

Vikings from 1B

plate, hitting 1 double, 1 RBI and scoring 1 run for Siuslaw.

According to O'Mara, "The remainder of the team struggled to get on base despite frequently making contact with the ball."

Overton also led the Vikings' defensive efforts at short stop, along

with second baseman Lizbeth Galvan-Garcia and centerfielder Hayden Muller, allowing no runs for the Pirates in the third inning.

Unfortunately, the Lady Viks were unable to score any runs in the next inning, while Marshfield scored six more. Manning was subbed out in the fourth inning, bringing Cate Waggoner to pitch for the remaining

two innings. At the end of the fifth inning, the game was called due to the 10-run Mercy Rule, with a final score of 13-2 in favor of the Pirates.

Although the Lady Vikings struggled to get on the score board, their performance is improving with each game.

"Overall, the Vikings continue to develop in their skills and softball IQ," said O'Mara. "Each



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Siuslaw junior Brooke Olson returns to right field for the Lady Viks.

game, the coaching staff is seeing positive growth from the team as the athletes continue to learn about the game as it is played at the high school varsity level."

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guidelines, softball fans are allowed only along the outfield fence, it is open seating and you must bring your own chairs.

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Fishing from 1B

on the Salmon River is typically January to March. Last updated 3/31/21.

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

Steelhead fishing on the Siletz River improved last week with the bump in river levels but has slowed down now with the low and clear conditions. The Siletz River remains open year-round for steelhead fishing and provides opportunity through April for winter steelhead and then summer steelhead typically start to show up in decent numbers in May. Fish are now distributed throughout the river from the boat sections up through the gorge. Mid-February to mid-March is typically the peak for Siletz winter 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

Steelhead fishing on the Wilson is low and clear which makes fishing challenging. Fishing has been slow recently, but there are still a few being caught and pressure has been light. There are still a few hatchery and wild steelhead (catch-and-release only for

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YAUQUINA RIVER: Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead will start to show up in the Yaquina/Big Elk in December and typically peak from January to March. Fishing closes on the Yaquina/Big Elk on March 31 and will re-open on May 22 for trout fishing.

COOS RIVER BASIN: Bottomfish

Boat and bank anglers (on the jetty) are still catching rockfish and lingcod inside lower Coos Bay. Smaller jigs with a twister tail or 1-ounce jiggling spoons have been working to catch rockfish. Lingcod are being caught on bigger jigs or by suspending a frozen herring around the rocks. The daily bag limit for marine fish is 6, which includes a one fish sub-bag limit for China, copper and quillback rockfish. Anglers can still harvest 2 lingcod per day. Trout fishing in streams and rivers opens on May 22.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Winter steelhead

After a slow season, most anglers are eyeing other opportunities. But there are still fresh steelhead returning to the South and little angling pressure. Don't forget to turn in snout from hatchery winter steelhead for a chance to win a gift card

PACIFIC OCEAN AND BEACHES: Bottomfish, surfperch

Boat anglers have been doing very well catching nice size lingcod and rockfish when the ocean swells are down. Bottom fishing is open to all depths through May 31. The daily bag limit for marine fish is 6 fish, which includes a one fish sub-bag limit for China, copper, and quillback rockfish. Anglers can still harvest 2 lingcod per day. Anglers must release all cabezon through June.

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, greenstripe, silvergray, chillipepper, 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.

Ocean Chinook salmon fishing opened on March 15.

Surfperch anglers have been doing well catching good size red-tail surfperch along beaches near the mouths of rivers and bays. Anglers have been catching surfperch when the ocean swells are calmer using sand shrimp, mole crabs, or Berkley Gulp sand worms.

PACIFIC HALIBUT:

All areas are closed for Pacific halibut. The 2021 season will begin opening in May. ODFW staff recommended season dates are available on the Sport Halibut Season Page. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will finalize the 2021 season dates and regulations at their April 23 meeting.

OCEAN SALMON:

The area from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. reopened for all salmon-except coho on March 15, 2021. All other areas are closed for ocean salmon fishing. All other seasons for 2021 will be under development through the Pacific Fishery Management Council's annual process that is expected to conclude on April 15, 2021.

SHORE AND ESTUARY FISHING:

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