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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River	
Low Tide	High Tide
July 21	
5:40 a.m. / -1.0	12:11 p.m. / 4.9
5:14 p.m. / 2.3	11:10 p.m. / 7.3
July 22	
6:33 a.m. / -1.5 -46	1:06 p.m. / 5.2
	6:14 p.m. / 2.2
July 23	
7:22 a.m. / -1.7	12:04 a.m. / 7.4
7:10 p.m. / 2.1	1:55 p.m. / 5.5
July 24	
8:08 a.m. / -1.7	12:57 a.m. / 7.4
8:02 p.m. / 1.9	2:39 p.m. / 5.7
July 25	
8:53 a.m. / -1.6	1:47 a.m. / 7.2
8:53 p.m. / 1.7	3:21 p.m. / 5.8



Seeing the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area from sandrail gives recreationists a view of the dunes and the Pacific Ocean south of Florence.

Sandland Adventures is ‘dune’ it right

BY ZEAHNA YOUNG/SIUSLAW NEWS

Just south of the Siuslaw River Bridge on the west side of Highway 101 is Sandland Adventures. Owned and operated by Chris and Darla Hague, the company was created in 1986 by Chris’s parents, Larry and Ilene, who originally started it as a rental company.

Currently, the company offers speedy sandrail tours on buggies that carry up to seven passengers, as well as giant dune buggy tours that hold as many as 27 passengers. The park also features a miniature golf course, go karts, bumper boats and train rides.

After the logging industry was shut down in the area, Larry and Ilene, who were still fairly young at the time for retirement standards, bought a company that had vehicles and started renting them out. Two or three years after starting, the business began to morph into a tour company.

“Originally, when we had the rentals, we needed buggies to go out and rescue people,” said Chris. “People would break down on the

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Gage Miller describes the topography and history of the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area while leading a sandrail tour for Sandland Adventures.



A Sandland Adventures tour group pauses to take in the ocean while on a sandrail tour of the Oregon Dunes.



Commission uplists marbled murrelets from ‘threatened’ to ‘endangered’ status

On July 9, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission voted 4-3 to reclassify the marbled murrelet from Threatened to Endangered under the state’s Endangered Species Act.

A total of 28 people testified for and against uplisting the murrelet, including several panelists invited to testify.

The Oregon Endangered Species Act (ESA) sets out criteria and procedural requirements that apply to the commission’s determination on whether to reclassify a species. To reclassify or uplist the marbled murrelet as Endangered, the commission must determine that since 1995 (when the species was listed as Threatened), the likelihood of survival of the species has diminished such that the species is in danger of extinction throughout any significant portion of its range within Oregon.

Per Oregon ESA criteria and procedural requirements, commissioners first voted 4-3 in determining that survival of the species has diminished such that marbled murrelets are in danger of extinction throughout any significant portion of its range within Oregon and that state lands can play a role in the conservation of the species.

They then voted 4-3 on determining that the following two factors exist:

Most populations are undergoing imminent or active deterioration of their range or primary habitat; and

Existing state or federal programs or regulations are inadequate to protect the species or its habitat.

Commission Chair Mary Wahl noted the risks of changing ocean conditions on the seabird’s food supply and wildfires as a factor in her decision to vote yes to uplist.

Commissioner Kathayoon Khalil noted that conservation measures are only voluntary for the Threatened seabird in her decision to vote yes to uplist.

As part of the uplisting requirements, the commission also voted 5-1 to adopt amended survival guidelines as proposed by staff.

With the marbled murrelet uplisted to Endangered, state natural resource agencies that own, manage or lease lands with murrelet habitat are required to develop an endangered species management plan and submit for approval by the Commission within 18 months of uplisting.

To see all the public testimony and full discussion between commis-

sioners, a recording of the Zoom meeting is available at https://youtu.be/Pqfad-PM9V_c.

Learn more about the marbled murrelet in Oregon at www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/hot_topics/marbled_murrelet.asp.



A Marbled Murrelet floats on the sea. (Photo by: Martin Raphael, U.S. Forest Service)

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Happy summer to all!

It’s been a busy time for everyone in town. Remember to have patience at retail businesses who are struggling for help, especially the restaurants.

As for real estate, sales are still brisk, but demand for homes for far outweighs supplies.

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