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ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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SIUSLAW RIVER: *Cutthroat trout Fall Chinook*
 Fall Chinook fishing opens on the Siuslaw River on Aug. 1. Fishing is typically slow during the beginning of August but usually picks up by the end of the month. Anglers are reminded that due to low forecasted returns for the 2020 season bag limits have been reduced. The bag limit for the Siuslaw River is 1 wild Chinook per day and 1 per year for the 2020 season.

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: *Fall Chinook, cutthroat trout*
 Fall Chinook fishing opens on the Alsea River on Aug. 1. The beginning of August is typically slow on the Alsea River but things start to pick up at the end of the month. Anglers are reminded that due to low forecasted returns for the 2020 season bag limits have been reduced. The bag limit for the Alsea River is 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the 2020 season.

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Aug. 12 7:28am / 4.4 7:03pm / 6.2	1:21am / 1.4 12:36pm / 2.9
Aug. 13 8:52am / 4.4 7:59pm / 6.4	2:26am / 1.1 1:43pm / 3.3
Aug. 14 10:04am / 4.7 8:56pm / 6.6	3:26am / 0.6 2:54pm / 3.4
Aug. 15 11:09am / 4.8 10:01pm / 6.6	4:19am / 0.0 3:56pm / 3.2
Aug. 16 11:53am / 5.2 10:52pm / 7.0	5:06am / -0.5 4:50pm / 2.9
Aug. 17 12:32am / 5.6 11:41pm / 7.3	5:49am / -1.0 5:39pm / 2.5
Aug. 18 1:10am / 5.9	6:30am / -1.3 6:26pm / 2.0



PHOTO BY DAVID MUERDTER

Visitors flock to Cape Perpetua last summer. This year, with current COVID-19 restrictions in place, the Cape Perpetua visitors center is offering a special free webinar.

Cape collaborates on volcano series

Cape Perpetua Collaborative is hosting a two-part webinar series showcasing a Yachats Volcano and a Constantly Changing Shoreline

The rugged rocky coastline from Cape Perpetua to Heceta Head provides a place for many marine species to call home and provides abundant exploration for locals and visitors to tide-pool. But how did it get there?

In addition to the rocky shoreline, the central coast has vast beaches which are constantly shifting, depositing and removing mass amounts of sand, changing the landscape of the beach.

To learn more about these geological phenomena, the Cape Perpetua Collaborative partners with retired geologist, David Muerdter, to present this two-part webinar series.

On Aug. 18, beginning at 6 p.m., part 1: A Yachats Volcano? Understanding the Geology of Cape Perpetua Area, Muerdter will answer the question by taking attendees back into deep time to learn about plate tectonics, Oregon's long geologic history, and a volcano in Yachats that erupted and deposited hard, resistant basalt rock some 37 million years ago.

Yachats is built on the remnants of this volcano. We will learn how the volcano was eroded and reshaped to create the rocky coastline we see today, including the Devil's Churn, Spouting Horn, and Thor's Well.

Registration for the webinar is at <https://tinyurl.com/yachats-volcano-webinar>
 Then, on Aug. 25, at 6 p.m., Muerdter

will present part 2: Waves, Sand and Beaches: The Constantly Changing Shoreline. He will discuss how and why beaches change and why waves are the main agent of those changes. Waves interact with beach sand and modify beaches daily, monthly and over much longer periods of time.

Additionally, he will discuss where the sand in this dynamic beach setting comes from and where it goes.

Registration for the Aug. 25 webinar is at <https://tinyurl.com/changing-shoreline-webinar>

Muerdter grew up in San Diego near the beach and has never lived more than 50 miles away from salt water. Curiosity about the ocean and rocks led him to get a BS in Geology from Oregon State University and a PhD in Geological Oceanography from University of Rhode Island. During his studies he sailed on many oceanographic cruises to collect deep sea sediments. He served in the Peace Corps in Malaysia where he was a high school physics teacher and a geologist for the Geological Survey of Malaysia. He finally settled into a career as a geophysicist specializing in how sound moves through rocks, and he taught classes in this specialty around the world.

Cape Perpetua exemplifies a unique

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Free Fishing throughout Oregon this weekend

Everyone can fish for free in Oregon on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 15-16.

No fishing licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag or Columbia River Basin Endorsement or Two-Rod Validation) are required to fish, crab or clam in Oregon this upcoming weekend. Although no licenses or tags are required all other fishing regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions.

See the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations to find out more and remember to check for any in season regulation changes at <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report>.

While nonresidents can also fish for free Aug. 15-16, there are still special restrictions in place on the coast due to COVID-19.

Currently, clamming and mussel harvesting is closed to nonresidents coastwide.

Crabbing is open to nonresidents along most of the coast but is closed to nonresidents in the Columbia River and in ocean areas north of Cape Falcon (nonresidents may crab in bays and estuaries north of Cape Falcon e.g. Necanicum River estuary).

A few other clamming and crabbing closures are in effect (including razor clamming on Clatsop beaches due to an annual conservation closure). Also remember to always call the ODA Shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 or check ODA's Recreational Shellfish page before you head out.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture regularly tests shellfish and closes areas when naturally occurring biotoxins get to levels that make crabs and clams unsafe to eat.

On the coast, try surf-perch fishing from beaches or jetties. Crabbing or clamming can be a great activity for families; find detailed maps on where to go on MyODFW.com Crabbing and Clamming pages.

Remember to follow ongoing precautions in place due to the virus:

Practice social distancing. Keep six feet between you

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Annual STEP fishing derby to be held Sept. 5-7 in Winchester Bay

The Gardiner, Reedsport, Winchester Bay Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) will host the 27th annual Lower Umpqua River / Winchester Bay Salmon Derby Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-7.

With the many COVID-19 restrictions on group gatherings, this year's derby will be an abbreviated version. There will be no official awards presentation or raffle.

All prizes are cash and will be mailed to the winners.

There will be a total of \$1,500 in cash prizes, including \$500 for the heaviest salmon of the derby; \$150 for the heaviest salmon each day; \$150 for smallest legal salmon of the derby; and 50/50 Coho derby on Saturday only.

The derby will be Saturday, dawn to 6 p.m.; Sunday, daylight to 6 p.m.; and Monday, daylight to

noon
 Tickets are \$10 per individual ticket (includes guide boat customers) or \$25 per private boat (3 or more anglers in one boat.)

Tickets can be purchased at Reedsport Ace Hardware or Snowy River Mercantile, or Salmon Harbor Tackle and the Stockade Market in Winchester Bay.

Derby weigh-in stations will be located in Reedsport at the Rainbow Plaza Boat Ramp and in Winchester Bay at the East Boat Ramp (near the US Coast Guard Station)

All derby participants must wear a mask to weigh in their salmon.

For more information, contact Rick Rockholt at 541-613-0589 or email him at umpqua.rock@charter.net.



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Last year's STEP Salmon Derby winner Jason Lobato, of Eugene, who landed a 24-pound Chinook.



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