

Matsutake mushroom picking to resume in coast range

New mail-in registration will be due Sept. 4

Matsutake collecting season will proceed this year on the Central Coast Ranger District with a new, mail-in permit procedure.

Every year, 100 permits are available on a first come, first served basis. Any person wishing to obtain a 2020 Matsutake Collection Permit should mail in a request form by following the instructions before Sept. 4.

"It's highly recommended to use the mail-in request, they will have top priority to acquire a permit," announced Acting District Ranger, Adriene Holcomb.

"We will process the mail in permit requests starting

on Sept. 8, so be ready with your payment information when called," explained Support Services Administrator Ashley Roseman. "At that time, individuals will have the option of having your permit forwarded by email or printed and sent by mail along with your sales receipt."

A commercial use permits is required for any individual gathering more than 6 matsutake mushrooms per day. As in past years, only 100 permits will be sold. Permits are limited to one per person and cost \$250.

Payment is due when the permit is issued. If you prefer to pay by check or

money order please include with your request. Make checks payable to USDA, Forest Service. Permittees must have a valid form of identification and be at least 18 years of age, at the time of purchase. Matsutake permits are valid from the date of sale through December 31st, 2020.

Send the completed form, postmarked no later than September 4, by US Postal mail to:

Attn: Ashley Roseman
Central Coast Ranger District
PO Box 400
Waldport, OR 97394

After mail in permits are processed, remaining

permits will be issued by appointment only at the Reedsport and Waldport offices starting September 14. At that time, masks are required and 6-foot physical distance must be kept at all times. Credit/debit card, checks or money orders are preferred, cash will be accepted with exact change only. A limited number of permits will be processed daily.

Download and print the request form from our website. If you prefer, you can request one by calling Waldport at (541) 563-8400 or the Reedsport office at (541) 271-6000 to have one mailed or emailed to you.

Fishing from 1B

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:
Steelhead

Summer steelhead fishing is still slow on the Siletz River but overall it has improved in the last few weeks. The higher than normal flows in June and early July changed the migration timing and these fish and they are finally starting to stage in the upper portions of the river and gorge sections.

The high and cooler water has slowed the migration this year but now we are in a more typical summer pattern and the fish seem to be responding, moving up into the gorge where there is better summer holding water. Fish numbers should keep increasing through the month of July and into August.

Spring Chinook fishing closes on Aug. 1 above the Ojalla boat ram. Anglers are reminded that the bag limit has been changed for the 2020 spring Chinook season to 1 fish per day and 1 for the year.

Fall Chinook fishing opens this weekend in the lower Siletz River tidewater up to the Ojalla boat slide. Expect fishing to be slow for the beginning of August but fishable numbers usually start to show up by the end of the month. Due to low forecasted returns for the 2020 season bag limits have been reduced. The bag limit for the Siletz River is 1 wild chinook per day and 5 per year for the 2020 season.

Cutthroat trout fishing is open in the Siletz basin and good trout fishing opportunities will remain through the summer months.

The 4.0-mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is open to motorized vehicles but is only open to public vehicles on the weekend. Anglers can walk/bike in the road during the weekdays. If anglers do walk in, they can park at the one-mile gate and start from there.

YAQUINA RIVER:
Fall Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing opens on the Yaquina and Big Elk systems on Aug. 1. These fisheries

are typically slow at the beginning of August but 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 on the Yaquina/Big Elk Rivers. The bag limit for the Yaquina/Big Elk is 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the 2020 season.

TENMILE LAKES:
Trout, warmwater species, largemouth bass

Largemouth bass can be caught early mornings and late evenings in shallow water. During the middle of the day bass can be caught in deeper water and in the shade of docks. Re-cent water temperatures have been between 70-75 degrees.

Anglers are catching yellow perch fishing small jigs or worms on a hook near the bottom in 8-10 feet of water. The outside weedlines are fairly consistent at 9 feet of water throughout the lake.

Trout fishing has slowed down with the warmer water temperatures. Anglers will have the best success fishing for trout in the deeper water and trolling slowly.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: *Bass, trout*

There are consistently good reports on bass fishing in the South Umpqua. Trout is catch-and-release for the South Umpqua Basin. The mainstem and tributaries above Jackson Creek Bridge are closed year-round.

PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: *Bottomfish, salmon, halibut, surfperch*

Douglas County Parks are open. Bottomfishing is restricted to inside the 40-fathom regulatory line until Sept. 1. Fishing for rockfish and lingcod has been spotty recently when anglers can get out on the ocean. The daily bag limit for marine fish was recently increased to

7. But anglers must release all copper, quill-back or China rockfish when fishing from a boat.

Anglers are also allowed 2 lingcod per day. Anglers may harvest 1 cabezon per day as part of your general marine fish daily limit.

Anglers may also choose to fish the offshore longleader fishery outside of the 40-fathom regulatory line, which is open year-round. The longleader fishery has a daily bag limit of 10 fish made of yellowtail, widow, canary, blue, deacon, redstripe, green-stripe, silvergray, chilli-pepper and bocaccio rockfish.

No other groundfish are allowed and offshore longleader fishing trips cannot be combined with traditional bottomfish, flatfish or halibut trips. Find information about a longleader setup here.

Surfperch anglers are reporting limited success fishing the ocean beaches using sand shrimp or Berkley Gulp sand worms.

The ocean Selective Coho (fin-clipped) season opened on June 22 from Cape Falcon to the OR/CA Border. This area in the ocean is also open to harvest of Chinook salmon.

The salm-on bag limit is two salmon per day. Ocean salmon fishing for fin-clipped coho and Chinook continue to be good out of Winchester Bay. As of July 19, there was 20.7 percent of the quota remaining.

The Nearshore Halibut season for the Central Coast Subarea is open 7 days a week, inside the 40-fathom line, through the earlier of the quota of 32,591 pounds or Oct. 31. As of July 19, there is 45 percent of the quota remaining. As of July 18, there is 45 percent of the quota remaining.

The Southern Oregon Subarea for halibut is open 7 days a week

through the earlier of the quota of 8,000 pounds or Oct. 31. As of July 19, there is 79 percent of the quota remain-ing.

ALBACORE TUNA:

Albacore tuna have started to come into range for some of the larger private recreational boats. If the weather cooperates, the fishing can be expected to improve soon.

During the past two weeks, the ocean conditions and weather have prevented anglers from getting to where the tuna are. This week may finally provide a break for anglers and allow them to get offshore to the tuna waters

CRABBING and CLAMMING

Always check for closures at the ODA Shellfish Safety page before clamming or crabbing. <http://ODA.direct/ShellfishClosures>.

Crabbing and clamming for nonresidents Recreational crabbing for nonresidents is now open from Cape Falcon (between Seaside and Tillamook) south to the OR/CA border. All other shellfish license activities (clamming, mus-sel harvest, etc.) remain closed to nonresidents until further notice.

Cutthroat trout fishing opened May 22 on the Alsea River and trout fishing has been good throughout the basin. The rivers are dropping quickly into more normal summer flows but are still providing good conditions for trout fishing and will provide good opportunities through the summer months.



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