



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.

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Aug. 1 12:06am / 5.8 11:06pm / 7.7	5:28am / -1.2 5:13pm / 2.7
Aug. 2 12:50am / 6.0 11:54pm / 7.7	6:14am / -1.3 6:04pm / 2.5
Aug. 3 1:29pm / 6.1	6:56am / -1.3 6:51pm / 2.3
Aug. 4 12:38am / 7.6 2:06pm / 6.2	7:35am / -1.2 7:34pm / 2.1
Aug. 5 1:20am / 7.3 2:40pm / 6.2	8:12am / -1.0 8:16pm / 2.0
Aug. 6 2:01am / 7.0 3:13pm / 6.2	8:46am / -0.6 8:58pm / 1.9
Aug. 7 2:42am / 6.5 3:45pm / 6.2	9:20am / -0.1 9:41pm / 1.8



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Pets can suffer brain damage or die from heatstroke in just 15 minutes in a car as rising temperatures outside are magnified inside of a vehicle, even with the windows cracked.

OCHS reminds pet owners about dangers of hot cars

As summer temperatures rise, so do the risks of heat stroke and death for pets left in vehicles

During this run of warm weather, the Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) reminds pet owners how dangerous it is to leave an animal in a car, even for a few minutes.

“Cracking the window and trying to park in the shade isn’t going to make enough of a difference,” said OCHS Executive Director Charles Brown. “On a 70-degree day, the inside of your car or truck may raise to 90 degrees within minutes, and up to 115 degrees within an hour.”

“On an 85-degree day, it only takes 10 minutes for your car to reach 102 degrees inside and 120 degrees within 30 minutes. At that point, your beloved pet will be suffering significantly.”

According to Brown, animals can sustain brain damage or die from heatstroke in

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just 15 minutes.

Pets at the highest risk for overheating, and resultant organ and brain damage, are young, elderly or over-weight animals, those with short muzzles and those with thick or dark-colored coats.

The only way a dog can cool itself is by panting.

“A car may overheat even when the windows are left open an inch or two. Shade offers little protection on a

hot day and will move as the sun does. Heat builds up in a poorly ventilated car even in the shade,” Brown said. “Breaking a window to rescue a stranger’s animal is an option, but it comes with legal responsibilities.”

Florence Police Commander John Pitcher said that concerned citizens must contact police before breaking the window of a vehicle, thus giving an officer

time to arrive on the scene.

If a person elects to break the window before police arrive, they are required by law to stay with the vehicle, and animal, until police arrive.

If the act was found unnecessary, the person is held liable for damages; if it was found to be necessary to rescue the animal, the person will not be held liable.

“Before taking the radical step of breaking a window, call 911 or enter nearby stores and have the vehicle’s owner paged by giving the vehicle’s description (make, model, color) and vehicle license plate number. A description of the at-risk animal helps too,” Brown said.

For pets, heatstroke symptoms include heavy panting, lethargy, excessive thirst, thick saliva, restlessness,

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Much of western Oregon declared ‘high fire danger’

As of Thursday (July 30), due to extreme heat and drier conditions, all Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) districts in western Oregon and the Douglas Forest Protective Association have raised the fire danger level to high (yellow) except for the coastal counties of Clatsop, Coos, Curry and Tillamook, which remain at moderate fire danger.

Counties experiencing high fire danger in western Oregon include Lane, Lincoln, Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington and Yamhill.

“Fighting fires in hot and dry conditions is extremely taxing on those who are trained to protect our lands from fire,” said Unit Forester Chet Behling with ODF’s Western Lane District.



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A wildland firefighter surveys the damage in the aftermath of the Rice Creek wildfire.

“We are asking that our public remain mindful of this as they the coming days.”

See FIRES 2B

Be prepared when going on the water

Given current conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, some recreational boating facilities may have reduced levels of services available.

If access to shore-side restrooms is limited and your boat does not have an installed head, have a back-up plan for you and your family.

Be prepared and bring with you include a portable toilet or bucket with a fitted lid, gloves, toilet paper, hand sanitizer and a garbage bag to pack out trash.

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