

Operation Christmas Child gift collection underway through Nov. 23

Florence Evangelical Church is once again the area collection point for Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind. Florence residents, families, churches and groups can help spread joy to millions of children around the world by filling shoeboxes as Christmas gifts for them. The gifts can include

school supplies, clothing, toothbrushes, and toys for children ages two to 14 (no liquids, lotions, candy, or gum please). From the distribution sites boxes are flown to countries around the world, and then delivered to communities by trucks, and even donkeys, camels or canoes. This year's Nation-

al Collection Week is Monday, Nov. 16 to Monday, Nov. 23. Florence project coordinators hope to collect at least 500 shoebox gifts this year. Florence Evangelical Church is at 1318 Rhododendron Drive.

Collection hours are Monday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 5 to 8 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 23, from 8 to 10 a.m. Donations to help with postage are also appreciated. Social distancing and mask wearing are required. For information about dropping off shoeboxes donations, call the church at 541-997-2523.

Operation Christmas Child has been an annual project of Samaritan's Purse since 1993. The project has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to more than 124 million children, in more than 150 countries and territories. For information on how to pack a shoebox visit www.samaritanpurse.org/occ.

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Tahkenitch is still slow but should improve this week with the forecasted rain. A good shot of rain will move more fish into the lake and get them staging in the creek arms waiting to spawn. These fisheries typically pick up in late October, peak in November, and fish well into December. Last updated 11/4/20.

ALSEA RIVER: Fall Chinook

NOTE: The port of Alsea boat launch in Waldport will be closed until Nov. 1 and possibly longer. The closure will be for new construction and maintenance at the boat ramp and adjacent facilities. Please contact the Port of Alsea with any questions.

Reminder — The deadline for salmon fishing on the Alsea River is River Edge boat ramp located at river mile 28. This is relatively low in the system and is well

below Fall Creek and the popular steelhead bank access on the N. Fk. of the Alsea River. Know where you are on the river before you start to fish for fall Chinook.

Fall Chinook fishing continues to be slow on the Alsea River as fish are staging waiting for the next rain event. The forecasted rain this week should increase river levels and get fishing moving upriver heading to the spawning grounds. This will create good conditions for the tail end of the fall Chinook run on the Alsea River.

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.

Cutthroat trout fishing closed for the season on Oct. 31. Last updated 11/4/20.

SALMON RIVER: Fall Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing continues to be slow on the Salmon River with the low and clear conditions. The forecasted rain this week will stir things up, get fish moving again, and create better conditions for fall Chinook fishing.

Cutthroat trout fishing closed for the season on Oct. 31.

NOTE: Reminder, the Salmon River hatchery remains closed to walk in anglers. Anglers can use access points upstream and downstream of the hatchery to access those traditional fishing locations. Last updated 11/4/20.

SILETZ RIVER: Summer steelhead, fall Chinook

Summer steelhead fishing continues to be slow but there is still opportunity to catch summer steelhead through the month of November.

Fall Chinook fishing remains steady on the Siletz River. There are fish staging in the upper estuary and lower river waiting for rain to move upriver.

The forecasted rain this week will have these fish on the move and create good conditions for the tail end of the fall Chinook run on the Siletz.

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The 4-mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is open to motor-

ized vehicles on the weekends only. Anglers can walk/bike in the road during the weekdays. There is a parking area located at the 1-mile gate where anglers can walk/bike upstream from there. Last updated 11/4/20.

WILSON RIVER: Chinook, steelhead

Fall Chinook fishing slowed on the Wilson last week, but this week's rains should bump the river up enough to bring in some new fish and get holding fish back on the move. Fishing should pick up after the next storm passes and river levels recede. Last updated 11/11/20

Above Jordan Creek, the Wilson River is closed to all salmon angling (including catch and release). Steelhead fishing is open in the upper river, but anglers may not target salmon.

TENMILE LAKES: Trout, warmwater species, largemouth bass

Largemouth bass can be found around any submerged wood and can be caught on spinner-baits, jigs, or crankbaits. As the water temperatures continue to cool down, bass will move into deep water for the winter.

Yellow perch fishing continues to be very good for anglers fishing from a boat or fishing from a dock this past week. Yellow perch have been in 15-20 feet of water and are biting on small jigs or a worm on a hook. If you fish and area for 10-15 minutes without a bite, it's time to move to another location.

The wild coho fishery is open on Tenmile Lake through Dec. 31.

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