

**OSAA** from 1B

others will likely have a fragmented season due to outbreaks, and some may be forced to shift their season as a whole.

"[However], reviewing all of these factors with an equity lens, along with anticipated transportation and travel re-

strictions set by school districts, led the Board to its decision to let schools determine how they'll schedule that sixth [culmination] week of Season 2," Weber said.

Participation limitations will be adjusted to allow for additional contests in each activity for Culminating Week events.

"Even though there will be no OSAA sponsored statewide culminating event for these Season 2 activities, the Executive Board wants to celebrate the students who have waited patiently to play and to honor them for their commitment, especially the seniors," Weber added. "Board members directed OSAA staff

to work with member schools to highlight and promote these events, student-athletes, coaches and stories from around the state."

Decisions on Culminating Week events for Seasons 3 and 4 have not been determined. The board plans to continue reviewing potential options as each of those

seasons draw near, taking into consideration the status of the pandemic throughout the state at that time.

The board also reaffirmed its support for conducting virtual events for cheerleading, dance/drill, solo music, band, orchestra, choir and speech.

These events will take

place later this year as currently scheduled on the OSAA calendar.

"The OSAA Executive Board believes that this decision is a necessary and reasonable action for our member schools, student-athletes, and school communities as we navigate these unprecedented times," said Weber.

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**Little** from 1B

do to improve our game. We asked him why he seemed to point out our negatives. He replied, "You have enough back slappers."

As a father and coach, I wanted to provide my children with opportunities to become better athletes. The basketball hoop is still in the driveway after 25 years. My grandson and granddaughters are now using it.

However, the floodlight installed by my friend

Terry is gone, so there is no nighttime shooting. The batting cage, unfortunately, I took down so my grandchildren use waffle balls instead. Ironically the floodlight for the cage is still there.

I may just have to put up another batting cage.

The floodlights allowed my children to practice after the winds of Florence died down after dark.

Covid-19 taught us we can survive and thrive without sports in our lives. Millions of young people may have used

this past year to reassess the importance of sports in their lives.

Your health is more important than competition. Life, without sports, has continued. As Siuslaw and Mapleton high schools resume athletics, I hope spectators — if allowed at some point — will cheer the efforts of all participating athletes. They have worked hard to once again compete and deserve our positive support.

Wear a mask and be safe!

**Fishing** from 1B

are required to park in the designated parking lot to access the river and are

not allowed to park near or enter the hatchery grounds.

Be respectful of the hatchery staff and follow these rules to ensure this

popular fishery remains open for the 2021 season.

Cutthroat trout fishing will reopen May 22.

**SALMON RIVER:** Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead are around in the Salmon River. The peak for winter steelhead on the Salmon River is typically January to March.

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.

**SILETZ RIVER:** Winter steelhead

Winter steelheading continues to be slow on the Siletz despite the ideal conditions and dropping river levels over the weekend. There are still fish being caught every day but it has been tough. The river remains in good shape for the weekend with good color.

Mid-February to mid-March is typically the peak for Siletz steelheading.

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

**WILSON RIVER:** Steelhead

The Wilson dropped into shape late last week and actually had decent fishing Thursday and Friday. The bite slowed over the weekend but has been slow to fair the last couple days.

It will fish through the weekend. Conditions won't be the best the next week, but there are fish and the opportunity to catch them throughout the basin.

**YAQUINA RIVER:** Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead will start to show up in the Yaquina/Big Elk in December and typically peak from January to March.

**COOS RIVER BASIN:** Marine perch species, steelhead

Fishing for rockfish and lingcod in lower Coos Bay estuary has been good for anglers fishing along the jetty and submerged rock structures. Smaller jigs with a 1-ounce jigging spoons have been working.

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