

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

Forecasting for the fishing week of **September 1st, – September 7th, 2006**

Oregon Fisheries Update:

Willamette Valley/Metro- Lower Columbia River anglers from the mouth of the Cowlitz to the Sandy River have experienced high success rates for earlier than expected Chinook salmon reports **pro guide Brandon McGavran (360-607-1327)**. Catch rates have hit an all time record for this stretch although tides will slow action this week. Wobblers produced the best results for those anchored in 33 to 52 feet of water but anglers are reminded that fishing in the shipping channel is illegal. Steelhead remain present in this stretch but folks are targeting salmon in the deeper water.

Passage at Bonneville Dam remains excellent and the bite is beginning to pick up in the gorge. Steelhead counts have managers optimistic that the run will come in as predicted but warm water has these fish heading for a cooler destination. The mouth of the Deschutes should pick up for salmon and steelhead and fall Chinook have been reported at Shears Falls.

Flows on the lower Willamette continue to slow. The current at 7,800 cfs hasn't changed for a week and it's been 8,000 cfs through August with the water temperature at 70 degrees. Fishing for smallmouth bass is fair to good.

The slow steelheading on the Clackamas has anglers hopeful for rain to bring in coho.

Sandy River fishing remains nonexistent. With recent counts at Bonneville, it won't be long before coho start to move in.

Steelheading remains best in the North Santiam above Stayton with the water warm from there downstream. Mehema has been decent as have Minto and Packsaddle Parks. Steelheading below Leaburg Dam on the South Santiam is a good bet for those who don't mind plenty of company.

Trout are scheduled to be planted in Roslyn Lake, Small Fry Lake, Trillium Lake, West Salish Pond and lower McKenzie River.

Northwest – The Buoy 10 fishery should be in full swing now but poor catch rates have broken records this week and most anglers are headed for other destinations. Coho are making up the bulk of the catch yet those numbers are forecasted to be about half of what the Chinook return should be. If the prediction holds true, there are a lot more Chinook due back to the river. Sport anglers have only used up about 25% of their Buoy 10 Chinook quota so the season will extend past Labor Day. Use smaller sized spinners when targeting coho and they have been biting best on the second half of outgoing tide on lower Desdemona Sands.

Ocean anglers will be pleased with the re-opening of the area between Cape Falcon and Tillamook Head. The retention of chinook and adipose fin-clipped coho will last from Saturday, Aug. 26 through Sept. 30 or the attainment of a 36,600 coho catch quota. This area of the ocean is hard to access in smaller sport boats and the action will likely be fair at best.

Nehalem and Tillamook Bays may jump start this weekend and softer tides will put knowledgeable anglers along the jetties where plug-cut herring will out-produce any other available bait.

The Salmon River is quiet but the Nestucca is yielding fish to 40 pounds at the Pacific City Boat Ramp and Bridge Holes reports **pro guide Jesse Zalonis (503-392-5808)**. Crabbing is also

excellent in the lower bay. Both these systems should produce nicely in the next several weeks.

Razor clam digging will reopen on all beaches south of Tillamook Head beginning August 30th. Clatsop Beaches will remain closed until at least October 1st.

Southwest – Late last week, one charter boat launching out of Winchester Bay limited the boat with Chinook by 9:15 a.m. Offshore fishing has been good for sport boaters as well while it's fair in the bay.

Chinook are entering the Coos and Coquille River but fishing has been slow.

Offshore coho anglers are looking forward to the re-opening of finclipped retention from the California border Tillamook Head September 1st.

A crowded Rogue estuary has produced well for Chinook trollers over the last weekend. Most anglers trolling anchovy/spinner rigs were getting takedowns. Labor Day weekend is expected to be good. The Grants Pass stretch has been slow while the upper river continues to deliver summer steelhead.

Bottomfishing has been excellent with rockfish and ling cod limits the norm now that anglers have switched from lures to large herring in an ocean environment thick with baitfish this year.

Trout stocking will take place at Clearwater #2, Hemlock Lake, Lemolo Reservoir and section 5 of the Rogue River.

Eastern - Steelhead are entering the Deschutes with best results coming below Shearer's Falls although fish are as high as Maupin. Early mornings are most productive. Trollers at the mouth report hot and cold days. While a few caddis are showing, Pale Morning Duns are the prevalent hatch making all-day dry fly fishing on the lower Deschutes a possibility.

The Deschutes River will be planted with trout along with Devils Lake, East Lake, Fall River, Lake of the Woods, Pinehollow Reservoir, Spring Creek, Taylor Lake, Three Creeks Lake and Walton Lake.

Southwest Washington- The Cowlitz remains the bright spot for all of SW Washington with fall Chinook, coho, steelhead and cutthroat trout all being taken by area fishers. Small numbers of coho have returned to the Kalama hatchery.

Drano Lake is also putting out fair numbers of steelhead and an occasional fall Chinook is starting to show in the catches.

Columbia River Fishing Report – Professional fishing guides are ready to impale themselves like stock brokers jumping from Wall Street high rises in an effort to end the misery taking place in the lower Columbia. In a time when limits or near limits should be taking place in the Astoria area, fishing is a struggle and anglers are looking for alternatives. Opportunities used to exist during several different stages of the tides but only small windows exist and the Chinook bite is non-existent. ODF&W personnel confirmed record low catch rates in the estuary and the fact that the Buoy 10 fishery has reached only 25% of its 8,300 Chinook quota. The fishery was scheduled to get through Labor Day but it will go well beyond that. The sad fact is, Chinook fishing is so poor that we may have not needed a "quota" this year. No one has any good reason why the Chinook fishing is so slow other than the fact that the Upriver Bright component of the run has historically proven itself to be more productive upriver than down. The Tule strain of Chinook seem to bite better in the lower river and thus make up the bulk of the catch. The Tule strain has yet to show in any good numbers and this has fishery managers worried about escapement goals for Big Creek stocks and others. If the fish do show, it will be aligned with much of this year's pattern- late season peaks.

Meanwhile, we are trying to focus on the good aspects of the fishery. The coho have been running large and on some days, multiple opportunities do exist. Spinners seem to be the best option but we have taken coho on herring recently. The strike to hook ratio is better on spinners than bait as is usually the case. There has been an early morning bite for some Chinook but mostly coho from the mouth of the Skipanon River to Young's Bay. This fishing doesn't last long but it is fairly consistent. The green buoy line is also producing moderate catches for mostly coho on the first part of the outgoing tide. When the tide rolls out, you'll want most of your gear fishing near the bottom in 25 to 35 feet of water along the green line. On the flood tide, anglers have been targeting coho on the tongue of lower Desdemona Sands. This tongue is easy to find as all the boats are fishing there. It is the stretch in the middle of the river from Buoy 21 to the Desdemona Light Marker just downstream of Hammond. Although most of our bites are occurring on the bottom, we are getting some coho in this 25 to 30 foot of water at 18 strips. These coho are liking red and brass spinner combinations but gold is working well too. Smaller sized 6 and 7 blades are working best but we are taking fish on the size 8 spinners too. Red and white works best in the early morning but switch to metallic colors when the sun is shining high in the sky. The late afternoon/evening high tide is still producing some results above the bridge on the Washington side. By the time the weekend rolls around, this will be an evening show and maybe not even an option. NW winds are beating most people to death on the ride back to Hammond.

Ocean fishing is not impressing people all that much either. The ocean has not been all that friendly of a place to be as wind waves and a moderate swell does have an impact on the quality of the experience. The most consistent catches are still coming from Tillamook Head in the Seaside Cove. That's about a 15 mile run south of the mouth of the Columbia River but it is paying dividends. This is not a great option for smaller boats as the afternoon NW wind will stress most small boat operators to the point that it wasn't worth the effort. The CR Buoy is producing some fish as they stage into the river but results are not consistent. Effort remains low in the ocean as most anglers feel they have just as good a chance at getting fish in the river.

Upriver, we have some good news. ODF&W reports unprecedented catches for anglers working the Longview stretch to the mouth of the Sandy River. Anchor anglers were scoring excellent numbers of Chinook using wobblers in the 35 to 52 feet of water. Rig your dropper line for 3 feet and plan on soaking 16 to 20 ounces of lead. A 5 foot leader line is sufficient enough and you should be right in the face of those fish on a strong outgoing tide. Although most anglers target the mouths of tributaries in hopes of cooler water to stimulate more bites, it is not necessary. Trying to anchor at the base of a steep slope is a more productive method for finding consistent numbers of fish to work over. Fishing at Bonneville sounds spotty with some reports of good fishing while others report the fish are there but hard to entice. Typically, the Bonneville fishery is challenging this time of year as fish are motivated to blow right past the dam and onto their final destinations. More reports will be forthcoming but passage is ramping up at Bonneville and the mouth of the Deschutes is heating up for salmon and steelhead.

Nobody is sturgeon fishing.

Crabbing in the estuary is not all that productive but those putting forth some effort can come up with several crab cocktails to enjoy around the campfire. Buoy 20 has been the most popular place to crab and with anglers utilizing lower Desdemona Sands for fishing, it is not a great option to drop a crab pot in.

The Guide's Forecast – Late, Great News! Very new information is coming in that coho have begun to show at Astoria! There are some Chinook in the mix but action above the bridge on the Washington side has picked up significantly. We knew they were due to show in good numbers sooner or later- well, it looks like that day has finally come. Herring was rumored to be the bait of

choice and anglers fishing the deep water off of the ship wreck have seen some great fishing on the morning of 8/30. With this years disappointing results, it will be hard to predict how long this kind of activity will last but given the fact we are on a weak tide series, it may bode well for holiday fishing. Mid-morning incoming tides will provide some good opportunity for lower Columbia anglers and it will only get better as we enter the weekend. Remember, the cooler ocean water will positively influence the in-river bite. The later into the incoming tide we get, the farther upriver the activity should be. Historically, the water above the bridge on the Washington side this time of year is a very consistent place to fish. Buoy 10 has not been a productive place to intercept these fish- coho or Chinook.

Ocean salmon will likely remain spotty but if weather permits, the water south of the mouth- even all the way down to Tillamook Head should produce the best results. Fresh herring are still large so anglers should purchase anchovies or smaller sized herring for best strike to hook ratios. Small spoons should also prove productive.

Winds have kept anglers at the mouth of the Cowlitz from fishing shallower water. The lack of flow coupled with strong winds will not allow boats to stay straight when working plugs or spinners in the shallower water. This is where good numbers of steelhead are likely to be found. **Pro guide Brandon McGavran (360-607-1327)** stated this is why he has kept targeting the deeper running Chinook. Brandon has been getting at least a couple of Chinook each day using wobblers in about 52 foot of water near the mouth of the Cowlitz. Even though this fishery is still a week away from peaking, catches have been impressive for this time period. With weakening tides, action will taper and pick up again shortly after Labor Day. The stretch from Longview to Sundial Beach at the mouth of the Sandy should produce the best results. The start and finish of the tide will produce the best and anglers should change up wobblers during different parts of the tide. Strike to hook ratios will vary so don't get too frustrated if you miss a lot of bites in this fishery.

Early coho numbers are impressive over Bonneville Dam. Although this is not a pioneered fishery, if someone could figure out how to catch these fish, passage numbers are good enough to justify an effort. Check regulations for coho above Bonneville Dam as they have changed recently.

Softer tides will favor crabbing this weekend. It could make for a nice combination opportunity so take advantage of it but stay out of the trolling lanes for salmon fishermen. One friend of mine lost 3 of his 4 crab pots recently- likely due to people running over the ropes in the dense fog.

Willamette, McKenzie & Santiam Rivers Fishing Report – The water temperature at Willamette Falls is holding steady at 70 degrees as is the flow at 7,800 cfs. A single coho adult crossed on August 28th. The silvers are coming, but we wonder: how many?

Chinook can be seen moving into areas where spawning will take place on the Santiam River. As the Chinook build their redds, steelhead will be displaced and anglers should be observant as the steelies find new holding water. Avoid walking on the redds when wading for steelhead. The Santiams closed to Chinook fishing on August 16th.

The Guide's Forecast – Bass fishermen may be seen seeking spiny rays with moderate success on the lower Willamette, but plunkers below the mouth of the Willamette have yet to hook any coho, although they can be seen rolling in the Oregon City/Gladstone area. Catch and release sturgeon fishing will remain slow with only a few undersized sturgeon inhabiting the lower Willamette.

Steelheading remains best in the North Santiam above Stayton with the water warm from there downstream. Use small baits and lures or fly fishing gear to tempt these fish. Mehama has been decent with Minto and Packsaddle Parks producing good catches. At 1,000 cfs at Niagara, flows are a little greater than normal and will increase to 1,500 cfs in mid-September. On the South Santiam,

steelheading below Leaburg Dam is a good bet for those who don't mind plenty of company.

Clackamas and Sandy River Fishing Reports – Coho have been reported recently in the lower Clack but no catches have been reported. One coho made its way to the Faraday trap on the Clackamas August 29th. Read into this what you will, but let's hope many follow. It's unlikely the rain showers Wednesday this week were sufficient catalyst to jump start fishing here. Coho have also been seen rolling in the Willamette below the Clackamas mouth. The slow steelheading on the has Clackamas anglers hopeful for a decent coho fishery this year.

Flows on the Sandy are stable at a lazy 362 cfs with the water temperature 66 degrees on Monday this week. Few are trying for steelhead and fewer are catching any. The water clarity varies from gin to glacial, but has been mostly clear. Anglers are anticipating a decent run of coho which will get underway in the coming weeks.

North Coast District Fishing Report – Most figure the Nehalem is the place to be on the North Coast these days. Well, it continues to disappoint. The bay has shown good flurries of activity but overall, this fishery has been a dud. Last week, the jaws saw a phenomenal bite and Wheeler has been consistent. Bobber tossers will be working tidewater from Mohler to Nehalem.

Anglers may want to look at Tillamook as an option for the weekend. Even though weak tides will welcome weekend anglers, early next week, a minus tide series will open up a lot of opportunity for both spinner trollers and backtrollers working plugs in the upper bay. Most don't realize Tillamook will hold fair numbers of Chinook and coho in the upper bay by this time.

More ocean opportunity comes about starting September 1st. Here's the ODF&W press release:

Expanded ocean salmon fishing opportunities open Saturday

Salem – State and federal fishery managers took action to expand ocean salmon fishing opportunities north of Cape Falcon, Ore. The area between Cape Falcon and Tillamook Head will open to the retention of chinook and adipose fin-clipped coho from Saturday, Aug. 26 through Sept. 30 or attainment of the 36,600 coho catch quota.

"We reviewed the fishery performance to date and our conservation objectives and felt there was sufficient quota remaining to provide this opportunity" said Curt Melcher, Assistant Fish Division Administrator with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The season is open seven days a week with a two-fish-daily bag limit. All retained coho must have a healed adipose fin-clip and the minimum size is 24 inches for chinook and 16 inches for coho.

Additional information on ocean salmon fishing regulations can be found in the 2006 Oregon Ocean Salmon and Halibut Sport Fishing Regulation booklet. The red pamphlets are available at license agents and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife offices.

Information is also posted on the ODFW Web site at:

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

Crabbing is good in Tillamook and Netarts Bays. With the softer tides, crabbers should utilize the water closer to the jaws for best success.

Pro guide Jesse Zalonis (503-392-5808) reports, "There are some fish being caught on the lower Siletz- basically around the Chinook area.

The Salmon river has next to zero going on, but expect it to light up anytime.

There are a small handful of fish being caught here on the Nestucca. Mainly by spinner tossers. The results are coming from PC boat ramp, and from the bridge.

Crabbing in the lower bay has been a no brainer, with easy limits coming on the incoming tide. There are some soft ones, but there are plenty of good hard ones in the mix.

We believe the fishing will pick up here soon, but the pattern for the year has been a two week delay. The lower end will go off first, and then as the tides get bigger, they should spread around. Currently, there is very little pressure, but that will change in about a week, and we'll have a better chance to see what is going on."

The Guide's Forecast – Anglers may want to take a hard look at the ocean coho option this weekend. Hatchery coho should begin to stage at the mouths of Tillamook and Nehalem Bays. If you have enough rods to run in the boat, run a few deep and a few shallow to target these coho. Remember, selective rules apply. Only fin-clipped coho may be retained.

The weekend forecast goes like this:

FRI N WIND 15 TO 20 KT. WIND WAVES 6 FT...SUBSIDING TO 4 FT IN THE AFTERNOON. NW SWELL 6 FT.

FRI NIGHT N WIND 15 TO 20 KT...EASING TO 10 TO 15 KT AFTER MIDNIGHT. WIND WAVES 4 FT...SUBSIDING TO 2 FT AFTER MIDNIGHT. NW SWELL 5 FT. AREAS OF FOG AFTER MIDNIGHT.

SAT N WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 3 FT. NW SWELL 5 FT. AREAS OF FOG. **SAT NIGHT** N WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 4 FT. NW SWELL 5 FT.

SUN N WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 4 FT. NW SWELL 6 FT.

MON N WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 2 FT. NW SWELL 5 FT.

If the ocean isn't comfortable, anglers working the lower bays (Tillamook/Nehalem/Nestucca) should be able to find fish on the entire outgoing tide and parts of the incoming. Keep your herring on the bottom (where flows aren't as intense) where Chinook are likely to migrate.

Drop your crab pots in the lower estuary for an extra bonus!

Central & South Coast Reports –Boaters are crowding into the lower Siletz for a chance at an early Fall Chinook. The few that have been taken have been large with most in the 30s and some over 40 pounds. This fishery will continue to improve with no natural obstructions in the lower river.

All depth halibut anglers have another chance to ply deep water for flatties this holiday weekend. The ocean off the central Oregon coast will open beyond the 40-fathom line September 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Boats were traveling about 45 miles out of central coast ports for tuna earlier this week. Results have been good but this is a trip for experienced, well-equipped recreational boaters who travel in pairs or greater numbers for backup. Warm water, the preference of albacore tuna, moved inside the 125° line on Tuesday, August 30th. If it stays relatively close with wind and wave conditions cooperative, it should be a tuna weekend and combo hali/albie trips will be possible for experienced sports boaters.

While bottomfishing has been excellent for anglers using herring, mid-day winds have driven boaters back to port early in the day. Limits of rockfish are common with large ling cod in the mix.

Crabbing is producing limits of Dungeness in Yaquina Bay while small jigs has been productive for scores of large herring.

While summer steelheading remains an option on the mainstem of the Umpqua River, catches are spotty. Steelhead action has slowed on the North Fork. The smallmouth bass fishery is at it's peak above Scottsburg, however, in this legendary 100-bass-a-day fishery. All manner of baits and lure will be grabbed by smallies now, but ply the deeper waters for larger bass. The estuary sturgeon fishery is winding down.

About the same number of Chinook were landed out of Winchester Bay as Astoria by fewer than half the number of boats trying in the week ending August 20th. Comparatively, about 460 launched at Reedsport to return with 75 Chinook while over 1,100 checked at Astoria returned had 72. There's no contest for the year with the Winchester total topping 3,000 while Astoria anglers have yet to take 300. There's plenty of North coast salmon season to come, however. Offshore Chinook fishing has been quite good when conditions allow safe bar crossing.

Coos and Coquille anglers trolling tidewater for Chinook have seen an improvement. It's still early in the season here and soft tides this weekend won't help the fishing.

Lures for Chinook invariably involve a blade in some combination of green, chartreuse or both. For coho, pink blades are favored. While most anglers use anchovy, the historical favorite at this fishery, trollers are also getting takes on herring and sardine baits. Rogue Chinook run large with 30-pounders common and a 40-pounder is landed almost daily. A few over 50 pounds have been taken. Half-pounders, which actually weigh in the four-pound-range, are in the mix with fresh adult steelhead entering the now below Agness to add diversity to the fishing possibilities. Catches of Chinook in the Grants Pass stretch have kicked off and are improving with anglers scoring best below Savage Rapids Dam. It's flies only on the upper Rogue September through October with Shady Grove the best bet for a hookup in the coming week. Mid-50 degree water should ensure steady metalhead action.

Credit for anglers' success on Rogue Bay must go in part to the efforts of Ray Lottis' "Sea Lion Patrol" which has dramatically reduced numbers of these predators and deterred the pests present from attacking hooked salmon. Among other methods, Lottis uses 'seal bombs' which are like a large firecracker to dissuade pinnapedes from getting comfortable in tidewater. At times last year, over half the salmon hooked on the lower Rogue fell victim to sea lions.

Starting September 1st and continuing through the 6th, ocean salmon anglers off the Couth coast may keep finclipped coho along with Chinook from South of Humbug Mountain to the California border. The offshore salmon limit is two Chinook or two finclipped coho or one of each. Other restrictions apply so check the regs.

The Slam'n Salmon Ocean Derby out of Brookings takes place on Labor Day Weekend September 1st through 3rd. Pre-registration is not required and a \$5,000 grand prize will be awarded among thousands of dollars of other daily prizes. Visit www.slamnsalmon.com for details.

Bottomfishing off the South coast has been excellent with rockfish and ling cod limits the norm now that anglers have switched form lures to large herring in an ocean environment thick with baitfish this year.

There is too such a thing as a free lunch, at least for those helping to clean up at Diamond Lake in preparation for rotenone treatment in late September. Meet other volunteers and coordinators at Diamond Lake Lodge at the North end of the lake prior to the 9 AM startup. Cleanup is supposed to wrap around 3 PM.

Central and Eastern Oregon – Steelhead remain concentrated below Shearer's Falls on the Deschutes. Catches are improving for trollers seeking steelhead at the mouth of the Deschutes although anglers report hot and cold days. Chinook have started entering the lower river which has been open for retention since August 1st. Trout fishing is excellent from Warm Springs to Maupin with the Deschutes delivering memorable late-day results. Pale Morning Dun is the pattern of greatest interest.

Northwest Trout & Kokanee – Odell has been productive for downrigger trollers willing to move around to find scattered schools of kokanee. A mixed bag of kokes, rainbows and brown trout is being taken here.

Trout are scheduled to be planted in the Willamette Zone at Roslyn Lake, Small Fry Lake, Trillium Lake, West Salish Pond and lower McKenzie River. Trout stocking will resume in the Northwest Zone the second week of September at which time large trout will be planted. Stay tuned.

Reader Email

A subscriber "Mike" wrote this week to ask, "I used to enjoy the bass and panfish report but there has been none this year. Why?"

TGF co-editor Michael Teague (who wrote that section), replied, "Two reasons. First, that we didn't get this kind of positive feedback regarding that section. Secondly and similarly, we haven't gotten reports on the warmwater fisheries as in previous seasons.

"That there is interest in the information is plenty of motivation to light a fire under anglers who have reported in the past and work a little harder to round up this information.

"On a personal note, I'm a warmwater fisherman myself, though not at the exclusion of other species I enjoy chasing, so I'll enjoy the return of this neglected section. Please send any reports (general, non-specific information OK ... we don't want to publicize your secret hotspot <g>)."

Subscriber Jon G. wrote to ask, "Saw the report on Summer Steelee's in the Santiam. Which place to you prefer for picking one of these up? I've fished John Neal State Park and Fisherman's Bend before. I was going to head out in the morning before work. Also, what would you recommend using?"

Michael Teague (who writes about the Santiams) replied, "Think the upper river on the North Santiam. The lower stretches are too warm to hold fish, so steelhead are concentrated above Stayton, much the better for us fishermen.

"Early and late in the day will almost always be the preferable hours of pursuit for summer steelhead. My preference is as soon as it's legal to cast in the morning, both because that has been most productive for me and I have a preference for fishing into the day as it gets light rather than as the light wanes.

"If you're familiar with Fishermen's Bend, it will hold fish now. The greatest concentrations, however, will be along the river in Packsaddle and Minto Parks. The flow is slightly greater than average but the water temperature is ideal. Use small baits and lures. Spinners work great for me as that's a confidence lure, but backup of sand shrimp or dime-sized baits of cured salmon egg will

also be effective. Eggs will work very well when the salmon start spawning as steelhead gather downstream to suck up loose eggs.

"Write anytime if we can help and please let us know how you do!"

TGF reader "Eric" wrote to comment on an earlier report, "Also, you reported last week that there were reports of 6 walleye per boat. I first heard this from someone fishing Ough Reef out of Washougal. This was the weekend of the Lower Columbia Walleye Tourney, and because these are some of the best Walleye chasers around, I know this report was erroneous, as these tourney boys over a 2 day, 15 hour tourney barely averaged 1.5 fish per boat for 2 days fishing. Someone out there is smoking something other than their catch."

Co-editor Bob Rees (who wrote that report) responded, "I got this info from the ODF&W web site of the recreation report for this area. ODF&W does not archive their reports so I have no way of re-verifying these numbers but I thought I got it right. They (or I) could have typo'ed this and sorry if it confused anyone or sent them on a wild walleye chase. As you likely already know, we at TGF take accurate reporting very seriously.

"Thanks again for your input."

Got a story to tell or information to share? We'd love to hear from you!

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Random Links

Virtual Reality Moon Phase Pictures:

<http://tycho.usno.navy.mil/vphase.html>

Columbia salmon catches from WDFW:

<http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regions/reg5/buoy10.htm>

Lady is Halibut Captain:

<http://www.oregonnews.com/article/20060813/BUSINESS/108140046>

Weekly Quote – "Robert Traver had an exclusive love of bright, wild brookies in nearby water that he knew and loved. Not for him excursions to far-flung corners of the world for one-week stands. Not for him the itch of newness. He liked the simple quality of what he knew well and lived with—consistently. He likes the solitude and the texture, the expectation of returning to his familiar "Frenchman's," the gentle variations, the constants, the tin cup and the bourbon, morels in the woods, intriguing rock formations back among the trees, the smell of Upper Michigan cedar, days that brush the heart with their intimacy. ... Sentimental? Perhaps. But a life mostly filled with sentiment, feeling, rather than mere exploit." - Nick Lyons

GOOD LUCK!