10 years as a wildland firefighter.

“I’m just thankful I made it 50 years, doing what I call ‘throwing dirt and squirting water,’” Beck said. “I’m going out walking and smiling and



Dave Beck with his wife, Sharon, sit on a bench made in his honor by SVFR Captain Andy Gray, utilizing old fire hose for the seat and backing.

looking forward to whatever’s left. Between my USEFA career and SVFR, that’s 50 years. It’s basically my whole life. I’m so glad I had that career. I’m so lucky to have gotten into it when I did.”

Beck began his career with

the United States Forest Service (USFS) in 1970.

“I went to college and took forestry,” Beck said. “Got married and moved to Florence, got a job with the forest service. That summer, fire season rolled around and

my first fire assignment was Tiller, Ore. I was 21 and just liked throwing dirt, squirting water and putting out fires. I thought ‘This is pretty cool,’ and it never ended.”

That is, until 40 years later when he retired from USFS. His last assignment? Tiller, Ore.

“What are the odds of that?” Beck asked with a laugh. “I was on a management team. Fires get so big that the local community doesn’t have the resources or the knowledge to handle these big fires that get thousands of acres. So, there’s teams of different agencies, different groups that do mapping and computers. We have a team. When things get really big, they call in a fire team. And we go as a group and you take over for the local community and say, ‘Here we

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OPRD reminds state parks visitors to recreate responsibly

COVID-19 is still a reality in Oregon and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is asking visitors to do their part to help protect themselves and the health of their fellow Oregonians.

The state park system has been slowly reopening since early May, but nearly every park is experiencing reduced levels of service due to a \$22 million budget gap.

OPRD is relying on visitors to help us through this unprecedented time.

The best thing way to keep yourself and others safe is to “Prepare + Care.” Prepare before you leave the house, then take care of yourself and the people around you while at the park.

Prepare

If you’re not feeling well, stay home. The parks will still be

here when you recover.

Whether you’re stopping for the afternoon or camping overnight, bring the essentials with you: face coverings, hand sanitizer, trash bags (pack it in, pack it out), water, snacks, and toilet paper.

Choose a park close to home. The shorter your trip, the fewer stops you have to make on the way there, and the less time you’ll be in close proximity with others.

Check the park’s webpage in advance to learn what amenities are available. Some may be closed; read the “reduced services” section below.

Make a backup plan for your outing.

Summer is a busy time at state parks, and people are extra stir-crazy this year. If you show up and the park or parking areas

look crowded, turn around and follow your backup plan.

Parking may be limited, and please don’t park on road shoulders or private roads. It’s dangerous and you risk your vehicle being damaged or towed. If the parking lot is full, turn around.

Care

Try to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from folks that aren’t part of your household.

Please wear a face covering, especially when in congested areas like parking lots, trailheads or restrooms.

Take it easy while at the park: stick to trails and activities you’re familiar with. If you get in over your head and get injured or lost, that will further strain our already thin resources.

Take your trash with you when you leave. Garbage service

has been significantly reduced and packing out what you pack in is a huge help to park rangers.

With the weather heating up, campfire restrictions may be in effect in some state parks. Check campground and trailhead notice boards for posted fire restrictions, or call ahead to double check.

Fireworks are never allowed in state parks or on the ocean shore.

Reduced services

We have far fewer staff than we normally do for the busy summer season. Park rangers will be focused on essential duties to keep you safe, so other typical services may fall by the wayside. Events and programs will be canceled, ice or firewood sales may be suspended, and grounds maintenance and trash pickup will be less frequent.



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