

## October, 2016 Postcard from Florence Salmon-Trout Enhancement Program

### Hatchery Revisions Underway

## New Strategy For Eggs

Work has been underway at the Florence STEP hatchery as the crew converts the system over to one using the new chilled fog and fry incubators.

According to President Ron Caputo, the new units are in place, although water is not yet running through the systems. There will be some additional plumbing work to be completed in order to get both of the incubators on line and up and running.

The larger chiller which had been used at the hatchery for the last several years, has been relocated to Alsea Hatchery. "From now on, we will be rearing the coho eggs and the steelhead eggs for the Fish Egg to Fry Classroom Program," Caputo explained. "The steelhead eggs for the winter steelhead broodstock program will be transported to Alsea each week as we collect the eggs."

Caputo expects the work to be completed at the hatchery with plenty of time to take the eggs from the migrating coho coming through the Munsel Creek trap.

"Those won't be arriving until late October or November," he said. "And should we not get enough fin-clipped coho to fulfill our 10,000 eggs, we have permission to take up to six wild coho for the program."

Anyone wishing to participate in the hatchery operations should contact Caputo at 541-997-4961.

## Bottom Fishing Trip Planned

A chance to fish for ling and rock cod is set for Friday, October 14 out of Charleston on the Betty K.

Cost is \$75 and participants will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Betty K office in Charleston, unless individuals want to plan a carpool.

For more information or to sign up, contact Ron Caputo, 541-997-4961.

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All Things Chinook on Tap

## Two Speakers featured at October Meeting

Targeting salmon in the Siuslaw River is the theme at the October 5 meeting of the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on 12th st. in Florence. The public is invited to attend.

Ryan Hatfield, owner/operator of Grey Ghost Guide Service and Bobby Jensen, Jr., of Y Marina, will share the podium at the meeting.

Hatfield, who guides in Alaska in the summer and fishes for fall salmon and winter steelhead in the Siuslaw River, will share his strategies for hooking up. He plans to discuss trolling tactics, share brining methods and talk about preparation that is important before even getting on the water.

He will also share some tips for bobber fishing and plans to bring an assortment of rods and setups and his new guide boat.

Jensen, will be discussing boating options and how the type of boat can affect fishing. Some of the considerations include offshore bracket vs. transom, aluminum vs. fiberglass boats. He will also talk about boating etiquette and may have some surprises up his sleeve for the evening.

Jensen grew up in Brookings and boasts that he was a commercial fisherman at age nine, fishing with his father. He moved to Florence three years ago and loves all things boats.

Prior to the talk, there will be a short business meeting, including hatchery updates, work parties and fishing reports.

## Wild Coho Bag Limits Clarified for Lakes

The wild coho fishery on Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes opened October 1 and continues through December 31. One wild adult coho and one jack coho may be harvested per day. No more than five wild coho, in aggregate, may be retained from both the Northwest (Tahkenitch) and Southwest (Siltcoos) zones.

Both lakes are closed to two rod angling for all species during the coho season.

## October, 2016 Happenings

### **Saturday, October 1**

Wild Coho Season Opens  
on Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes

### **Wed., October 5**

Membership Meeting  
"Chinook on the Siuslaw"  
with Ryan Hatfield,  
Grey Ghost Guide Service;  
"Boats and You" with  
Bobby Jensen of Y Marina  
7 p.m.

Elks' Lodge, 12th st., Florence

### **Friday, October 14**

Fall Bottom Fishing Trip  
on the Betty K with the Caputos!  
\$75 per person.

Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Betty K  
Charter Office in Charleston  
Make a reservation by calling  
Ron Caputo, 541-997-4961.

### **Saturday, October 15**

**Ada Grange #570**  
5 p.m. Kitchen opens;  
6 p.m. **Bingo**

Bring your friends for  
good food and good fun  
10 miles out Canary rd.

Questions? Call Nancy, 541-997-2380

### **Wednesday, October 19**

Board meeting 4 p.m.  
Port of Siuslaw Offices

### **Work Parties**

On hiatus until further notice

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