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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.

the Salmon River on Aug.1. Expect fishing to be slow at the beginning of August but things typically start to pick up at the end of the month and into September.

SILETZ RIVER: *Summer steel-head, fall Chinook, cutthroat trout*

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

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

Aug. 19

12:17am / 7.9  
1:35pm / 6.6

7:10am / -1.5  
7:13pm / 1.5

Aug. 20

1:05am / 7.9  
2:12pm / 6.9

7:50am / -1.4  
8:01pm / 1.1

Aug. 21

1:54am / 7.7  
2:50pm / 7.2

8:29am / -1.1  
8:51pm / 0.7

State parks add surcharge for non-residents

The new camping surcharge issued by Oregon State Park is temporary

To encourage local recreation and provide funding to operate the Oregon State Park system, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) add a nonresident surcharge to new campsite reservations and first-come, first-served campers that began Aug. 10.

The change does not affect existing reservations or people currently camping in a state park.

The increase will add up to 30 percent to the nightly cost to camp in a state park for nonresidents. Including lodging tax, the average cost for a full-service RV site is

currently \$33 per night and will increase to an average of \$42 for nonresidents making new reservations, or arriving without a reservation.

The average tent rate is currently \$19 per night and will increase to \$23 for non-residents.

The surcharge will remain in effect the rest of 2020. A decision about rates for 2021 will be made this autumn.

“We love serving all people, no matter where they live,” says Lisa Sumption,

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A group of volunteers, including a man in a blue shirt and a woman in a floral dress, are packing lunches into black plastic crates on a long table. The crates are filled with various food items like apples and oranges. The setting appears to be a warehouse or a large community hall with high ceilings and industrial lighting.

PHOTOS BY KAREN HARDEN

Since June, volunteers at Mapleton Food Share have been packing 215 lunches twice each week for kids who live in upriver communities.

Filling the need of upriver kids

Two white vans are parked on a paved area. The van on the left has a sign that says "Food Backpack for Kids" and "A Child Will Go Hungry". The van on the right has a sign that says "Mapleton Food Share". Two men are standing next to the vans. The background shows a forested hillside under a clear blue sky.

Lunches are delivered to multiple locations by using the Mapleton Food Share van along with the Food Backpack for Kids van, provided by Crossroad Church in Florence.

Mapleton Food Share has been serving the kids in the upriver communities by delivering sack lunches twice a week since June. The program will continue through September, providing a total of 3,655 lunches — which is up 1,100 meals from last year at this time.

Transporting kids to and from a central location to get lunches is often difficult for parents in upriver communities, so volunteers take the food to the kids. Crossroad Church in Florence has provided the use of its Food Backpack for Kids van to help enable deliveries to those rural areas.

With that extra help, volunteers are able to deliver lunches in coordination with the Mapleton Food Share van to several locations. Lunches are delivered to Caffeination Station, Mapleton Evangelical Church, Swisshome Church, Deadwood Store and to a number of community and private residences.

The group of volunteers pack 215 lunches twice a week in an effort to provide a balanced lunch with individually packaged foods as part of the group’s mission to help feed kids in the rural areas of Western Lane County.

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.

Tony Warren and Ralph Nickerson

There is some concern of a potential boycott of the Pac-12 football season. A social media site, #Weareunited, has been formed to present demands of the Pac-12. It seems sports figures are trying to make social justice by intimidation and threats. As one Oregon player says, “We are not your entertainment.”

He could not be more wrong. Sports are entertainment for the spectators in the stands and those watching on television. Are there serious concerns about the health and safety of players?

Yes, there are.

Unfortunately, there is no master plan to implement due to the diverse forms of COVID-19 spread. All athletes need to remember participation in collegiate and high school sports programs are a privilege; all athletes have the right to choose whether they want to compete. Since many athletes see huge sums of money being paid to professional athletes, the decision is difficult.

Much is being said about the boycott joining the bandwagon of social unrest in our country. That may be true, but I am not informed enough to have answers to those problems. I will, however, tell you the story of my exposure to the unfairness that Black athletes experienced during my playing days.

My competitive sports life began in 1958 in Hermiston, Ore. During five years in Hermiston, I competed in swimming and diving, little league baseball, interscholastic flag football, basketball, Ford Punt, Pass, and Kick (now NFL PP&K), and the Elks Free Throw competition.

In all those activities I never competed against — or with — one single Black athlete.

When I moved to Warrenton, Ore., in 1963, I played football, basketball, track, baseball and softball. In those six years, I neither played with — or against — a Black athlete.

That changed in 1970, when I played football for Pacific University.

The Pacific University Boxers had several Black players on the squad. Tony Warren, a running back from Jefferson High School in Portland, became a good friend. When

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Low water means need for high vigilance when boating

If you are an avid boater, you may have found your favorite lake or river running low. In fact, some lakes and reservoirs are 30 feet lower than this time last year.

Severe low water has attributed to several boat groundings during the first week of August. Rocks or large stumps are exposed or just below the surface where generally there has been adequate water to navigate just weeks ago.

The Marine Board has been working with marine law enforcement partners to mark areas of increased safety risk. One example is Crescent Lake in Klamath County, where there’s been a significant water level

drop due to drought conditions and irrigation.

The Marine Board’s website has a resource page where you can find links to local reservoir levels and river gauge readings, as part of your trip planning.

The Oregon State Marine Board offers the following tips on how to have fun and stay safe:

- Never boat alone. Especially in paddlecraft. Have at least two boats and a plan if your party is separated. Always fill out a float plan or give detailed information to a friend or family member about where you’re

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A close-up view of a white cylindrical waterway marker with an orange diamond shape and the word "DANGER" written on it. The marker is partially submerged in dark water. In the background, there are green trees and a rocky shoreline.

COURTESY PHOTO

Waterway markers near Bernert Landing identify safe navigation and danger areas due to shallow waters.