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## Siuslaw News

### Community & Lifestyle

#### ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

[www.dfw.state.or.us/RR](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/RR)

#### Local Lakes and Ponds:

North Coast lakes are done with trout stocking until next spring, but many lakes have holdover trout from earlier season's stockings. Warmwater fishing should be over for the year as water temperatures are too cold to keep those species active.

Mid-coast lakes will receive trout stockings the first couple weeks of February. These lakes include: Cleawox, Munsel, Alder and Dune lakes. Wild coho fisheries in Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes are open and provide a unique opportunity to catch a coho in a coastal lake.

#### SIUSLAW RIVER: Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing on the Siuslaw has been blown out with the recent high water. Expect the first good push of fish to be around when the river drops back into shape this weekend and next week. The Whitaker Creek area is the best place to target returning hatchery fish. Hatchery fish are also planted in Lake Creek and are released into

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### Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>Jan. 2</b> 2:39am / 6.5 1:29pm / 7.7	7:51am / 3.5 8:36pm / -0.6

<b>Jan. 3</b> 3:19am / 6.7 2:18pm / 7.3	8:43am / 3.3 9:17pm / -0.2
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<b>Jan. 4</b> 4:01am / 6.8 3:14pm / 6.7	9:44am / 3.1 10:01pm / 0.4
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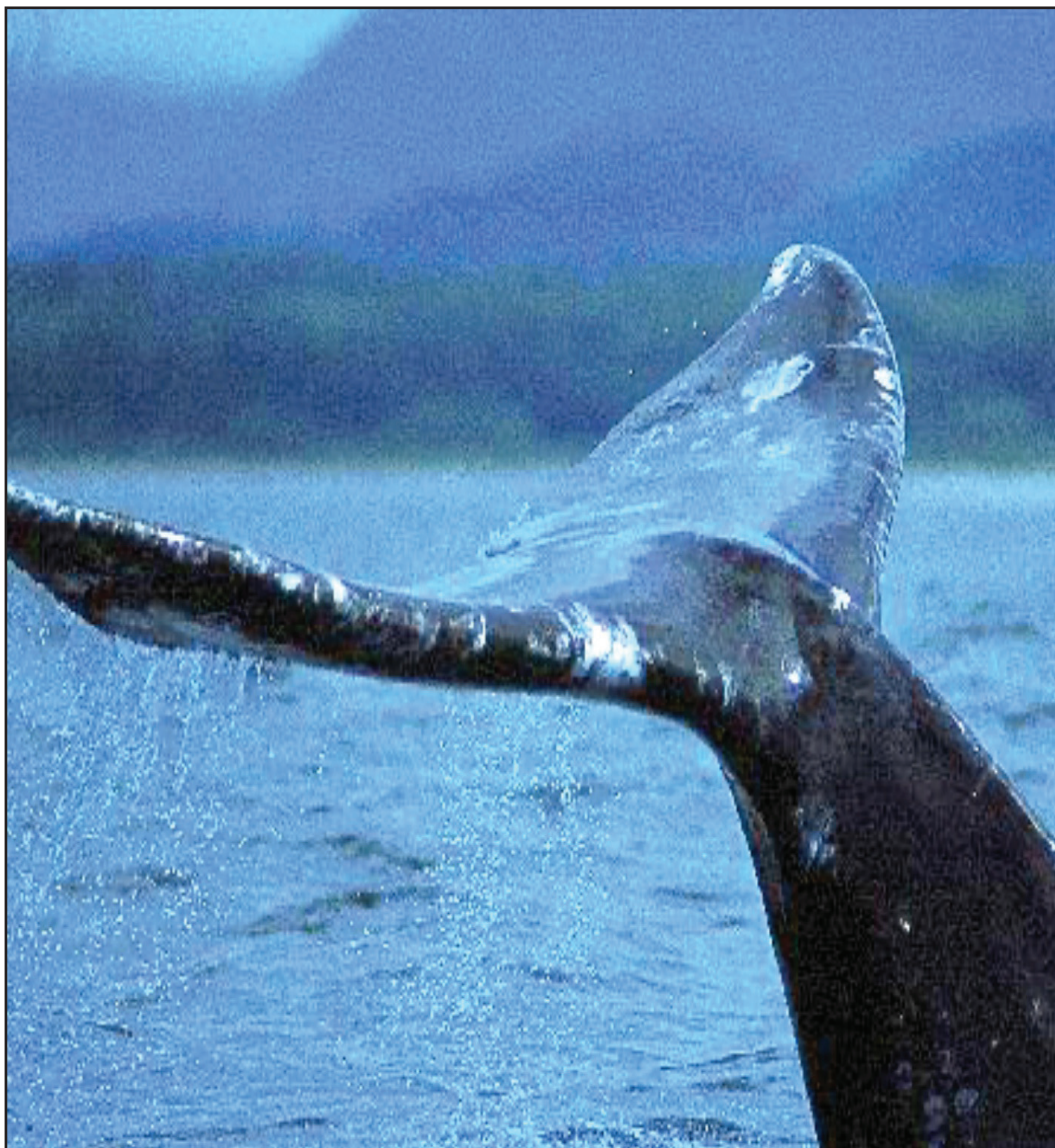
<b>Jan. 5</b> 4:46am / 7.1 4:23pm / 6.0	10:52am / 2.7 10:48pm / 1.1
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<b>Jan. 6</b> 5:32am / 7.4 5:44pm / 5.6	12:05am / 2.1 11:42pm / 1.8
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<b>Jan. 7</b> 6:22am / 7.7 7:13pm / 5.4	1:17pm / 1.3
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<b>Jan. 8</b> 7:13am / 8.1 8:38pm / 5.5	12:42am / 2.5 2:23pm / 0.6
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# Watching for whale tails



COURTESY PHOTOS

The tail of a grey whale emerges from the water near Newport as the migrating mammal dives below the surface.

It was 42 years ago when Don Giles of the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport trekked out to Yaquina Head Lighthouse with a pair of binoculars to look for grey whales. Along with fellow marine biologists Bruce Mate and Denise Herzing, the trio verified what their instincts told them: the migration of grey whales along the Oregon coastline occurred like clockwork twice a year — southbound in the winter and northbound in the spring.

The discovery launched the Whale Watching Spoken Here program, which still continues today more than four decades later. And even though safety restrictions necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic means there will be no rangers “speaking whale” at locations along the central Oregon coast as in past years, the winter migration of grey whales from Alaska to Mexico continues.

And so do opportunities for visitors to watch them. In the winter, nearly 20,000 gray whales swim and breach their way along the coast of Oregon between mid-December and mid-January to the warmer waters and lagoons of Baja Mexico.

Typically, park rangers and volunteers are onsite at two dozen whale watching locations along the Oregon coast, informing and ed-



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A grey whale calf breaches near a small fishing boat off of Depot Bay.

ucating visitors about the whale migration and helping people spot them.

This winter, as it was with spring, there won't be volunteers at those locations and the ODPH's Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay will remain closed, as it has been since the March shutdown.

Keep in mind that spotting gray whales takes a fair amount of patience. It's helpful to use binoculars while scanning the ocean slowly near the shoreline in search of telltale spouts — similar in appearance to a vertical spray of mist much like a geyser.

Visitors can also look for

a tail to break the surface, which sometimes emerge from the water as whales dive.

If luck is really on your side, you might even spot a breaching whale, which is when they break the surface before crashing back into the water.

It is also important to remember that winter whale watching along the Oregon coast can present certain dangers when stormy weather or high tides are occurring. At those times, avoid jetties, rocky shorelines and other potentially dangerous locations that

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## 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.*

### Stopping the Clock

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Cheating is defined as acting dishonestly in order to specifically gain an advantage over the opponent. When former Oregon Ducks football coach Chip Kelly introduced the hyper-speed offense, defenses needed a way to slow them down. In 2010, Arizona State University linebacker Vontaze Burfict introduced to the football fan a sure-fire way to disrupt the Oregon offense; he got injured on a play.

In fact, he was escorted off the field four times in the first half alone. His amazing recovery was duplicated by teammates a total of seven times in the first half — all by defensive players. Vontaze would only go down one time in the second half of that game. He would only miss one play before returning to the field.

All told, the ASU players would have twelve injury delays while Oregon had just one. Did ASU players cheat? Were the ASU coaches involved with this delay tactic?

This injury delay, whether a legitimate injury or faked, has exploded as more and more offenses are now no huddle speed games. It is understandable for 300-lb. defensive linemen to get tired chasing the passers, so substitutes are rushed onto the field as quickly as possible. In the NFL Aaron Rogers of The Green Bay Packers and Tom Brady of The New England Patriots are masters of the quick snap.

Once they see the substitutes enter, they immediately hike the ball for a free play or free 5 yards.

Football is not the only sport where players fake injuries to have an advantage or to try and get an opponent called for a foul. Soccer and basketball are two sports where flopping has

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## 2021 grant applications still available from WLCF

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) continues to accept applications to its 2021 grant cycle. The application can be found on its website located at [wlcfonline.org](http://wlcfonline.org).

Each year, WLCF awards several grants to local non-profit organizations for proj-

ects/programs in its target area of western Lane County.

Grants are awarded in the areas of education, medicine and science, the arts, and social and civic services.

The annual amount to be awarded is determined by the performance of the invested portfolio of discre-

tionary funds during the current year.

Grant requests for the 2021 grant cycle will be accepted until Jan. 15, 2021. Applications can be downloaded at WLCF's website and it is highly recommended that applicants review the Grant Guidelines included there.

Submit applications to Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439 or by email to [wlcfc@wlcfonline.org](mailto:wlcfc@wlcfonline.org) in PDF format. Completed applications must be post-marked or received no later than close of business on Jan. 15, 2021.

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