

Northwest Oregon and Washington's most complete and accurate fishing forecast

Forecasting for the fishing week of **June 3rd – June 9th, 2005**

Fisheries Update: The sturgeon are beginning to show! Do you know how to fish them? The best advice we can give you is head to our technical reports page and check out report #3. This detailed report will give you the best clues on how to maximize your efforts while in pursuit of Columbia River estuary sturgeon. These reports and several more are available at:
<http://www.theguidesforecast.com/techrpt.shtml>.

Sturgeon fishing remains good in the Columbia River gorge and only fair in the estuary. It is an unusual scenario for this time of year as the estuary fishery should be well underway by this time of the year. Smelt are taking keepers in the gorge and shad are a must for oversized sturgeon in the same area. Anchovies are the bait of choice for estuary anglers but shrimp produce well in the shallows.

Shad counts are beginning to climb at Bonneville as this fishery enters into its peak period.

Steelheaders on the mainstem Columbia are not too excited over the results they are seeing from last weeks minus tide series. The next series should bring in more fish but that is about 10 days away.

Tillamook springers are hit and miss and we are entering into a tide series that favors lower bay herring trollers. Good spinner fishing was had by many in the upper bay last Saturday. North coast rivers are getting low for high expectations for spring Chinook. Very few summer steelhead are showing this early in the Wilson and Nestucca.

Crabbing in Tillamook and Netarts Bay was good over the weekend. It should remain that way with little freshwater influence.

All Oregon beaches remain closed to the harvest of razor clams. Some estuary and bay areas are effected, so be certain to check the Shellfish Hotline (800-448-2474) for safety information.

Surf perch fishing is good from beaches coast-wide whenever wind and wave conditions allow for the activity. Offshore salmon fishing has been fair to good and bottom fishing is excellent whenever the bars allow safe crossing.

Umpqua anglers are finding fair fishing for springers, improving for shad and good for smallmouth bass.

Water conditions have improved recently on the Rogue providing fresh opportunities for chinook in the upper river.

The lower Willamette is slow for springers but fishing is good for shad from bank or boat.

The Clackamas is poor to slow. A mudslide has the Sandy out of shape below Dabney. Above there, opportunities exist but it's been a slow week. The Santiams have yet to start producing any stellar results for springers or summer steelhead.

This week, trout have been planted at Thissell Pond, Estacada Lake, Faraday Lake, North Fork Reservoir, Small Fry Lake, Smith Reservoir, Breitenbush River, Detroit Reservoir, E. E. Wilson Pond, Junction City Pond, Leaburg Lake, the Upper McKenzie River, Quartzville Creek, Lost Lake,

Olallie Lake, Smock Prairie Reservoir, Fall River and Spring Creek were stocked.

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Soapbox Update: If your non-fishing friends or neighbors wonder why you and I get all excited about our sport of choice, the 17th annual Free Fishing Weekend occurring this year on June 11th and 12th is a fine opportunity to show them first hand. No licenses or tags are required for fishing, clamming or crabbing but the ODFW reminds novices that limits and regulations are still in effect. Plenty of angling-related activities are scheduled at hatcheries, ponds and parks. A complete list of events is available online at www.dfw.state.or.us/free_fishing/

Columbia River Fishing Report – It's still a sturgeon show on the Columbia River but anglers must ask themselves whether to turn east or west from Portland. The Astoria show should be well underway but sporadic results are the realization most guides are confronted with unexpectedly. I went from an 8 keeper day early last week to hooking a single fish on the next trip which was a few days later! Recently, action remains sporadic with consistent results coming from Tongue Point and upstream. When I say consistent, I mean between 2 to 3 keepers for a 4 or 5 person trip. Success is clearly different from years past for this late in the season. The deep water is producing fair results which also is surprising for this early in the season. Some areas that consistently produced 20 to 30 fish in a tide are producing 6 to 12 on a good day. Fish are well scattered and in smaller schools making for challenging conditions for most guides in the lower river. Anchovies are a surprising favorite for sturgeon no matter if you are fishing shallow or deep. Shrimp still don't last long in the deep water but do produce about half of the bites in the shallow stuff. Recent reports coming from the Hammond area indicate some quality keepers coming from the Desdemona Sands area. The crabs and trash fish are bad again so plan on lots of bait to keep yourself fishing.

Doug and Rich Slusher along with good buddy Bob Gare came on their annual Oregon fishing trip with me, **pro guide Bob Rees (503-812-9036)** probably coming up with their poorest results since starting this "assault" about 9 years ago. It was a "mish-mash" of opportunity but Doug and Rich pulled out some quality keepers at the last minute. Pictured here is Doug Slusher with his dandy 57 inch keeper. By the way, did you guys make that plane back to San Francisco in time?



Upriver, both oversize and keeper sturgeon are the quarry for anglers. The keeper bite is oddly productive for this time of year and for those targeting keepers for a full days effort, usually come home a winner. Smelt is the key for keepers in the gorge and a fair amount of shakers are coming on these baits as well. The water between Cape Horn ("The Wall") and Beacon Rock is where most of the good fishing is taking place and catch and release days are still the most productive. For oversize fish, fresh shad is what they are keyed in on and it won't be long before the river is so inundated with shad that the bite will taper- but that is clearly not the case this week. **Pro guide Trevor Storlie(503-307-5601)** is averaging an oversize fish per angler with little trouble. The shad action has been fantastic so take what you can as these fish make great crab bait. Keepers in this area have been running on the large size as well. Many are starting to wonder if the fish that are due in the estuary are staying in the upper river this year as it is very uncommon to see such good results in the gorge while only fair in the estuary.

Pro guide Bill Kremers (541-754-6411) gave the gorge a try for a combo trip with these results, "Went Sturgeon/shad fish out of the Fishery last Thursday. Shad fishing was good just below Beacon Rock. Then we moved down river just below Horse Tail Falls and hooked into two oversize with fresh shad almost immediately. But no keepers."

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife officials in a May 27th release pointed out an error on a page 18 of the 2005 Sport Fishing regulations, indicating contradictory season dates for the area between Beacon Rock and Bonneville Dam. "Sturgeon angling in the stretch from Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam was open from Jan. 1 to April 30. It is now closed to all sturgeon angling through July 31. Catch-and-release angling will resume Aug. 1, and limited retention of sturgeon will be allowed on three days per week (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)." Got it? Good.

On the "shiny" side of things, even though steelhead angling is open below the I-5 Bridge, there isn't much pressure for these fish. For the 74 bank rods checked over the weekend, only 2 hatchery steelhead were kept. There was one wild steelhead released along with 4 Chinook. As previously mentioned in a recent edition, most serious big water steelheaders don't get too serious about fishing until the dam passage at Bonneville reaches 300 fish/day. It appears that we are a ways away from that as only 696 steelhead have passed as of 5/31.

The Guide's Forecast – Who's to say how the estuary sturgeon fishing will go this week. If history repeats itself, action should begin to pick up in the estuary. There is no shortage of pressure- particularly on the weekends. For this reason, it is becoming increasingly more challenging to limit the boat on these days. Most anglers are having a hard time believing it is really unproductive to "bite chase" and even more unproductive to fish close to a boat that is into a good bite. These boats that have the fish keyed in on their baits are going to keep them interested and you will have a hard time drawing any fish away from that boat. My suggestion is to stay around and upstream of Tongue Point but be aware that sporadic action can happen at any time in the lower river out of Hammond. If you are going to be spending a lot of time out of

Hammond, be sure to arm yourself with ample bait as the competition will be stiff from crab in that area. Stick to the inside slot or outside edge of lower Desdemona Sands. Some of the fish we are catching are still full of anchovies indicating a strong presence of dead and alive baitfish in the area. Some of the shallower water will produce with sand shrimp but may produce equally well with anchovies. I would order more heavy on the anchovies than sand shrimp unless you are fishing out of John Day Boat Ramp.

Look for the Free Willy Bait Truck on the lower John Day River when launching for sturgeon at the estuary. Be certain to call a day ahead to reserve anchovies and sand shrimp at 503-861-1201. That's what the guides do so bait will be available on arrival.

If you are going to target keepers in the gorge, smelt will be the best bait going. Shad strips are taking a few nice keepers but you are more likely to get a take from an oversized fish. Fresh, whole shad is the ticket for the frenzied oversized sturgeon. With the shad run in full bloom, anglers will not have much longer to take advantage of such a good bite. Hopefully, it will last at least one more week before it begins to taper. For great action, try a catch and release day as you will likely have the river to yourself on many of these days.

Check the wind and river flows before heading to Columbia gorge below Bonneville in pursuit of keeper and oversized sturgeon. When the East wind combines with a strong current, anchoring can be difficult or even impossible. Extra water is spilled from Bonneville around this time of year to help salmon smolts but the heavy flow can be a hazard to boaters.

Shad action will only get better as passage numbers begin to skyrocket. Stick with shiny small wobblers like Dick Nites on sunny days and solid colors on cloudy days. Brass or gold wobblers along with a chartreuse tip seem to be one of the more consistent colors.

Don't bother steelhead fishing this week. Tides are wrong and counts at Bonneville indicate a poor start to the season- I know, I know.....tell us something we DON'T know.

Willamette, McKenzie & Santiam Rivers Fishing Report – The Willamette River at Oregon City is seeing plenty of pressure from fishermen anxious to take advantage of the shad run. The rewards are there for those who find a decent spot as coolers are being filled with these smelly cousins to herring.

There's no better crab bait than shad which are also prized to entice oversized sturgeon. Any doubt of the latter fact is quickly dashed when one sees shad for sale at The Fishery for over three dollars each. Get all you need for free while millions are running up the Columbia and Willamette through June.

Salmon angling remains slow with the numbers down this year. The latest counts from the ODFW are as of May 26th, indicating 22,800 springers counted at Willamette Falls. About 4,400 summers have crossed as well.

Pro Guide James Stevenson (503-581-5347) reports it's not much better above the Falls, but that anglers may have reason for optimism. He writes, "Upper Willamette was good just as it first became fishable but has cleared fast and dropped, however that will put more fish in the tributaries."

The South Santiam has produced a fair bite for summers along with a mix of native and hatchery spring chinook. A few springers have been taken by the crowd at Lebanon Dam on bobber and eggs with the early morning hours most productive. Bring a rock to stand on it you go.

North Santiam anglers found few springers available with better numbers of summer steelhead, either or both of which are susceptible to spinners. Overall, it has been slow.

This report from **pro guide Jesse Zalonis (503-392-5808)** sort of sums up the experience of many this year: "The Santiam is TOTALLY dead. Very low fish counts and water conditions have made fishing very tough. We fished our last day on Wednesday of last week and went zero for zero. I see no chance of dramatic improvements in the near future, unless the fish magically appear, and sky over the falls in huge numbers..."

The Guide's Forecast – While bank fishing for shad is generally not as productive as boat angling, it's still worth the trip as they are in thick. Some say the peak of the Willamette run has passed, but the numbers will remain strong in the coming week. The best time to go is right now.

See **Reader Email**, below, for an interesting insight to the manner in which shad school, travel and shy the guy next to you is hammering them while you get only one or two.

We'd like to be more optimistic about the spring chinook opportunities on the lower Willamette, but that's not our job. Ours is forecasting reality and the reality of the situation is this: With poor numbers this year, fishing will remain slow. Target these fish from Oregon City to St. Johns and keep at it. Persistence will pay off for many, but it seems that at this time of year and with the run waning even in good years, as many springers are hooked inadvertently on shad gear as by conventional methods.

While a stiff leader will hamper the action of shad lures, reducing strikes, many are trying a the high-tech braids in lower tests for leaders. For even better results and improved odds of landing a springer on shad gear, try a leader of 20-pound Firewire (not a braid) which will have the diameter of four-to-six-pound mono and is very flexible to allow proper lure movement. Be certain to tie appropriate knots to avoid slippage or try this trick: A drop of super glue on each knot will assure a great connection no matter what hits the lure! As a matter of fact, the rod will break before the knot slips. Do not ask us how we know this.

Clackamas and Sandy River Fishing Reports – Most of the attention at the Clackamas River has been for shad at the mouth. Steelhead and salmon angling upstream remains slow. The best results have been from Carver downstream. Only 60 or so springers had shown in the trap as of the last check on Friday, May 24th.

Sandy River anglers had been taking a few springers and summer steelhead. While it was steady, it also required patience and persistence to score.

The Guide's Forecast – The Clackamas has remained a disappointment to anglers this year. Unless there's a push of summer steelhead this week, try elsewhere. Shad fishing will remain good at the mouth for those who like plenty of company.

A mudslide at Tippy Canoe has the lower river looking pretty grim below Dabney Park. Fish above that area through the weekend, after which conditions are expected to improve.

North Coast District Fishing Report – Salmon fishing in the Tillamook area is also hit or miss. The best tide series of the season has come and gone but the June series should be another productive one as well. That won't be this week as we enter into a weak tide series making herring trolling the best option in the lower bay. Saturday was a good day on Tillamook for some folks. **Pro guide David Harris (541-420-6299)** had a record day on Saturday, May 28th as his boat hooked 7 fish, keeping 4. Although it was a good day for most boats on the water that day,

David was a clear exception. We fished the following day and only saw 3 fish caught. Thankfully, we took one of those on a red/white spinner with red beads at Cap Johnson's near low tide. The late morning low made for ideal opportunity throughout the tide. The next day (5/30) we saw even fewer fish as we tried both the lower bay in the morning trolling herring along the jetty and the upper bay with spinners in the afternoon. We did hook one fish on a pink top/white body blade (brass back). We even soaked day old anchovies in the middle channel for a stray sturgeon. We did hook one fish but it was hard to keep a bait fishing in the crab laden waters!

Crabbing on Tillamook Bay has been good for those putting in an effort. Superpowers Buzz Ramsey, Liz Hamilton, Art Martin Chris Vertopoulos and Steve Grutbo put in an afternoons effort on 5/30 and came up with about 2 dozen quality keepers from the crab harbor area. The ocean has been too rough for any safe recreational crabbing.

Although we have had fair amounts of rain lately, river levels remain unchanged making for challenging conditions for driftboaters and bank anglers. Bank anglers may have the best opportunity for Chinook as they should begin to settle into the deeper holes of the Trask, Wilson and Nestucca Rivers. And speaking of the Nestucca River, **pro guide Jesse Zalonis (503-392-5808)** reports, "The Nestucca is having sporadic bites, but is picking up. Most of the fish being caught have been on bait in the river. There have been a bunch of fish in tide water. Both the PC boat ramp and the Guard Rain have had fish in them for just over a week. These fish have been after spinners. Most all of the standard #7 mag willow blades have produced. Best time seems to be on the switch between low slack and the first part of the in coming tides."

The Guide's Forecast – Poor tides this week will have most anglers targeting Chinook in the lower bay with herring. The last half of the flood tide will greet anglers over the weekend and the first part of outgoing tide should also produce some results. If you are not an early riser, the last half of outgoing tide along the inside of the north jetty should produce nicely as well. This may be a prime week for lower bay and ocean fishing if the weather cooperates. Troll blue label plug cut herring on the bottom during the outgoing tide but feel free to stagger depths on the incoming tide. Spinner fishing in the upper bay should be poor as well as bobber fishing in the tidewater section.

Driftboaters and bank anglers will not have an easy go of it this weekend. Target Chinook in the deeper, slower holes using bait and keep those leader lines light for the best opportunity.

Crabbing should be good in all north coast estuaries this weekend.

Sturgeon fishing will be hit or miss in Tillamook Bay but stick to the upper bay to avoid horrid crab issues.

Central & South Coast Reports – South coastal streams and rivers opened to trout fishing on May 28th.

All Oregon beaches remain closed to the harvest of razor clams. Some estuary and bay areas are effected, so be certain to check the Shellfish Hotline (800-448-2474) for safety information.

Bottom fishing out of Depoe Bay has yielded limits of rockfish and ling cod every day the ocean allows the pursuit.

It's another all-depth weekend for halibut offshore this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The next chance for halibut outside the 40-fathom line barring an unlikely early filling of the quota will be June 9th through 11th. More dates are likely in August.

Crabbing at Yaquina Bay has been fair to good for larger Dungeness. Ocean salmon fishing is slow but bottom fishing is great.

Pro guide Bill Kremers (541-754-6411) crossed the bar on May 24th and wrote to share this report, "On Friday fished out of Newport, but the ocean slopping. Plan was to troll for chinook, but it was just too rough. Ended up bottom fishing off of Seal Rock. Fish was good as long I could slow the drift with the boat the motor running (had to run the bilge a lot), but it worked. We end up with two limits of ling cod and rock cod."

Shad are being taken on the Umpqua although it's spotty. The water remains a little high and off-color although smallmouth bass fishing has been improving along with water conditions recently. Sturgeon fishing has slowed with best chances coming at low or high slack tides. Both chinook and coho are being landed by boats out of Winchester Bay although coho may not be kept until the fishery opens June 18th.

Coquille River anglers are catching a few shad with action expected to improve over the next week.

Ocean fishing has been rewarding when conditions have allowed safe crossing of the Southern Oregon coastal bars. Bottom fishing for lings and rockfish is a slam-dunk. This week, winds have prevented any efforts on the Big Pond.

It's been slow on the Upper Rogue this week with water a little high from the last round of heavy rains. Conditions have improved recently, however, along with the spring chinook prospects. While counts remain low, the Hatchery Hole has been a source of consistent catches, indicating a late season push. Boats running downstream have experienced consistent results in the past two days. Counts of winter steelhead wrapped up this week just shy of the 12,000 mark for the 2004/2005 season.

Central and Eastern Oregon – Avid angler and regular contributor 'Dobe' writes, "My reports are always about last week, cause, since I have been fully retired, I only fish during the week and avoid the weekend crowds. So, last week on Tuesday I fished at Ochoco Res with my new fishing buddy, Winston Arvey. We used ford fenders and nightcrawlers and picked up some nice rainbows 12 - 14 inches working the South shoreline. This continued for the better part of three days and then we headed home to keep away from the flurry of people coming in for the holiday weekend. The Res was brim full and the launch facilities are top notch. We kept the boat at the Lakeside Resort at night for \$5 a night and you can park a camper there overnight also. A nice restaurant makes it a complete package.

"Huge thunder and rainstorms over the holiday made it miserable for most visitors here in Central Oregon, but a few hardy souls stuck it out. The weather today (Tuesday) is cloudy and about 60 degrees and the same is predicted clear thru Friday. From what I hear, the Kokanee fishing has been fair at the local lakes here around La Pine and some Kokes have been 16 - 18 inches in length."

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We also fished shad & sturgeon below McNary Dam. Shad were difficult as numbers are not here yet. However we did manage to catch some using orange/silver Dicknites. The sturgeon bite was excellent and we couldn't get any rest time from oversized giants. My clients landed a 9 footer then not two minutes after putting out another whole shad landed another 7 footer. That was all my client and his wife could do, total "bait in the water time" less than 10 minutes. We only got one rod in the water. Jeff at JB's Guide Service 509-366-4052

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Oversize sturgeon fishing should continue to improve as water temperatures increase and shad become available in increased numbers.

Lewis River Fishing Report – Pro Guide Pete Grace (360)-513-5256

Pete reports, "The Lewis is slow for steelhead right now."

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Spring Chinook and early summer steelhead are available in the Lewis right now but anglers really have to work for them. Steelhead fishing is going to improve as the month goes on.

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"Dam counts over Bonneville during the last few days have been good so I expect there to be fresh fish in the Kalama through the end of the month. I believe the Spring Chinook fishery on this river is far from over."

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Pat reports, "The Snake is in pretty good shape but still quite high with significant fluctuations from Hells Canyon Dam. Water flows are running between 50,000 and 65,000 cfs at this time and I expect this to continue for some time."

"The major tributaries (Salmon, Grande Ronde and Imnaha Rivers) are dropping and water clarity is improving daily."

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According to Pat, "The smallmouths are on the beds at this time and fishing will slow for awhile following the spawn. Sturgeon fishing has been excellent for the past few days and with water temps hitting the upper 50s and low 60s we should have consistent action for the next few weeks."

Lewis is slow

Northwest Trout - Paulina is fair to good for kokanee, producing limits one day, only a few the next. Odell and Green Peter are reported as slow. Trout limits were taken at Prineville Reservoir

over last weekend.

This week, trout have been planted for your Power Baiting pleasure at Thissell Pond, Estacada Lake, Faraday Lake, North Fork Reservoir, Small Fry Lake, Smith Reservoir, Breitenbush River, Detroit Reservoir, E. E. Wilson Pond, Junction City Pond, Leaburg Lake, the McKenzie River Upper and Quartzville Creek. In the Deschutes watershed, Lost Lake, Olallie Lake, Smock Prairie Reservoir, Fall River and Spring Creek were stocked. Diamond Lake has been a consistent producer for stocked trout with the occasional holdover to 20 inches being taken.

Reader Email

KaptnKen Johnson sent the latest from the lower Willamette regarding the productive fishery at that location following a trip on Wednesday, June 1st: "Went Shad fishing today! Several boats were out today even with the rain coming down. The weekends are a bit busier if you can imagine that. Maybe it's a bit late in the season but the Shad weren't on today. In about 3 hours we caught 17 Shad. We actually moved 3 times.



"My thing is, if you're not in the shad within a 10-15 minutes, you're not in the Shad at all. I saw bankers reeling them in left and right as the Shad must have been hugging the bank a bit. They're schooling fish, you know, and I remember my cousin Greg taking underwater films of the slimy smelly things coming upriver in the thousands...They were "Ribboned" together like good schooling fish do all within a 4'-5' "width" and several hundred feet long...Neat to see and I wish I had the photo's to show you. I think that's why, on many occasion, I've been in a hot spot catching one after another, over and over again, and the guy right next to me is not. Last year we were in a "Hot Spot" and caught over 100 of the slimy, smelly, scaly, stinky, ugly critters in about an hour...WITH TWO POLES!

We were using Dick Nites (Brass with an Orange tip) about a foot off the bottom. Two boats, on either side of us and about 10'-15' away, were catching one, every once in a while, using the same exact rigs. Back to my cousins theory and proof that Shad like to stick together! We've all had it happen, either we're catching a bunch, or we're just plain not. I also witnessed a couple of big bright Chinooks taken in two different boats, and one off the bank. I'm thinking the season isn't over quite yet for the "Nookers!" Keep trying!

I talked to a couple of anchored boaters who, because it was slow Shad fishing, were splitting their fishing time and fishing for Chinook on the same line as their Shad gear but also with a spinner above it a couple of feet on one guys and an Alvin on the others. Smart thinking, I think!? Bottom Line, don't give up fishing in the Willamette for Salmon quite yet! Also, don't

give up on the Shad yet either...It makes GREAT crab bait and SUPERB Sturgeon bait too. Usually, the Shad run lasts a few weeks longer on the Columbia, I hear, but I've only fished for Shad on the Columbia many years ago and I couldn't tell you. And, by the way, for a treat, take the whole Shad up to Tony's Smoke House in Downtown Oregon City and they'll smoke and can'm for you for a bit over \$2.00 per can. Great on crackers, or plain...And, of course, you've got to wash it all down with your favorite BEER! Fish'On!"

Cliff K wrote via the Contact Form at The Guide's Forecast newsletter: " ... have not seen contact info for providing boat at Hagg for kids day? Do you have that yet?"

His question was forwarded to Michael Teague who reports on that Lake among other areas and who responded, "The boat rentals available at the 'C' Ramp at Henry Hagg Lake are contracted by Washington County (which runs the facility and stocks the lake) and while there is no specific contact number given, you might get in touch with the Facilities and Parks Services Business Office at (503) 846-8715 or Park Headquarters Business Office at (503) 359-5732 for additional information. There are row boats with and without motors, paddle boats and kayaks available for fishing, sightseeing or play.

"Have fun and if you go, let us know how you do!"

Thanks again to all who Email with questions, stories, reports and photos.

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Random Links

Useful data links courtesy the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife:

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/links.asp>

Another tip from KaptnKen who sent this link to the Willamette River Recreational Guide of the parks and boat ramps on the Willamette River from Cottage Grove down to the mouth at the Columbia:

http://www.oregonstateparks.org/images/pdf/will_river_guide.pdf

Info regarding the Fishing Tournament on Devil's Lake in June:

http://www.localfishermannews.com/pdf_files/derbies_events/devils_lake/fishing_tournament_6.18-19.pdf

Weekly Quote – "There is nothing in all sport equal to the glory of success in salmon fishing, but the supreme moment is undoubtedly the actual hooking of the fish. However great my expectation and keenness, the feel of the fish when it hooks itself comes upon me with a shock of surprise and delight, and there is a sudden thrill in having to do with the weight and strength of a salmon." - Lord Grey of Fallodon

GOOD LUCK!