



## BANDON OUTDOORS! SUMMER 2013



Southwestern Oregon is renowned for its sport fishing opportunities, and Bandon is no small part of that phenomena.

Avid fisherman, columnist and local bait shop owner Tony Roszkowski interacts with fishermen regularly—both on the fishing grounds and at his waterfront business.

"One of the greatest things about sport fishing in the Bandon area is that there's something going on all year long," he said. "When one season concludes, another begins. You can come here and fish any time of the year."

**Inside:** We've mapped Bandon's top 10 fishing spots  
Outdoor recreation for everybody—cycling, beachcombing, birding and more



# SEASONAL ANGLING ROUND-UP

by Steve McCasland

**Summer** Ocean Chinook and Coho salmon fishing are available within a few miles of the shore. Take your own vessel or book a charter. Summer also offers the best weather for nearshore ocean bottom fishing. Rock cod angling is fantastic on the South Coast, with the fishing grounds only minutes from the docks in Bandon.

Pacific halibut fishing is available in the summer months, and bay crabbing and clamming also are very popular. The minus tides of summer reveal some area beaches where you can harvest razor clams.

Albacore tuna travel north along the coast, generally from 20 to 50 miles offshore. Some local boaters enjoy this fishery, but most recreational albacore fishing is done via charter, of which many are available from mid-July through September.

Jetty fishing for perch and rockfish is popular at Bandon, Coos Bay, Port Orford and other ports. The harvest could include a variety of sea perch, greenling, black snapper or even lingcod.

Bradley, Tenmile and Empire lakes offer good summer trout opportunities following spring stockings. Largemouth bass and panfish also are available in these and other area lakes. For a unique summer fun trip, try fishing for smallmouth bass on the Umpqua River near Elkton.

## Year-round sport fishing is a big draw for Bandon

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– Tony Roszkowski, owner, Tony's Crab Shack



**Fall** This is a great time to fish for fall Chinook on the Coquille River and other South Coast streams. The Elk and Sixes in Curry County have good Chinook opportunities a little later in the fall and many enthusiasts enjoy fly fishing those streams. Fall is the best time of year to harvest Dungeness crab in the bay at Bandon and in the Empire-Charleston area of Coos Bay. As winter approaches, good numbers of high-quality crab are available for the taking.

Bottom fishing opportunities decrease as winter nears, but some rockfish remain available into late fall. Area lakes are stocked with rainbow trout at this time, too, and some bass also are available to freshwater lake fishers.



**Winter** The winter steelhead run in area rivers is enhanced by hatchery programs and continues to be very strong. Opportunities are good mainly on the north and south forks of the Coquille and on the east and west forks of the Millicoma River on the Coos system. There are many popular spots for boat and bank fishers, and winter is a great time to hire a local guide if you want to try drift-fishing for steelhead. The Elk and Sixes also have good steelhead runs and both are driftable with some bank access.

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# BANDON

## Fishing and Outdoor Recreation

Ocean

Pacific

North

**LOCAL BEACHES** Pink Fin Surf Perch (year round)

**COQUILLE RIVER BASIN** Dungeness Crab, Salmon, Trout, Sturgeon, Steelhead

**BRADLEY LAKE** Trout (year round)

**LOCAL BEACHES** Pink Fin Surf Perch (year round)

**BLM ACCESS @ STORM RANCH, NEW RIVER** Fall Chinook Salmon

**PACIFIC OCEAN** Salmon, Rock Cod, Halibut, Albacore Tuna, Dungeness Crab

**FLORAS LAKE** Trout, Large Mouth Bass

**SIXES RIVER** Fall Chinook, Winter Steelhead

**ELK RIVER** Fall Chinook, Winter Steelhead

**LOCAL BEACHES** Pink Fin Surf Perch (year round)

**Bandon**  
Oregon Chamber of Commerce

Balboa Rock Wayside Park

Bullards Beach State Park entrance

COQUILLE RIVER LIGHTHOUSE

Coquille Point

Bradley Lake Boat Ramp & County Park

**BANDON**

Fish Hatchery

To Coos Bay

Rocky Point Boat Ramp & County Park

Beaver Slough

To Coos Bay

**COQUILLE**

Fish Hatchery

RIVERTON

Riverton Boat Ramp & County Park

### Bullards Beach State Park

Bullards Beach

Bullards Park Rd

**Walk/Run**

Distance: @ 5k  
Difficulty: Easy  
Terrain: paved street/sidewalk, groomed  
Trail: .....  
Watch for: cyclists and runners on trail

### Bandon Boardwalk to Beach

South Jetty Park Beach Access

Randon Beach

4th St SW

7th St SW

8th St SW

11th St SW

City Park

City Hall

City Limit

Beach Loop Dr

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South Jetty Park

Beach Access

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Fishing information provided by Tony Roszkowski of Tony's Crab Shack and Seafood Grill

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Scale in Miles



### Fishing

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Prowler Charters  
325 First St SE, Bandon  
541-347-1901  
[prowlercharters.com](http://prowlercharters.com)

Larry Averett's  
Guide Service  
1-800-619-2932  
[oregon-guides.com](http://oregon-guides.com)

Rick Howard  
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541-347-3280  
[howard5.net](http://howard5.net)

### Fish & Shellfish License

Bandon Bait and Tackle  
110 First St SE, Bandon  
541-347-3905  
[bandon.com](http://bandon.com)

Bandon True Value Hardware  
840 Oregon Ave, Bandon  
541-347-2506  
[bandon.com](http://bandon.com)

Stream Fishing: Port O' Call  
155 First St SE, Bandon  
541-347-2875  
[tonyscrabshack.com](http://tonyscrabshack.com)

### Camping and RV Parks

Loon Lake Lodge  
and RV Resort  
9011 Loon Lake Rd, Reedsport  
541-599-2244  
[loonlakerv.com](http://loonlakerv.com)

KOA Kampground  
46612 Hwy 101, Langlois  
541-348-2358  
[bandonkoa.com](http://bandonkoa.com)

Beach Loop RV Park  
53877 W. Beach Loop Dr, Bandon  
541-347-2100  
[bandon.com](http://bandon.com)

Bullards Beach State Park  
52470 Highway 101, Bandon  
541-347-2209  
[oregonstateparks.org](http://oregonstateparks.org)

Bandon RV Park  
935 Second St SE (Hwy 101)  
541-347-4122  
[bandonrvpark.com](http://bandonrvpark.com)

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### Marine & Wildlife Education

Port of Bandon  
390 First St SW, Bandon  
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### Beach & Birding Guides

Shoreline Education for Awareness  
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541 347-3683  
[sea-edu.org](http://sea-edu.org)

Washed Ashore  
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325 Second St SE, Bandon  
541-329-0317  
[washedashore.org](http://washedashore.org)

### Cycling

South Coast Bicycles  
805 Second St SE, Bandon  
541-347-1995  
[southcoastbicycles.com](http://southcoastbicycles.com)

### Walking & Hiking

South Coast Striders  
Healthy Hikes  
[southcoaststriders@gmail.com](mailto:southcoaststriders@gmail.com)  
[coostrails.com/](http://coostrails.com/) > Healthy Hikes

## Bandon Chamber of Commerce Member Businesses & Organizations

Visit [bandon.com](http://bandon.com) > Directory > Attractions for more outdoor recreation ideas





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Winter is a great time for shellfish in nearby Charleston, with plenty of crab and clams available. Lake trout fishing usually slows over the winter because of the weather, but it still could be worth trying your luck.

**Spring** Around spring break, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife begins an aggressive rainbow trout stocking program in local lakes. Bradley Lake is a great place to fish near town, especially now with its newly constructed dock system. It's an excellent place to launch a boat or to cast from the new pier. Empire Lakes also is well-stocked with rainbows and a good spot for family fun.

Fishing for surf perch from the beach really picks up in the spring, with the best opportunities generally from mid-March through May. Offshore fishing for Pacific halibut kicks off at the beginning of May. Recreational boaters enjoy this fishery and charter trips also are available.

A run of spring Chinook salmon is available from late-March through mid-June on the Rogue and Umpqua rivers. Native cutthroat trout fishing also begins in May in area rivers. Fly enthusiasts and those who may prefer streams over lakes can enjoy this opportunity through the summer months. Anyone who has done it can tell you it's a real thrill to hook one of these natives.

(Steve McCasland is a Bandon resident and former journalist who does some freelance writing.)



#### South Coast Striders Healthy Hikes

Historic Bandon: Interpretive hike  
with archaeologist Reg Pullen  
Sunday, August 11, 2013  
(Free event, details page 6)

"Local historian and archaeologist Reg Pullen always brings interesting perspectives on the history of Bandon in his wonderful and unique style. The evidence of Bandon's colorful past is all around us and Reg is the best at making it come alive."

—Don Luce for South Coast Striders

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10 AM Parade, Highway 101 to Old Town Bandon  
Dusk, Fireworks over Coquille River Lighthouse

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Bandon Supply  
5:30 PM, Friday, July 12, 2013  
1120 Fillmore Ave SE, Bandon  
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Port of Bandon Windfest  
Saturday and Sunday, August 3, 4, 2013  
Coquille River Boardwalk  
Port of Bandon 541-347-3206

Healthy Hikes: Historic Bandon  
9:45 AM, Sunday, August 11, 2013  
Free public event  
Registration/start, public parking area  
Second St and  
Alabama Ave,  
Old Town Bandon  
coostrails.com >  
Healthy Hikes



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