

ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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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 hatchery fish will start to show

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Jan. 6	
5:32am / 7.4	12:05am / 2.1
5:44pm / 5.6	11:42pm / 1.8

Jan. 7	
6:22am / 7.7	1:17pm / 1.3
7:13pm / 5.4	

Jan. 8	
7:13am / 8.1	12:42am / 2.5
8:38pm / 5.5	2:23pm / 0.6

Jan. 9	
8:06am / 8.4	1:47am / 3.0
9:52pm / 5.9	3:22pm / -0.2

Jan. 10	
8:59am / 8.6	2:52am / 3.3
10:52pm / 6.2	4:16pm / -0.9

Jan. 11	
9:50am / 8.8	3:52am / 3.4
11:44pm / 6.6	5:05pm / -1.2

Jan. 12	
10:41am / 8.8	4:48am / 3.3
	5:52pm / -1.4

Final round of ‘king tides’ to take place this weekend

The volunteer King Tides Project will collect photos from the year’s highest tides along the Oregon coast

This winter’s final series of “king tides” is coming up Jan. 11-13, which means that this will be the final round for the 2020-21 edition of the Oregon King Tides Project.

Every winter for the past decade, a growing army of volunteer photographers has documented the highest point reached by these highest of tides.

The camera-wielding volunteers are participating in the King Tides Project, the Oregon branch of an international grassroots effort to document coastal areas flooded by the highest winter tides.

Here in Oregon, the King Tides Project has been developed and coordinated by the CoastWatch Program of the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, and the Oregon Coastal Management Program, a branch of the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

From modest beginnings in 2010, the project has grown to the point that more than 100 volunteer photographers contributed more than 400 photos

Volunteer photographers contributed more than 400 photos to the project’s archives last winter as part of the annual King Tides Project

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Anyone with a camera or cell phone can participate.

The first two “king tides” have passed, but volunteers are needed for the third round, beginning on Monday, Jan. 11, and extending through Wednesday, Jan. 13. The exact time of the tidal peak will change each day and will vary with location; on Monday, it will take place near 10 a.m. on the central coast.

For information about how to find tide tables, and much else about the project, go to the website at www.oregonkingtides.net.

An online warm-up session for the final round of the project is coming up tomorrow, Jan. 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

CoastWatch and the Oregon

Coastal Management Program will host a panel discussion featuring geomorphologist Peter Ruggiero, coastal ecologist Sally Hacker, and economist Steve Dundas.

Their topic will be “Optimizing the ecosystem services of Pacific Northwest Coastal Beaches and Dunes.”

For more information, or to register, visit www.oregonshores.org/events/talks-climate-beaches-and-dunes.

Thus far this winter, some 60 photographers have documented the first two rounds of high tides with more than 200 photographs. But much more need to be done to provide visual evidence of the reach of high tides along the entire Oregon coast.

To see priority areas where there are gaps in overage, vis-

it www.oregonkingtides.net/participate/ and scroll down to “Where.”

Every year in early winter, high tides on the Oregon coast are higher than usual. These extreme high tides, commonly called “King Tides,” occur at a few specific times during the year when the moon’s orbit comes closest to the earth, the earth’s orbit is closest to the sun, and the sun, moon and earth are in alignment, thereby increasing their gravitational influence on the tides.

The goal of this citizen science project is to encourage Oregonians and visitors to submit photos they take of the king tides to help track sea level rise over time and reveal its impacts on the Oregon coast.

Photographers are also encouraged to take photos at average high tides from the identical vantage points of their “king tides” shots, for purposes of comparison. The hundreds of photos they take reveal

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Positive community disc course



PHOTOS BY MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

The first steps in creating a new disc golf course for the City of Florence has begun at the Munsel Greenway Park. The Florence City Council recently approved the park as the home for the a new, professional quality disc golf course, which is scheduled to open in the summer of 2021. The 18-hole course is receiving financial support from Travel Lane County and the city has provided the land for the development of the course, which is intended to draw competitions and recreational players from a growing number of disc golf enthusiasts. Many of these new players have taken up the outdoor, socially distanced sport since the onset of the COVID-19 virus.

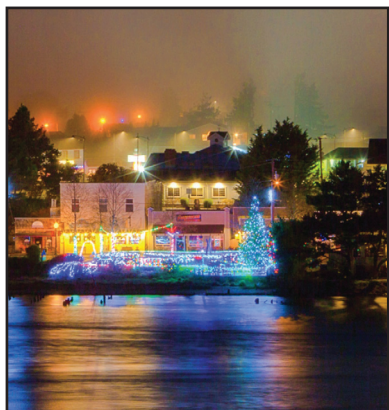


SVCC announces ‘Celebration’ theme winners

Members of the Siuslaw Viewfinders Camera Club (SVCC) completed their voting for the December judging with the photo contest theme “Celebration.”

First place went to Stephanie Ames with her interesting highlighting of the Bay Street Christmas lighting with “Celebrating the End of Darkness.” (below left)

Second place went to Bill Stone’s creatively highlighted “Red Chair Ornament.” (above right)



Third place went to Cliff Harvey (SVCC’s UK representative) with his photo of young girls performing a Christmas dance in a church in his photo titled “Celebrating Christmas in Church.” (right)



WLCF 2021 grant applications still available

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.

Each year, WLCF awards several grants to local non-profit organizations for projects/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.

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Welcome to 2021. Let's hope it's better than last year.

As far as real estate....on January 4th there were 58 active residences for sale. 2 in Coast Village, 9 in Greentrees and 6 in Florentine. That leaves 41 residences thru out the city including south to Dunes city and north. That doesn't give us a lot of inventory to work with. Also there are 80 lots for sale in the same areas. If you are thinking of selling, now is the time. If you need any help in selling your property, give me a call. Take care, wear a mask and wash your hands

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