

The Guide's Forecast - volume 6 issue number 37

Northwest Oregon's most complete and accurate fishing forecast

Forecasting for the fishing week of **March 18th – March 24th, 2005**

Fisheries Update: Spring Chinook are on their way so make sure that you have the tools you need to put more fish in the creel! Our technical report #1- Willamette River Spring Chinook Tactics and Locations for the Boat Angler is a real hit and a real help! These reports and several more are available at:
<http://www.theguidesforecast.com/techrpt.shtml>.

Sturgeon fishing on the mainstem Columbia remains poor. No smelt in sight mean no sturgeon success in sight. The fish are simply seeking alternative food sources in other estuaries.

Salmon fishing on the lower Columbia is picking up, however, and with a short break from gillnets over the weekend, fishing could be worth your time.

Spring chinook numbers are improving in the lower Willamette. The catch rate will increase in the coming weeks. Steelheading in the Clackamas and Sandy Rivers is slow to fair. A few summer steelhead and spring chinook showed in Clackamas catches over the last week.

Now is the time to try your hand at walleye fishing if you never have. Action is good in the Rufus area as quality fish are being taken in the warmer climate and prior to the spawning blues. See the full report for specifics on lures, rigs and techniques!

North Coast fishing for steelhead has been slow but sturgeon fishing in Tillamook Bay is fairly good! Crabbing however is challenging as many folks are trying their hand at it given the previous nice weather we have been having.

South coast rivers are too skinny to offer much steelheading. A few are being taken in the middle Umpqua as the lateness of the season drives winter metalheads to run regardless of marginal water conditions. The first Rogue spring chinook of the year was taken this week.

Late afternoon clamming on Clatsop Beaches could be good- especially if the surf calms a bit as predicted on Friday. It is forecasted to grow big again by the weekend. Central Oregon beaches opened for razors around Newport and Waldport following a two-year closure.

Bottom fishing remains good but the seas will be a little hard to tolerate over the weekend. Surf perch fishing remains good when ocean conditions have allowed. The Columbia jetty is productive for the pursuit of pinkfin as are most ocean beaches. Crabbing in South coast bays is fair to good.

Smallmouth bass are active and being taken in good number on the Willamette River and the John Day (East side). Largemouth are moving into the shallows as water in the valley lakes and ponds warm.

With spring break next week, extensive trout stocking has taken place this week. Rainbows have been planted in Alder, Buck, Cape Meares, Coffenbury, Cullaby, Devil's, Dune, Eckman, Elbow, Lost and Georgia Lakes, Loren's Pond, South Lake, Canby Pond, St. Louis Pond, Benson Lake, Bethany Pond, Blue Lake, Commonwealth Lake, Dorman Pond, Huddleston Pond, Mt. Hood Pond, Roslyn Lake, Alton Baker Canal, Cottage Grove Pond, Cottage Grove Reservoir, Creswell Pond, Dorena Reservoir, E. E. Wilson Pond, Freeway Lake East, Junction City Pond, Roaring River Park Pond, Timber Linn Lake, Walling Pond, Walter Wirth Lake, and Waverly Lake.

Soapbox Update:**HOW MUCH MORE CAN WE TAKE (OR GIVE?)**

Hydropower wants your flows- AGAIN! Big river industry is angry with the position the Governor's office is taking on an aggressive non-breach program to save our salmon. These are the fish that determine how long we fish for Chinook (both spring and fall) on the Columbia. They are pressuring the State of Oregon to lay-off the hard line when it comes to adequate flow and spill for juveniles to migrate downstream! Don't let big industry take you for a ride- it's the fish that need the ride!

It is **CRITICAL** that anglers email the Governor's office to tell them to keep up the fight for the recovery of the Northwest's finest resource. Email Michael Carrier at: Michael.carrier@state.or.us and tell them how important it is that they maintain a hard line for adequate flow and spill for our downstream migrants. Here is a copy of the letter I sent to the Governor's office:

Dear Governor Kulongoski-

As an industry that banks on salmon and steelhead returns every month of the year, your leadership on fish issues in the Columbia River system is not only appreciated, it is critical for the survival of this species first and foremost and the thousands of jobs associated with this NW icon.

Recent Federal policy regarding Columbia River dams, genetic viability of wild salmon and critical habitat has severely compromised the likelihood of recovery for listed stocks of fish on the Columbia. This is not only a slap in the face of credible science but a direct attack on sport and commercial fisheries worth billions of dollars from Idaho to Alaska.

We are counting on your leadership to continue to counter these attacks from the federal level so that we may be able to operate our businesses for the benefit of Oregon's economy and the sustainability of our families.

Thank you for all that you do for salmon.

Sincerely,
Bob Rees

Bob Rees' Fishing Guide Service
President, The Northwest Guides Association

Columbia River Fishing Report – If the Fishermen's Marine and Outdoor sturgeon derby is any indicator as to how the sturgeon fishing is on the Columbia (and it IS), well, the fishing is really poor.....still! Although the tournament was one of the most successful on record, angler punch cards didn't really reflect that. Any boat that got 2 keepers for the day was doing really good. Water temperatures are starting to warm up so that doesn't seem to be an issue. I think we can officially lay the blame on the lack of an available food source. Talking to a gillnetter a few days ago, his total landings for commercial caught smelt tallies out to a whopping 19 pounds! These fish are seeking food elsewhere! Shakers don't seem to be a problem but they require smaller foodstuffs over the keeper sized fish.

Catches above Bonneville Dam remain somewhat respectable but also seem to be dropping off from earlier in the season. Weekly checking showed five legal sturgeon kept and 65 sub-legal fish released for 11 boats. Four legal sturgeon were kept and one oversized, and 86 sub-legal fish released for 77 bank rods in this pool. Smelt remains the better bait and if you happen to get your hands on some of the fresh stuff, it's a slam dunk scenario.

Smelt did show in the Cowlitz last Saturday, providing dippers an opportunity for the first time in 2005. Resultant reports were all over the board, from rare quick limits to the more common zilch. The Cowlitz is open only

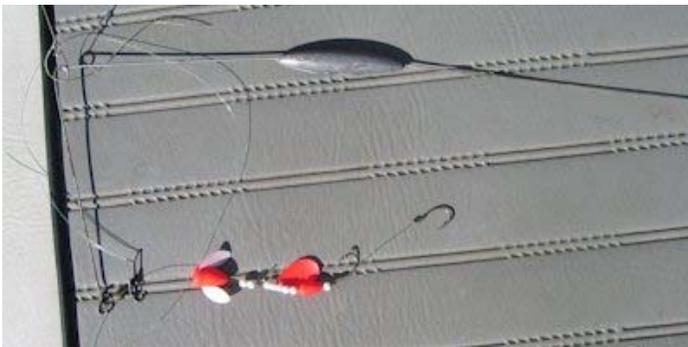
Saturdays from 6 A.M. 'til 10 P.M. due to the lousy return this year. The limit is 10 pounds and no license is required. Scheduled to close at the end of the month, it remains to be seen if it'll be worth the trip this Saturdays as reports mid week indicate no birds working the area which happens when smelt are present.

Most anglers are turning their attention to salmon on the mainstem. Effort and success has picked up despite the gillnets fishing. Catches in the commercial fishery are also ramping up as the river is finally starting to warm up enough to stimulate some better catches. Weekend checks are showing about 1 keeper springer for every 10 boats fishing. Bank anglers are no where near that average. Flows are likely too low for high bank success this year. Many anglers in the Astoria area are once again fighting sea-lions. This will be another great battle between anglers and mammals this year. The sea-lions are particularly hungry this year because the fish are so late.

More and more reports are coming in from the Westport to Rainier stretches as boats soak plugs in the outgoing tide. Herring trollers in Clifton Channel (downstream of Westport) are beginning to take a few fish as well. This fishery will continue to be hit-or-miss for the next several weeks as gillnets will continue to fish- they are getting up to \$7.00/pound! Finally! A price they deserve (although sportanglers pay a higher price for these fish!) The gillnet fleet is starting to see more "upriver" springers in their catch indicating it is time to switch over to the tangle nets- that is, if they intend to maximize their impacts. This switch is earlier than anticipated but hopefully, they will be able to catch their quota before the first of April. To date, 1,672 spring Chinook have been caught and 526 white sturgeon in the gillnet fishery. They have a ways to go to put a dent in this run and with a 28% upriver "by-catch", they may not get all of their quota. Marking percentages are showing that about 3 out of every 4 Chinook are fin-clipped.

Walleye fishing has been something to write home about. Weekend checks by ODF&W are showing strong signs of pre-spawn biters. Checks indicate John Day Boats caught 44 walleye and released another 34 for 78 boats. The Dalles Boats showed 32 walleye kept, plus two walleye released for 20 boats. **Pro guide Bill Kremers (541-602-0881)** reported, "river levels here are at summer lows or lower. So, I decided to give walleye fishing a try at Rufus, just below the John Day Dam. Water temperature was 42.2 degrees. As the Columbia warms up, so will the walleye fishing. Then it will slow down for a few weeks when they spawn so anglers needs get out on the Columbia fairly soon. In a day of half of fishing, two of us landed five walleyes between 18 and 27 inches. We were using two techniques; slow trolling with a Rufus Special and nightcrawler and jigging. (see attached photos for the setups). A few keys for success are to keep your rigging on or next to the bottom and go slow, especially in this cold water. Another key is water depths as we got all our fish between 17 and 35 feet. Walleyes are soft biters so keep your line tight and use a light hook-set whenever you detect the smallest bump. Also the sturgeon anglers were doing very well right below in the dam in 50 and 60 feet of water."

Rufus special and 2 oz bottom bouncer weight. Just add a nightcrawler:



Walleye jig, note stringer hook, and once again add a nightcrawler.



The payoff! Ken Harrell of Albany with an 8.1 lbs walleye caught on a Rufus Special and nightcrawler last Wednesday.



The Guide's Forecast – The gillnets will not fish until the 22nd at the earliest so anglers will have a nice crack at salmon on the mainstem over the weekend. Unstable weather, somewhat cool conditions and just plain run timing will not necessarily be in the anglers favor but the fact there are no nets in the river gives an angler a viable chance- certainly the best chance all season! Jim Crow Sands out of Astoria will produce some results- although a high incidence of sea-lions will likely be competing for your fish. Clifton Channel, Rainier and the mouths of the Cowlitz, Kalama and Multnomah Channel all offer decent opportunities over the weekend. You should at least see some action around you if you don't catch one yourself! There were a few fish caught at Government Island on 3/16 too making it a possibility over the weekend. Anchor fish plugs or herring on the outgoing but troll bait- the smaller green label this early in the season on the flood tide. If you are better programmed for herring trolling, don't hesitate to troll on the outgoing tide as this was a very productive time for me last year. The Bonneville to Rooster Rock option opens on the 20th and will stay open 3 days/week (Sundays through Tuesdays) until the impacts near. The daily bag limit is ONE fish/angler this season!

No need to really bother with sturgeon yet on the mainstem. It looks like the smelt show isn't going to happen this late in the game so write off that winter fishery and focus your efforts on salmon. Sturgeon fishing may pick up in the gorge a little later in the spring but don't count on measurable results anytime soon.

Willamette, McKenzie & Santiam Rivers Fishing Report – Counts at Willamette Falls, updated through

March 16th are somewhat encouraging. There's much to be said for the power of the urge to make the spawning run regardless of water conditions. Spring chinook counts have entered low double digits with the year-to-date count 66. Summer steelhead numbers are improving as this year's total tops 160. Winter steelhead even took a jump, pushing the total over 3,000.

While spring chinook fishing improved slightly this week it remains slow. On the other hand, it may be the most promising fishery in the Valley. Only one of the 40 boats trying at Milwaukie landed a keeper over last weekend with two coming over the gunwale at Oregon City out of about the same number of boats. There was no joy in Multnomah Channel for boaters trying the Multnomah Channel where trollers scored zero. Catches improved slightly following the weekend pressure.

Trollers trying below the Sellwood Bridge in the past few days have taken a couple every day which bodes well for a season still in its infancy.

Sturgeon fishing is good for sub-legal-sized fish but very poor for keepers.

As it stands, angler's universal plea is for rain. With the low, clear, and now warmer waters of the Willamette is showing signs of moss growth already, it'll be a tough season indeed otherwise. Moss has been an annual problem in seasons past, occurring in mid-to late spring. The first day of spring, 2005, is this Sunday, March 20th.

The North Santiam, suffering severely from the drought, is expected to have fishable numbers of summer steelhead around the first of April. Hopefully, we'll see some rainfall in the interim. Boaters trying now may expect to spend a significant amount of time dragging rather than rowing their craft.

Pro Guide Aaron Helfrich (800-32-TROUT) sent this regarding fly-fishing prospects, "Fly fishing for trout on the McKenzie and Willamette is getting hot. March Browns and Blue Winged Olives are hatching in great numbers. Overcast days are best, but fish can be caught throughout the day. Nice redsides and cutthroat will come to dry flies eagerly. A few summer steelhead are also starting to show. North Umpqua is still kicking out winter steelhead daily."

The Guide's Forecast – The numbers of spring chinook will increase in the coming week regardless of weather changes.. This is an easy forecast since numbers will increase weekly from now through the end of the month, weather or not. By the end of the month, springers will be crossing Willamette Falls by the hundreds every day.

The formula has been laid out here many times. Just rig a plug-cut herring to make a slow, wide roll which chinook find most appealing. This should be on a leader 48 to 54 inches in length with a flasher above the herring, keeping the bait within a foot or two of bottom with four or five ounces of lead. Drag this behind a boat at a speed which will keep your line entering the water at about a 45-degree angle. Eventually, a salmon will try to eat this.

Those who find themselves considering a fishing trip to the North Santiam might consider the alternatives below.

Master fly-tyer Harry Gross will tie and talk about "Basic Steelhead Flies" at a free seminar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Valley Flyfisher, 153 Alice Ave. S in Salem. For more information, call 503-375-3721.

The annual Kings for Kids event will be held at Clackamette Park April 22nd this year. Those not participating might consider volunteering for this worthwhile event. Folks willing to lend a hand are encouraged to contact Rick King at 503-709-6603 or Email rickk@fastapproval.com.

Clackamas and Sandy River Fishing Reports – Sandy River steelheaders are taking a few winter steelhead daily.

Although the Clackamas is very slow for late-season winter steelies, a couple of summer steelhead and spring chinook have been taken recently, so there's hope.

The Guide's Forecast – The Sandy River remains the better of these destinations. Try small lures in moving, broken water in which these fish will feel secure. Spinners with dull or black blades will be effective as will dark-colored jigs presented beneath bobbers.

According to a disturbing warning posted to OregonWhitewater.org, a nefarious individual has been creating river hazards below Dodge Park. In two separate instances, once in early December of last year and again in late February of this year, rocks were found to have been affixed with nails to deliberately damage boat hulls, rafts and pontoons. As incredible as it sounds, it appears to be factual, so be forewarned. Read more here: [*http://oregonwhitewater.org/b2evolution/index.php?blog=1](http://oregonwhitewater.org/b2evolution/index.php?blog=1)

North Coast District Fishing Report – Another week of status quo fishing for steelhead on the north coast. With persistent low water conditions for north coast anglers, it is a first come- first serve scenario for area steelheaders. Not really justifiable for Willamette Valley anglers to make the drive as the first boat down gets most of the action. Stealth tactics is still the game here and bobber and jigs in pink/white or black/purple are taking the cake. Light drift gear is responsible for a few steelhead in the swifter, broken surfaced slots in the lower stretches. The best bodies remain the Wilson, Nestucca and Nehalem Rivers. Lower on the systems is better. The recent rain had NO effect on north coast streams and the forecasts indicate no rain freshets in sight.

The highlight of my week was sturgeon fishing on Tillamook Bay. **Pro guide Chris Vertopoulos and myself (Bob Rees)** hosted a group of 8 anglers from Layton Construction on 3/12. We took the group on Tillamook Bay for sturgeon in the south and middle channels. Between the two boats, we took 6 keeper sturgeon ranging from 42 to 55 inches using mud shrimp. All of the keepers came on the first part of the flood tide although we did have some opportunities on the outgoing as well. Sand shrimp was used too but we seemed to have a harder time with the sand shrimp when dealing with small crabs. We put out crab pots that day too but only caught 4 keeper crabs for the group. The weather was quite cooperative that day. John and Jean S. reflected my sentiments on the crabbing stating, "We went crabbing yesterday out of Tillamook Bay. There were plenty of crabbers but not many keeper crabs. We got 6 for the 3 of us for about 7 hours of work. Maybe will be better after the commercial guys slowdown." The ocean has been too rough to try for bottom fish from a recreational boat.

The Guide's Forecast – Although cloudy skies may add to some additional success for North Coast steelheaders, don't look for action to bust loose anytime soon. Water conditions will remain somewhat challenging so low water tactics will be a must if you are planning on any success what-so-ever. The mainstem Nehalem will offer the best opportunity for wild steelhead over the weekend but plan on a long drift as flows are slow and the Mohler Sand and Gravel option is not available. You'll have to drift to Roy Creek. The Wilson from Donaldson's to Sollie Smith and downstream is also an option and you stand a chance at a broodstock fish. The lower Nestucca will also give up some fish but stay low- like Three Rivers to Cloverdale.

Late afternoon tides will make for some decent sturgeon fishing and clamming on Tillamook Bay. Be sure to check in for quality bait before you head out. The middle and south channels will produce the best but Bay City is also an option. You'll need lots of bait however because the crabs are present with the lack of fresh water to send them west. Crabbing for keepers is not all that impressive but a lot has to do with the crowds you are competing with. Try some more remote areas and you may come up a bigger winner. Garibaldi Marina is now off their winter schedule and open 7 days/week!

Central & South Coast Reports – Scratch fishing off your list on rivers and streams from the Siletz southward except as noted below. Unless there's some serious rainfall in the upcoming week, these ocean tributaries will remain far too skinny to offer decent prospects.

Many Umpqua steelheaders have hung up their rods for the season, although Winchester Bay is offering fair prospects for Dungeness. Crabbing has been slow in other Oregon bays and estuaries. Reports today (Thursday, March 17th) indicate salmon being caught offshore out of Winchester Bay (thanks, Larry!). Check ocean and wind conditions prior to making the trip as low pressure systems will be moving through.

The clock rather than water conditions is pushing steelhead to move in the Rogue River, creating opportunities, particularly in the middle river. Steelheaders around Agness are taking a few, mostly by drifting cured eggs on leaders so light that once hooked, landing has become difficult. Elsewhere on the river, steelheading has been an unrewarding pursuit. Fish long, hard and deep for a shot at them. On a bright note, the first springer of the year fell this week to an angler on Tuesday, March 15th, while side-drifting eggs near Agness. This is far upstream from Gold Beach where the first spring chinook is historically landed, giving hope to the notion there are more in the system downstream. Regardless, it's good to see an indication that the springer season has started on the Rogue.

On another bright note, according to recent ODFW reports, testing conducted last week by Oregon Department of Agriculture officials showed domoic acid levels in the safe range for razor clams at Newport and Waldport, allowing the central beaches to open for this specie after more than two years of closure due to contamination from this naturally-occurring toxin.

The next minus tidal series will begin March 28th and continue into the first weekend of April. Beaches remain closed to razors on the Oregon coast South of Waldport to the California border.

Surf perch fishing remains good when ocean conditions have allowed. Rock and jetty fishing has been rewarding with anglers taking a mixed bag of ling cod, kelp greenling and rockfish. Night fishing for black rockfish has been good for anglers using jigs and soft plastics. Extra caution is a good idea after sundown.

Central and Eastern Oregon – Pro Guide Steve Fleming (1-888-624-9424) reports from the John Day River, "March 13-15: Had the extreme pleasure of fishing with Roger Jarvis (360-687-4857) Roger booked me for three days and fished by himself. We spent lots of time working with Texas rigs, Carolina rigs, and Crankbaits. Roger mastered all of them in one day, and then things happened.

"March 13: 21 in Fossil and 31 at the river with the water running 44 degrees, 5-6 clarity, 1360 CFS, and a very clear day. We did not catch our first fish till 1:30 and the water had warmed up 48 and the air temp was 56. Roger boated 8 fish with the largest 16 1/4 inch, and lucked into an 18 1/2" smallie March 14: It was 21 in Fossil and 33 at the river with the water running 44 degrees, 6-7 clarity, 1410 CFS, very clear day. The first fish came at 10:35 to Roger with a very nice 18" Trophy smallie. He had two fish by lunch and ended up with 7. He caught almost everything on Outlaw 4" tubes, they were covered with Smelly Jelly Craw/Anise and Ultrabite Black Bass.

"March 15: It was 36 in fossil and 31 at the river with the water running 41 degrees, 1320 CFS, clear, and 3-4 clarity. Roger caught the first smallie at 8:35 on a crankbait, and boated a very nice 22 1/2" X 15" Master Angler Smallmouth bass in a slough we've never gotten one before, so we now have the Roger Jarvis Slough. It was on tubby fish. Roger had 4 fish by lunch, and then finished off the day early with another Master Angler Smallmouth bass 20 1/2" X 13 1/2" beauty, and we pulled off the water at 3 PM. Only seven fish today, but boy were they nice. Almost all were caught on crankbait covered with Smelly Jelly. Thanks to Roger we now have 3 Master Angler fish boated and about 7 Trophy fish."

Northwest Bass & Panfish - Upper Willamette water temperatures topping 55 degrees has bass on the bite. Expect to find smallies in the mainstem susceptible to soft plastics. Pre-spawn largemouth on the sloughs and backwaters will take the regular spring variety of lures. Crankbaits, spinnerbaits and plastics are all effective at times.

Boaters are once again warned to navigate cautiously in the upper Willamette. There are hazards just beneath the surface in these low water conditions, many of which are solid rock attached firmly to the earth itself. Your lower unit doesn't stand a chance.

Northwest Trout - Trout stocking in anticipation of the upcoming spring break occurred earlier this week, creating quite a list. Most of the following plantings are in the eight-to-10-inch class. In addition, many of these lakes and ponds will receive larger (foot-longs) and trophy (16-inch) planters.

In the Northwest Zone, Alder, Buck, Cape Mears, Coffenbury, Cullaby, Devil's, Dune, Eckman, Elbow, Lost and Georgia Lakes in addition to Loren's Pond will get a visit from the ODFW tank truck. Trout scheduled for North Lake will instead be planted at South Lake due to low water conditions at North.

Willamette Zone locations receiving an infusion of state-raised rainbows include Canby Pond, St. Louis Pond, Benson Lake, Bethany Pond, Blue Lake, Commonwealth Lake, Dorman Pond, Huddleston Pond, Mt. Hood Pond, Roslyn Lake, Alton Baker Canal, Cottage Grove Pond, Cottage Grove Reservoir, Creswell Pond, Dorena Reservoir, E. E. Wilson Pond, Freeway Lake East, Junction City Pond, Roaring River Park Pond, Timber Linn Lake, Walling Pond, Walter Wirth Lake, and Waverly Lake.

Be a hero. Take a kid fishing.

SW Washington Report- Steelhead fishing on the Cowlitz has finally started to pick up according to **pro guide Eli Rico of Hot Shot Guide Service (425-417-0394)**. The second run winter steelhead have arrived as anticipated. Eli has spent 4 days fishing on the Cowlitz this last week. Eli reports "We have been averaging about 5 steelhead a day, and they are all second run fish. These fish are chrome bright and 3 of the fish we landed this week were in the 13 - 16 pound range." Eli is targeting the steelhead by side drifting salmon egg clusters using 4-5 foot 8 pound leaders with size 1 hooks and orange size 10 or 12 corkies.

"Occasionally I'm seeing a springer caught by the guys back-trolling plugs. They are using the standard size Wiggle Wart or Brad's Wiggler so that they have the possibility of hooking a steelhead or a springer", said Eli.

The Guide's Forecast- The second run steelhead will continue to make up the bulk of the catch on the Cowlitz until the spring Chinook arrive in force later in April.

Pro guide Erik Brigham (360-513-2331) reports decent fishing in the Lewis River. "Were still catching mostly wild steelhead and were starting to hook an occasional springer, but even the spring Chinook have too many fins!" Erik thinks that the steelhead fishing will start slowing down as we move into April. There are spring Chinook available in the Lewis but they are spread out and hard to consistently locate.

This Sunday, March 20, will find Erik behind Bonneville dam targeting

spring Chinook. "Just because the fish counts aren't high doesn't mean that there aren't any springers up there. These fish stack up behind the dam for weeks before they decide to go over", Erik said.

Columbia River Washington Report-Spring Chinook fishing on the Columbia River is still pretty slow rightnow with most anglers feeling lucky to get one fish per day. Eli Rico's boat landed one spring Chinook for a full day's effort earlier in the week. That being said it does seem like the numbers of spring Chinook being landed has started to climb over the last two days.

The Guide's Forecast- Anglers should start seeing consistent spring Chinook success by the middle of next week. Spring Chinook can be caught on all kinds of lures, but the tried and true Kwikfish in K-14 or K-15 sizes are hard to beat. Make sure your wrapping your Kwikfish with sardine filets. After the Kwikfish has been out for 30 minutes; reel it in and add sardine scent to the lure. Put the Kwikfish back out for another 20 minutes and then reel in and put out a fresh Kwikfish. Fresh bait and scent is the key to putting spring Chinook in the boat.

Reader Email

Subscriber 'Larry' wrote this week to ask, "do you ever give information/reports on the fishing on the john day pool [Biggs]or surrounding areas thank you"

Pro guide Bob Rees responded to this one, "Thanks for taking the time to comment. We often do talk about the area you are referring to. We cover steelhead in the fall, rarely walleye (but hopefully we'll get better at that) and also bass on occasion. If there is a specific fishery you would like more coverage on, contact me and I will put it on the long "to-do" list.

"Thanks again and thanks for being a subscriber!"

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Random Links

This sounds like fun. It remains to be seen if squid fishing will become a possibility off the Southern Oregon coast: *<http://www.tackletour.com/reviewsquidfishing.html>



It's that time again. Put this link on those visited regularly. Guaranteed to soon be better viewing than anything on TV: *<http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/op/b/fishcam/fishimage.jpg>

Weekly Quote - "The desire for fishing is like some diseases, in attacking a man with great severity without notice. It can be no more resisted than falling in love can be resisted, and, like love, the best treatment it its gratification." - Charles Bradford

GOOD LUCK!