

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

Forecasting for the fishing week of **June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Oregon Fisheries Update:**

**Willamette Valley/Metro-** Anglers working the Columbia are finding more success for sturgeon than salmon. Sturgeon anglers in the gorge are tallying good results for oversized fish using fresh shad for bait reports **pro guide Bill Kremers (541-754-6411)**. The shad fishing is improving daily but anglers need to be anchored in the right migration lane to score big numbers. Sturgeon fishing in the Portland to Longview stretch remains consistent. Although effort is light, anglers working this same stretch are experiencing sporadic results for summer steelhead. Working small hot colored flatfish in 5 – 10 foot of water will work best and the upcoming tide series should boost catches. Beach plunkers should use hot colored spin-n-glos.

Water temperature in the lower Willamette is 60 degrees or better which means hardware will be most effective for springers in the warm, clear water. Sturgeon fishing produced a few keepers to anglers able to locate larger fish over the last retention period. The upper Willamette has been producing some steelhead, but algae growth is becoming troublesome.

The Clackamas River was under tremendous pressure over the past weekend with few fish to show for it. A few summer steelhead and fewer springers were taken on spinners- particularly in the McIver Park area reports **pro guide Kent Anderson (503-550-6303)**.

Catches of summer steelhead remain low on the Sandy River. First and last light offer the best chance of a hookup in the low, clear water. The river is low and becoming more challenging to run reports **pro guide Brandon Glass (503-260-8285)**.

Steelheading has been spotty on the North Santiam with jigs effective at times. Spring Chinook fishing has been very slow. Results on the South Santiam have been similar.

Faraday Lake, Harriet Lake, Hartman Pond, North Fork Reservoir, Small Fry Lake, Timothy Meadows, West Salish Pond, Breitenbush River, Detroit Reservoir, E. E. Wilson Pond, Junction City Pond, Leaburg Lake, McKenzie above and below Leaburg Lake, Quartzville Creek and the North Santiam River above Detroit are scheduled to be stocked with trout.

Free Fishing Weekend is June 9 and 10 this year. No licenses or tags required. It's a great time to take a kid fishing.

**Northwest –** Sturgeon anglers in the Astoria area are finding more consistent results for keepers. Although limits are still not common, some quality keepers are coming from the shallow side-channels out of Tongue Point reports **pro guide David Johnson (503-201-4292)**. Also, Baker Bay on the Washington side has been producing some quality fish reports **pro guide Jim Nicol (503-550-3166)**.

The spring chinook of Tillamook Bay have finally shown up in fair numbers. Persistent anglers found fish at high tide in front of Garibaldi and the last two hours of outgoing tide along the inside of the north jetty using herring for bait. It's critical to have your baits fishing within 4 feet of the bottom when the tide is running out. The smaller 4-year old fish are beginning to dominate the catch but a 28 pounder was taken on Memorial Day. Weekend tides favor spinner trollers in the upper bay.

**Pro guide Jesse Zalonis (503-392-5808)** reports some fish in the lower Nestucca but he is still

holding out hope for a late run this season.

Deep water halibut fishers out of Garibaldi had good fishing on the last opener. Soft tides and friendly seas combined to produce limits of fish about 24 miles offshore. Bottomfishers did well to the north. Crabbing remains best in the ocean but catches have slowed while effort has increased.

Crabbing is poor to fair in Yaquina Bay. Some of the crabs are a little soft now.

**Southwest –** A decent series of minus tides will occur with the full moon in the first weekend in June. Razor clamming has been surprisingly good on central and southern beaches.

Many citations were issued over the holiday weekend for various infractions including no Oregon Boater Education Card, insufficient number of flotation devices, operation of a watercraft by a person younger than 16, expired registration and BUII. About one-third of boating accidents are alcohol-related.

Sport boats did well for halibut out of Winchester bay and charters scored consistent limits on Thursday and Friday last week. The drift turned unpredictable on Saturday, May 26th, but one lucky angler landed a 92-pounder despite challenging conditions.

Umpqua anglers are doing well for shad and smallmouth bass catches have continued to improve with warming water. Spring Chinook action is in the doldrums, however.

Chinook are still holding far offshore due to a band of cold water 15 to 20 miles wide off the southern Oregon coast. Springer anglers in the lower Rogue endured another slow weekend, as did those on the upper river. Catches have been slightly better in the Grants Pass stretch. Anglers are hopeful for a late showing this season.

Catches on the Klamath River, good a week ago, have also slowed dramatically. Trout fishing upstream has been excellent for fly anglers using salmonfly and golden stone imitations along with stone fly nymphs.

Rock fish and ling cod limits are common when sport and charter vessels have been able to safely cross into the ocean. Surf perch fishing is holding up well.

Fish Lake will be planted with 5,000 legal-sized rainbows.

**Eastern –** It took Oscar Hoffman of Madras over an hour to land a 25-pound, one ounce Brown Trout from the Deschutes arm of Wickiup reservoir on Saturday, May 19th. Kokanee fishing is slow but the fish are above average in size.

Green Peter was reliable for kokanee on the troll over the long weekend. Odell has been providing limits of kokanee to jig fishers with early mornings most productive.

Scheduled for trout planting this week are Simtustus Lake, Badger Lake, Century Gravel Pit, Clear Lake, Frog Lake, Lawrence Lake, Lost Lake, Olallie Lake, Smock Prairie Reservoir and Spring Creek.

**SW Washington –** The Lewis River is producing the best for summer steelhead and a few spring chinook. The Kalama is a close second however with better results for steelhead likely in the near future.

The Cowlitz remains a disappointment with only a few steelhead and springers reported.

Drano Lake and the Wind River is slowing as evidenced by the decreasing numbers of salmon crossing

at Bonneville Dam. The Klickitat is producing a few steelhead.

**Columbia River Fishing Report** – Fishery managers decided Wednesday that the recreational sport fishery will remain open through June 15<sup>th</sup> for hatchery spring chinook. The official press release goes as follows:

**Columbia River Spring Chinook season extended through June 15 from Tongue Point to the I-5 Bridge**

Clackamas, Ore — State fishery officials met today and decided to extend the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery to retention of adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the I-5 Bridge through June 15, 2007.

The salmon fishery in this area re-opened May 16, 2007 and was originally scheduled to close May 31.

“Based on recent catch rates and fish passage at Bonneville Dam, staff feel confident that we can safely offer additional days on the river without exceeding the ESA limit” says John North, ODFW Columbia River Fisheries Manager.

Fish managers set the Columbia River spring Chinook fishery based on the number of fish expected to return from the ocean and the allowable impact to wild salmon and steelhead stocks listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. "Impacts" are the unintended mortalities associated with handling and releasing wild fish. This year, non-Indian impacts are limited to 1.5 percent of the total upriver run that includes ESA-listed Snake River spring/summer Chinook and Upper Columbia River spring Chinook.

For the spring Chinook fishery, Oregon anglers may keep two adult adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon per day. Catch limits for jacks remain in effect as per permanent regulations. The steelhead season opened May 16 from Tongue Point to the I-5 Bridge and will open on June 16 from I-5 upstream to Bonneville Dam. Shad angling is open all year except during April 1-May 15 from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam.

Through June 15, all non-adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon must be released immediately unharmed and it is unlawful to totally remove from the water any salmon or steelhead required to be released when fishing from boats less than 30 feet in length.

The summer Chinook fishery is scheduled for June 16-30 from Tongue Point to Bonneville Dam and June 16-July 31 from Bonneville Dam upstream to the OR/WA border. During this summer season, the Oregon daily bag limit for adult salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead is two fish in any combination. Retention of non-adipose fin clipped Chinook (adults and jacks) is allowed during this fishery.

At today's hearing, fishery manager's also decided to prohibit retention of white sturgeon in John Day Pool (John Day Dam to McNary Dam) effective 11:59 PM Sunday June 10, 2007 because the annual harvest guideline of 165 fish is expected to be reached by that date.

Of course this is good news but effort is low and catches are small. Most anglers are delighted when they have the opportunity to keep a hatchery salmon this time of year, occasionally caught in pursuit of summer steelhead. Passage at Bonneville Dam remains fair and the jack count remains impressive. Angler effort for the targeted salmon fishery is greatest in the Portland to Longview stretch with only an occasional keeper being taken. Steelhead fishing is beginning to pick up but mid-June is traditionally the better time to focus your effort on steelhead.

Sturgeon anglers however are beginning to witness more consistent catches river wide. In the estuary, effort remains light but action is picking up. It's still not a slam dunk for keeper fishing but results are becoming more consistent. The lower river downstream of the Astoria/Megler Bridge is picking up although crabs can still be an issue. Guides are working the shallower water to avoid the scourge. Action is still fair out of Tongue Point with keepers coming from the shallow waters for anglers using sand shrimp for bait. **Pro guide Jim Nicol (503-550-3166)** reports, "Sturgeon fishing in the lower estuary was good for the first 10 days of the season with limits being caught in Baker Bay; Sand Shrimp was the bait of choice. The last 4 days have been challenging with the weaker tides. The crabs have been having their way with our bait making fishing difficult. Things should start to get better with bigger tides coming. Fishing this area can be productive when other areas are not. I would recommend fishing the last 2 hours of the ebb and the first half of the flood. Work the shelves of the narrow channels and be prepared to move often. Sometimes hunting is required."

For upper river anglers, the oversize bite is still improving with the return of better shad numbers. Keepers although are a bit more challenging. **Pro guide Bill Kremers (541-754-6411)** reports, "been sturgeon and shad fishing is past week in the Gorge. The shad fishing is improving each trip. The hot shad lure for me has been the small pearl and red Dick Nite. Anglers just need to keep it moving to catch all the shad they want. Keeper sturgeon have been harder to come by especially on the Oregon side as I have had to move four or five a day to find keepers. Oversize are more common for anglers using shad. You can tell the sturgeon are really starting to key on the shad as bites are more enthusiastic each trip."

**The Guide's Forecast** – Sturgeon will remain the species of focus on the Columbia River although tides should stimulate some activity for beach plunkers pursuing steelhead. Starting with the estuary, minus tides through the weekend should keep quality sturgeon hitting the decks from Tongue Point and upstream to the river section downstream of the Astoria Bridge. Anchovies are becoming more readily available and is in fact one of the more productive baits in the lower section. Guides are also scoring good success on shrimp in the shallower water in both areas. The larger tides should get fish moving and more willing to bite!

Upriver, anglers will have a great time targeting shad using Dick Nite spoons and small jigs or grubs. Of course shad can be used as a great crab bait but anglers may want to explore the oversized sturgeon fishery in the area. Be cautious when anchoring but we are entering peak season here so catches of these fish are quite common. The upper most deadline is Marker 85. Keepers in this area are starting to show in greater numbers but it is not the best area to target them. Shad strips tipped with shrimp or smelt may take the better fish. Plan on moving a lot if you are in search of keepers.

Steelhead anglers will have a favorable tide series to work on over the weekend. The minus tides will push fish close to the shoreline where plunkers will have a shot at them. Numbers of fish passing Bonneville are not quite what they should be to expect great fishing. We are looking for 300 fish/day to cross before we get too excited. Hatchery salmon are still an option- until the 15<sup>th</sup> of June!

**Willamette, McKenzie & Santiam Rivers Fishing Report** – Willamette Falls counts indicate over 15,500 springers and about 4,400 summer steelhead have crossed so far this season. Water temperature at the Falls is back up to 60 degrees with the visibility 5.8 feet. Winter steelhead counts are considered completed on May 15th at which time the total was about 6,000. With the warm weather this week, count on finding water 60 degrees or higher down to the Willamette mouth and throughout Multnomah Channel.

There has been speculation about the Chinook jack count at Bonneville this year and how it will reflect on the 2008 springer run. Looking at historical data confirms that there is a correlation whereby for every jack counted, 10 to 20 adults return the following year. With the YTD jack well over 16,000 at

Bonneville, there's every reason to be optimistic about a stellar 2008 spring Chinook run on the Columbia. Using this or any model, the jack count of fewer than 150 at the Willamette Falls is not encouraging for the 2008 Willamette springer run.

Summer steelhead are entering the South Santiam in good numbers now with 325 counted at the Foster Dam facility over the last week. About a third of those were trucked downstream to run again. No additional spring Chinook have returned as yet. It's unfortunate that, despite improving numbers on the North and South Santiam, that fishing has been so slow. Steelheading has produced only the occasional fish and the spring Chinook bite has been slow.

Skilled driftboaters may further enhance their knowledge during the next 'Learn the River' trip sponsored by the North Santiam River Guides Association and Salem Chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders this Saturday, June 2nd. The launch is at 10 AM at Fishermen's Bend but anglers arriving at 9 AM will be able to arrange for shuttles. This drift is rated challenging to difficult.

**The Guide's Forecast** – Shad are hitting pretty well in the lower Willamette and crowds in the Oregon City reflect it. Besides finding the 'lane' that shad are taking, stay flexible regarding terminal tackle. Often the fishes' preference will change throughout the day. Lures should include jig heads and grubs of various colors, small spoons and shiny nickel #6 siwash hooks on brass swivels. The latter is often a fish-getter.

Limits of sturgeon were taken around Oregon City during the last retention period by some boats while others found only shakers. Smelt is working best here.

Spring Chinook anglers are using spinners or wobblers in the warm, clear water on the lower river, but catch rates make sturgeon or shad fishing seem more appealing. Late-season rain could turn this situation around, but there's no precipitation in the forecast and it's getting late in the year to hope for a flurry of action regardless.

Without something by way of weather change and a much needed shower, there's no reason to believe the bite will turn on in the Santiam system. Still, with numbers of summers steelhead very good and spring Chinook improving, it may be worth a try.

**Clackamas and Sandy River Fishing Reports** – Spring Chinook are being taken on the lower Clackamas but it's by no means hot fishing. Summer steelhead action is somewhat better with spinners and jigs tempting fish.

**Pro guide Kent Anderson (503-550-6303)**, who splits his fishing time between Oregon and Alaska, reports, "I'm done fishing in Oregon for the Spring. Less than impressive Springer returns to the Clack and Sandy (and many other places). I did manage to boat 2 nice Summer steelhead on my last float from McIver to Barton (Thurs). Time to re-oil the deck and check off a few "honey-do's" before heading North. I leave a week from today. Have a good Summer."

**Pro Guide Brandon Glass (503-666-5370)** reports, "The Sandy River is low!!!! My father and I have been the only people on the lower river for the past couple weeks and the numbers of fish have been low. We have been averaging one to two fish a day, with double trips. The river is getting very tricky to run and with no room for error. The upper river has been spotty also, but those who have been out have been producing in the key holes with eggs."

**North Coast Fishing Report** – Friendly seas allowed for some different opportunities this week on

the north coast. Ocean fishing for bottom fish and halibut was good and ocean crabbing has been fair as well. But first, the springer report: The salmon continue to disappoint Tillamook area anglers. Although not many fish were taken on this recent weak tide series, we did manage a short (but sweet) run of salmon at the jaws of Tillamook Bay. From the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>, we hooked 13 salmon, landing 9 of them- the bulk being of hatchery origin. All fish were hooked on herring fished close to the bottom. The two most productive periods were high slack up the bay (Garibaldi Coast Guard Station, Ghost Hole) and the last 2 hours of outgoing tide along the inside of the north jetty. By far, the later part of the outgoing tide produced the best action. We only landed one large fish (a 23-pounder) indicating a clear shortage of 5year old fish in the system. Hopefully, this is an indication of better times next year. Since that short 4-day window, in the last 2 days, we haven't had a bite. Overall, most anglers agree, it's been a disappointing year on Tillamook Bay (and the rest of the NW for that matter). Let's hope jack counts on the Columbia follow suit for north coast salmon.

Further south, **pro guide Jesse Zalonis (503-392-5808)** reports, "The Nestucca is still quite slow. We found some fish on the lower river yesterday, but with low river flows, first thing in the morning or really late evening is the best. As far as the total number goes, it seems they are very late, both summer fish and the chinooks. We have less water now then we had last year in June. Most of the fish being taken is in tide water or near the mouth of Three Rivers. There may be fish there one day, and they are gone the next. There has been no real pattern as of yet. Crabbing in the bay is getting better. Some really nice big crab and firm ones too. Go get them before they start getting soft. The Santiam is dead! There has been next to zero of a bite going on the North. Again, things are happening really slowly. Steelheading is poor, and the chinooks are non existent. This summer is shaping up to be a weird one. Get out, and make the best of it, and have fun regardless of the productivity. Have a good week."

The Nestucca above Blaine, closed earlier this year to protect spawning winter steelhead, opened May 27th to summer steelheading.

Ocean fishing for salmon has not been all that good but some folks have been pursuing bottom fish and coming up with some nice lingcod and halibut! Yes, the offshore halibut fishery has been producing good results but nearshore, action has been fair as well. **Pro guide Chris Vertopoulos (503-349-1377)** checked in a 30+ pound flattie on Wednesday. The fish took a trolled herring in 35 feet of water between Twin Rocks and the north tip of the Tillamook Bay jetty. He also ended up with 2 nice lingcod.

Commercial trollers are finally starting to score some results in the offshore fishery. It's been reported that they have to travel between 4 and 6 miles to get into the chinook.

Ocean crabbing remains best north of the north jetty. Fresh shad should slaughter the crab but frozen bottom fish carcasses have been working well in about 30 foot of water. Most of the crab are hard shelled but a few soft shelled crab are beginning to show. Be watchful for females as they are making up the bulk of the catch.

**The Guide's Forecast** – Another nice tide series for Tillamook Bay salmon fishers but these tides continue to disappoint. The tides will (in theory) favor upper bay spinner trollers but we witnessed a grand total of 1 fish taken for about 16 boats on the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup>. These fish just don't seem to be holding for any length of time in the upper bay. Herring trollers may want to take advantage of the last part of outgoing tide along the jetties. The ripping current over the weekend however will shorten the length of quality fishing opportunity to just before the low slack. If the ocean remains calm, it may be the best option on the screaming outgoing but you have to be aware of the potential for a closed bar if the wind picks up from the North.

Don't look for bottom fishing to be consistent but desperate times call for desperate measures. Bring along your bottom fishing gear and throw in some extra herring so you can target literally anything that

bites! There seems to be no rhyme or reason to the recent catches nearshore. Just fish your baits on the bottom between 35 and 90 feet. Even Chris' lingcod were off structure today! Drop your crab pots while you are out there. If you have good bait, it'll be worth it!

It's another good tide for razor clam diggers in the Seaside to Peter Iredale stretch of the Clatsop Beaches. If the surf remains low, it should be a good show with the peak day on Saturday.

**Central & South Coast Reports** – With an offshore forecast of 10 to 15 knot winds, a two-foot wind waves and a five-foot swell, boaters should be able to cross into the big pond. **DISCLAIMER:** This forecast is as of mid-day Thursday, May 31st and, as always, is subject to change on short notice. Have fun and be careful out there.

Shad are being caught by the score on the Umpqua at Sawyer's Rapids and Yellow Creek. With the water temperature improving, smallmouth bass action has continued to improve. Spring Chinook fishing has been slow on the mainstem and North Umpqua.

Although spring Chinook counts remain well below average, sufficient numbers are crossing at Gold Ray Dam to postpone discussions of an early emergency closure to protect wild stocks. The latest counts indicate about 3,500 springers are above the Dam. Recent warm weather has led to increased flows from Lost Creek Lake which have also improved water temperatures. Springer catches are best on the upper river but still considered slow. Anglers in the Grants Pass stretch are taking a few on Kwikfish at first light. Pressure is light on the lower Rogue with boaters and plunkers taking only a handful of Chinook daily as fresh fish just aren't entering the river.

Limits of rockfish offshore and good numbers of ling cod are available any day the ocean lays down and the wind subsides sufficiently to allow safe access. Given the numerous stories of boat tragedies lately, it's a good idea to wear a PFD at all times.

Southwest beaches will again provide limits of surf perch this weekend if wave action isn't too severe. The 6.5-foot exchange following morning minus tides shouldn't be a hindrance. Don't forget your shellfish license if you're digging sand shrimp, clams or mole crabs for bait.

Ocean Chinook remain far offshore in water too deep for recreational anglers to access with conventional tackle. The migration of these fish will be postponed until the cold water conditions offshore improve. June will provide decent ocean Chinook fishing.

TGF welcomes **Dave Pitts, Field Editor for Salmon Trout and Steelhead** who sent this report, "Ocean Kings out of Brookings are stalled by cold water but bait fish are coming in. What kings are within 6 miles are scattered big time. The average is one fish per twenty boats, that doesn't include the hours spent.

"Three Coho were hooked and released last week, at the six mile mark four more yesterday right on the top water, all were released.

"Most of the fish are well off of the coast between 14 and 22 miles and holding. until the curtain of cold water moves or warms we believe it will be slow going until June rolls in.

"Tons of bait out there in the 51 degree water line but are scattered also, I expect nothing to be consistent until we get a definite stable water column. We are now seeing pin head anchovy in the Harbor, this is a great sign. Each year this happens kings follow within the next several weeks.

"Rock Fish are on the bite big time, limits of Lings and things continue to bend rods and supply limits

for anglers, Crabbing is picking up due to no rain which allows more saltwater to creep into the estuary and into crab pots and nets. Bottom fishing is good to the South and North, anglers are using lead fish, flutter baits , one ounce jig heads and either black, motor oil green or Purple cocahoes and scampi tails. Most of the fish are coming in 75 feet of water."

Meyers Creek and Bailey Beach will provide limits of razors to industrious diggers who get out early to beat the majority of the beach-thumpers.

**Central and Eastern Oregon** – Golden Stones and salmonflies continue to hatch in good number on the lower Deschutes. Pressure was heavy over the holiday weekend with long-rodders hoping to take advantage of the bounty but nymphs remained the better option. Dries will prevail as the hatch winds down and fewer naturals are available to the fish.

Anglers fishing the opener on the Wallowa River last weekend found water levels a bit low. Stone fly and caddis hatches are expected to provide decent action for rainbows with larger fish generally taken early in the season.

Odell has been producing good catches of kokanee averaging over a foot in length. Trollers are taking them daily with mornings most productive. Crescent is kicking out kokanee with limits for some boaters along with the occasional dandy Mackinaw. Green Peter has been productive for kokanee for both trollers and bait anglers for decent sized fish. Early efforts will pay off best as the wind comes up reliably mid-day.

**Subscriber and avid angler Roger K.** adds this, "Would like to report that last two trips to Green Peter Reservoir have been rewarded with some nice fat Kokanee up to 14 inches. Reservoir is low with alternate ramp being used at Thistlecreek boat launch."

**Regular contributor 'Dobe'** writes, "Rod Mayfield and I went over to Prineville Res last Thursday ( 24th ) to try some Bass fishing. We fished in the Jasper Point area along the shale rock slides, using plastic worms fixed on 3/8/oz jigheads. Most of the fish were under or around the legal limit ( 12 inches ) except for one Largemouth Rod landed the went 2 1/2 lbs. All the others were smallies. Finished up the day with 29 in the boat , which we turned back, and about an equal amount of "long distance releases". The Reservoir is almost brim full."

**Northwest Trout** – Diamond Lake anglers are having a ball with trout as about 80,000 hatchery fish have been stocked including over 3,600 five-pounders. Local campground workers and employees are asking boaters about where they have launched previously in an effort to keep out invasive species. Pressure-washing is available at the lake and is encouraged for craft in question.

Alder Lake, Big Creek Reservoirs # 1 and #2, Buck Lake, Cleawox Lake, Dune Lake, Georgia Lake, North Georgia Lake, Perkins Lake, Siltcoos Lagoon and Thissel Pond in the Northwest Zone will be planted with hatchery trout this week.

Faraday Lake, Harriet Lake, Hartman Pond, North Fork Reservoir, Small Fry Lake, Timothy Meadows, West Salish Pond, Breitenbush River, Detroit Reservoir, E. E. Wilson Pond, Junction City Pond, Leaburg Lake, McKenzie above and below Leaburg Lake, Quartzville Creek and the North Santiam River above Detroit are scheduled to be stocked with trout.

**Northwest Bass & Panfish** - Smallmouth fishing on the upper Willamette has been consistent with water temperatures in the low to mid 60s. Most of the smallies have spawned now. Valley largemouth

in sloughs, lakes and ponds will be spawning this weekend with the full moon.

### **Washington fishing reports:**

#### **From the WDF&W Weekender Report May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

##### **North Puget Sound**

With only a few weeks left in spring, anglers have an assortment of fishing opportunities, ranging from trout and chinook to shrimp and lingcod.

In the freshwater, **trout** fishing continues in the lakes and will expand into several of the region's rivers and streams June 1. Under the statewide rule for trout, there is a two-fish daily limit and a minimum size of eight inches in rivers and streams. However, some of the region's rivers and streams have a rule requiring trout to be at least 14 inches in length to keep. For more rules and details on trout fishing, anglers can check WDFW's 2007/2008 *Fishing in Washington* pamphlet (<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/fishregs.htm>).

Portions of the Skagit and Skykomish rivers also open for **spring chinook salmon** fishing June 1. The Skagit is open to hatchery springer retention from the Highway 530 bridge at Rockport to the Cascade River. The daily limit is two hatchery chinook at least 12 inches in length. On the Skykomish, hatchery spring chinook fishing is open from the Lewis Street Bridge in Monroe to the Wallace River. The Skykomish fishery also has a daily limit of two hatchery chinook at least 12 inches in length.

Anglers are reminded that **bull trout** retention is prohibited along portions of the Skagit River beginning June 1. Anglers fishing the Skagit from Rockport to the Gorge Dam and the Cascade and Sauk rivers must release all bull trout.

Out on the saltwater, the northern portion of Marine Area 10 (Seattle/Bremerton) opens June 1 to catch-and-release fishing for **salmon**. Fishing will be allowed north of a line from Point Monroe to Meadow Point. Handling rules are in effect for this fishery and single-point barbless hooks are required. Further north, the Tulalip Bay "bubble" fishery begins June 1 and runs through Sept. 24, except for a one-day closure on June 23. The fishery is open each week from Friday through noon Monday. There is a two-salmon daily limit and chinook must be 22 inches in length to retain.

Meanwhile, anglers are still picking up **lingcod, halibut, rockfish** and **cabezon** in waters throughout north Puget Sound. During the hook-and-line season (May 1-June 15), there's a one-fish daily limit for lings, with a minimum size of 26 inches and a maximum size of 40 inches. The halibut season is open five days a week, Thursday through Monday, with a daily limit of one halibut and no minimum size limit. Anglers fishing for rockfish must keep the first legal rockfish caught, and those fishing for cabezon have a daily limit of two fish and there is no minimum size limit.

The **spot shrimp** fishery is wrapping up in the region. Marine Area 7 (San Juan Islands) will be the last to close for spot shrimp at the end of the day Thursday (May 31).

However, shrimpers can soon drop a pot for **coonstripe** and **pink shrimp**, as those seasons get under way June 1 in marine areas 8-1 (Deception Pass, Hope Island and Skagit Bay), 8-2 (Port Susan and Port Gardner) and 9 (Admiralty Inlet). In the northern and central portion of Marine Area 7, the fishery gets going a few days later on June 4. The daily limit in all of these fisheries is 10 pounds, including heads and tails, of all shrimp species combined, except spot shrimp. Shrimp heads can be removed, but the heads must be retained while in the field. Details, such as the required minimum mesh size and maximum fishing depths, are available on WDFW's website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/shelfish/shrimpreg/shrimpindex.shtml>.

Before heading out, anglers should check the rules and regulations for freshwater and saltwater fisheries in WDFW's 2007/2008 *Fishing in Washington* pamphlet (<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/fishregs.htm>).

### **South Sound/Olympic Peninsula**

With June nearly here, anglers can soon add **trout** and **steelhead** to their list of fishing choices, or continue to take advantage of the **halibut** and **lingcod** seasons, which end in a few more weeks. In addition, spring **chinook** are running in Olympic Peninsula rivers, anglers are getting an extra day to catch **shrimp** in Hood Canal and a new **crab** season is on the horizon.

The recreational **halibut** fisheries in Marine Area 1 (Ilwaco) and Marine Area 2 (Westport) are now closed, but anglers trying for the big flat fish still have a few options. The North Coast (Neah Bay and LaPush) fishery will reopen for one day on Thursday, May 31 from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., and will reopen June 19 and 21. Anglers fishing those days will be restricted to waters no more than 30 fathoms deep, as specified in the 2007-08 *Fishing in Washington* rules pamphlet.

Sunny weather in Port Angeles brought out hundreds of halibut fishers during the last weekend in May, and fishing was good until the wind kicked up. Participants in the 7th annual Port Angeles Halibut Derby, caught a total of 40 fish with the winner bringing in a 78-pounder. This area, as well as Puget Sound, will close June 16. Marine Area 5 (Seiku) will remain open through Aug. 3. These fisheries are open five days a week, Thursday through Monday.

Anglers fishing for **lingcod** and other bottom fish off Westport the last weekend of May had better luck with the weather, said Wendy Beeghley, WDFW fish biologist. "When the weather allows people to get out on the water, there are lots of lingcod and black rockfish," she said. Anglers should note the one-fish daily limit during the lingcod hook-and-line season in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and south Puget Sound (May 1-June 15).

Returning **spring chinook** are keeping anglers busy on the Sol Duc, Quillayute and Hoh rivers on the northern Olympic Peninsula, said Mike Gross, WDFW fish biologist. "We're seeing good numbers with more than 250 back to the Sol Duc hatchery," he said. However, the warm weather is causing the Hoh to discolor due to late-spring glacial melt.

With the opening of river fishing on June 1, Gross reminds people angling for sea-run and resident **cutthroat** to take their *Fishing in Washington* pamphlet with them or check online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/fishregs.htm> before they go. Regulations can vary river by river. Anglers looking for hatchery **summer steelhead** should consider the Wynoochee and Chehalis rivers in Grays Harbor County, as well as the Quillayute, Bogachiel, Calawah, Sol Duc, Hoh, and Lyre, said Gross.

June 1 also marks opening day for **salmon** fishing in Marine Area 11, which extends from the northern tip of Vashon Island to the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Selective fishing rules will be in effect, requiring anglers to use single, barbless hooks and release any wild chinook they encounter. Anglers should also note that Commencement Bay is closed to salmon fishing until Aug. 1. Details on rules and limits are included in the *Fishing in Washington* pamphlet, or online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/fishregs.htm>.

**Shrimp** fishing will open for one more day in Hood Canal, on a date to be announced the week of May 29. Anglers will have an opportunity to harvest nearly 11,000 pounds of spot shrimp still available there. Meanwhile, in the Tacoma area, Marine Area 11 will reopen for non-spot shrimp June 1, with a 150-foot maximum fishing depth restriction. Marine Areas 4 (east of the Bonilla Line), 5, 6 (excluding the Discovery Bay Shrimp District) and 13 are open daily. For more information, anglers can check online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/shelfish/shrimpreg/shrimpindex.shtml>, or call the Shellfish Hotline

at 1-866-880-5431.

Looking forward to **crab** fishing? The popular recreational fishery opens June 18 seven days a week in the western Strait of Juan de Fuca (marine areas 4 and 5) and southern Puget Sound (Marine Area 13). Most other marine areas will open July 4 on a Wednesday-through-Saturday schedule, although some waters north of Anacortes will not open until later in summer.

Crab fishers should be aware of several changes in this year's catch-reporting system including:

**Two-card reporting system:** All sport crabbers fishing in Puget Sound will be required to report their Dungeness crab catch on separate summer and fall/winter catch record cards during the course of the season.

**On-line reporting:** For the first time, sport crabbers will have the option of reporting their catch via the Internet in lieu of mailing in their catch cards. The website address will be printed on the catch cards along with the reporting deadlines.

**No coastal reporting:** Catch record cards are no longer required to fish for Dungeness crab on the Washington coast (marine areas 1-4).

The new catch record cards are available from license dealers throughout the state. Fishers who have already purchased a 2007 Puget Sound crab endorsement will receive their cards by mail prior to the first opening on June 18. Those who have changed their address since purchasing their endorsement should contact WDFW at (360) 902-2464 to make sure they get their cards.

Additional information is available on the WDFW website at

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/fishregs.htm>, or  
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/shelfish/crabreg/crabindex.shtml>.

**Free Fishing Weekend** for all state residents is coming up June 9-10. During those two days, no license will be required to fish or gather shellfish in any waters open to fishing in Washington state. Also, no vehicle use permit will be required during Free Fishing Weekend to park at any of the 500 water-access sites maintained by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). While no licenses are required on Free Fishing Weekend, other rules such as size limits, bag limits and season closures will still be in effect. (For example, no crab fishing in Puget Sound will be allowed during Free Fishing Weekend, because the fishery will still be closed as of June 9-10.) Anglers will also be required to complete a catch record card for any salmon, steelhead, sturgeon or halibut they catch. Catch record cards and WDFW's **Fishing in Washington** rules pamphlet are available free at hundreds of sporting goods stores and other license dealers throughout the state. The rules pamphlet is also available online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/fishregs.htm>.

### **Southwest Washington:**

The hatchery **spring chinook** season has been extended through June 15 on the lower Columbia River from the I-5 Bridge downstream to the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line, although the run is clearly winding down. **Shad**, on the other hand, have been abundant in some areas, and **sturgeon** fishing has been heating up from the Columbia River Gorge down to the estuary.

Anglers should also be aware that a variety of rivers and streams open to **trout** fishing June 1 and that fishing licenses aren't required June 9-10 during **Free Fishing Weekend**.

"There's definitely a lot going on right now as we move into the summer season," said Joe Hymer, WDFW fish biologist. "Part of the challenge is figuring out what kind of fishing you want to do." Those intent on landing a hatchery **spring chinook** - either on the mainstem Columbia or its tributaries - will probably have to work at it, Hymer said. Now that the bulk of the spring chinook run has passed

Bonneville Dam, anglers fishing below the dam are just as likely to catch an early **summer steelhead** or **summer chinook** as a springer, he said.

The good news is that returns of summer steelhead and chinook should start picking up soon, and the summer chinook season opens June 16 from Rocky Point/Tongue Point all the way up to Priest Rapids Dam. (For fishing regulations, check the *Fishing in Washington* rules pamphlet, posted on the WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/fishregs.htm>.)

"They call them 'summer hogs' for a reason," Hymer said. "Some of those fish will run to 30 or 40 pounds."

**Shad**, averaging three to five pounds, don't get that big, but make up for it in sheer numbers. Thirty-nine boat anglers fishing the Columbia mainstem from Bonneville to Longview reported keeping 127 shad - and releasing 442 others - during a weeklong creel survey ending May 28. Tens of thousands of fish are passing Bonneville Dam daily.

"Shad are boney, no doubt about it, but they put up a good fight and there is no limit on how many you can catch in Washington," Hymer said. "And you don't need a lot of fancy gear - a lot of anglers do just fine fishing a bead and a hook." For shad recipes, see the WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/outreach/fishing/shad/shad.htm>.

**Sturgeon** anglers might also want to check out some new recipes, too. During a recent creel survey, 514 charter boat anglers fishing out of Ilwaco reported catching 206 legal-size sturgeon. Another 613 private boat anglers fishing from Ilwaco to Deep River reported 97 keepers - all of which Hymer sees as the start of even better fishing ahead.

"Right now sturgeon seem to be spread from Marker 85 all the way down to the estuary," he said. "My sense is that some of those fish are moving downriver and will start concentrating in the estuary." Anglers who prefer to fish smaller waters can look forward to June 1, when a number of rivers and creeks throughout the region open for trout fishing. Those rivers fall into two main categories: stocked and wild. By the season opener, WDFW plans to finish planting thousands of 9-to-12-inch fish in waters such as Canyon Creek in Clark County, Spring Creek in Klickitat County and Little White Salmon River in Skamania County. The complete stocking scheduled for the region is available on the WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/plants/regions/reg5/index.htm>.

Those seeking warm water species should try John Day Pool, Hymer said. Creel surveys conducted May 21-27 found that boat anglers averaged over two walleye and eight bass kept or released per rod. Washingtonians who are interested in fishing but haven't actually given it a try have a perfect chance to do so during **Free Fishing Weekend**, scheduled June 9-10.

During those two days, no license will be required to fish or gather shellfish in any waters open to fishing in Washington state. Also, no vehicle use permit will be required during Free Fishing Weekend to park at any of the 500 water-access sites maintained by WDFW.

"Free Fishing Weekend is a great time to revive an old hobby or to introduce friends and family to fishing," Hymer said. "Adults can introduce kids to fishing on a wide variety of waters around the state." While no licenses are required on Free Fishing Weekend, other rules such as size limits, bag limits and season closures will still be in effect. Anglers will also be required to complete a catch record card for any salmon, steelhead, sturgeon or halibut they catch. Catch record cards and WDFW's *Fishing in Washington* rules pamphlet are available free at hundreds of sporting goods stores and other license dealers throughout the state. The rules pamphlet is also available online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/fishregs.htm>.

### **Eastern Washington:**

With warm weather in the forecast, anglers should expect a slowdown in the good fishing they've experienced in recent weeks. "Fish now, and get ready to start fishing earlier and later in the day," suggests Chris Donley, WDFW central district fish biologist of Spokane. Donley says virtually every open fishery has good action now, from **rainbow trout** at Coffeepot Lake in Lincoln County to **largemouth bass** at Rock Lake in Whitman County.

WDFW northeast district fish biologist Curt Vail of Colville reports Waitts Lake has been very good for rainbows from 11 inches and up and **brown trout** from 16 inches and up. "Curlew Lake is great for rainbows again this year," Vail said. "A possible new state record **tiger muskie** - one that exceeded a 48-inch-long tape measure - was caught there recently but it was released by a bass fisherman." Vail also noted Bayley and McDowell lakes on the Little Pend Oreille Wildlife Refuge have been producing catches of rainbow up to 25 inches and lots of smaller fish have been hooked and released.

WDFW enforcement sergeant Dan Rahn reported checking good catches during a boat patrol on Lake Roosevelt over the Memorial Day weekend. "We checked some nice **walleye** and **bass** in the Hawk Creek area and on the lake below Two Rivers," he said. "Walleye fishing should also be good on the June first opener of the Spokane Arm as usual."

Many rivers and streams throughout the region open to fishing June 1. After current high flows in some settle out, they should provide good action on trout and other species. WDFW fish biologists remind anglers to read the regulations carefully because there are restrictions on gear and portions of waterways to protect future fish populations.

WDFW southeast district fish biologist Glen Mendel of Walla Walla reports the special Snake River hatchery **chinook salmon** season is continuing "fairly well" and is likely to remain open another couple weeks. But at the current rate of catch, Mendel doubted the special season would last until the end of June. The season is open from Texas Rapids boat launch upstream to the Corps of Engineers boat launch about a mile upstream of Little Goose Dam on the south bank of the Snake River. The daily limit is one hatchery (adipose-fin-clipped with healed scar) chinook at least 12 inches long. All chinook with the adipose fin intact - and all steelhead - must immediately be released unharmed. Anglers must use barbless hooks when fishing for all species in this area of the Snake River during the salmon fishery, and use hooks no larger than 5/8 inch (point of hook to shank).

Family fishing events are planned in southeast Washington for the June 9-10 Free Fishing Weekend. A kids' fishing derby is scheduled on Saturday morning, June 9, at West Evans Pond near Clarkston, and on Sunday morning, June 10, at Rainbow Lake in the Tucannon River Valley. Special prizes are offered for tagged rainbow trout stocked in both waters from WDFW's Tucannon Fish Hatchery. For more information about the events, contact the Umatilla National Forest's Pomeroy Ranger District at 509-843-1891.

### **North Central Washington:**

**Chinook salmon** fishing on the Icicle River in Chelan County continues with a daily catch limit of two salmon, minimum size 12 inches. The portion of the river that opened May 22 for the special season is from the closure signs 800 feet upstream of the mouth to 500 feet downstream of the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery rack. WDFW Chelan district fish biologist Art Viola of Cashmere explains that fishery is possible because in-season run analyses predict about 2,500 salmon are coming to the Icicle that are not listed as endangered, and only about 1,000 fish are needed for hatchery broodstock. Viola reminds anglers that a night closure and non-buoyant lure restrictions are in effect. Depending on catch rates, the season could remain open through July.

June 1 marks the opening of river and stream fishing throughout the region. WDFW Okanogan district fish biologist Bob Jateff of Omak reminds anglers that it's catch-and-release only with selective gear for

**trout** on the Methow River and selected tributaries such as the Twisp and Chewuch. "The river is still a little high for fishing yet," Jateff said, "but it should be in pretty good shape by the middle of June. Anglers should check the fishing rules pamphlet closely because there are selected areas on the Methow, Twisp, and Chewuch rivers that are open to fishing during specific dates only."

Jateff also reports that lake fishing has been good with the Conconullys, Wannacut and Spectacle all producing nice catches of **rainbow trout**. "Of the selective gear waters, Blue Lake in the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area has been good for rainbow and brown trout running 12 to 20 inches," he said. "Pearrygin Lake near Winthrop and Jameson Lake in Douglas County both continue to provide good catches of rainbow for both shore and boat anglers."

WDFW Columbia Basin district fish biologist Jeff Korth of Moses Lake says **walleye** fishing has been slow recently at Potholes Reservoir and Moses Lake. "The fish are there," he said, "and when the bite has been on, everyone was getting fish. Be prepared to keep trying different means of enticing fish to grab the bait. Water temperatures are still in the mid to high 60's, so there's plenty of time to get out there before things warm up too much."

#### **South Central Washington:**

WDFW district fish biologist Paul Hoffarth of Pasco reports **shad** are moving up the Columbia and Snake Rivers now. "Shad migrate in large schools and pass relatively close to shore in many areas as they move upstream," Hoffarth said. "Shad darts and mylar jigs are very effective. Boat anglers should use divers to get their lures down, nine to 20 feet deep in most areas."

Hoffarth also noted **sturgeon** fishing in the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River should start to be productive in early June. "Remember the sturgeon sanctuary remains in effect from the Interstate 82 bridge at Umatilla upstream to McNary Dam," he said. "This area will remain closed to angling for sturgeon through July 31." The sturgeon fishery in the John Day Pool, from John Day Dam upstream to the I-82 bridge, is nearing the quota for this year and is expected to close soon. For an updates on that fishery, check the WDFW fishing rule change website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/fishregs.htm>.

The Ringold bank fishery for **spring chinook salmon** has been extended through June 15. "The summer chinook season in the Hanford Reach will kick off on June 16, just as the Ringold bank fishery ends," Hoffarth said. "The summer fishery is open to boat anglers as well as bank anglers, but check the rules pamphlet for all restrictions."

Rivers and streams open to fishing June 1, although WDFW fish biologist Jim Cummins says the southcentral region's waterways are generally are not a big draw early on. "Water temperatures are generally cold and flows are a little high, often resulting in slow fishing," he explained. "River flows have been moderate and most rivers and streams have been in fishable condition, but that is likely to change soon with a warming trend that will cause high elevation snow to melt."

"The best bet for the June first opener might be the Naches River," Cummins said. "Some nice **cutthroat** and **rainbow trout** can be caught early in the season there. Bull trout, adult steelhead and salmon must be released if caught, and all fish must be released in the catch-and-release section of the river. Although fly fishing is good later in the season, the best early season success is with spinners and spoons. Anglers need to read the regulations carefully, and note that no bait is allowed and that single, barbless hooks are required."

Cummins noted the Yakima River, which is open year-round above Roza Dam, is flowing higher now than desirable for fly anglers. Hoffarth agrees the Yakima is running high, but in the Tri-Cities area that's making for some excellent early summer fishing conditions for **bass** and **channel catfish**. Hoffarth also notes **walleye** fishing in the Columbia and Snake rivers usually picks up in June. Best

bets in the Columbia are the areas near the Irrigon and Boardman marinas just across the border in Oregon.

**Kokanee** fishing should begin to heat up in June in Yakima River reservoirs, Cummins said, but so far it's been slow. "All of the Yakima reservoirs are full," he said, "so boat launching should be good. Rimrock, Bumping, Kachess, Keechelus and Cle Elum reservoirs all hold kokanee. Rimrock Reservoir is muddy, which may delay the kokanee bite. Flood flows last November via the North and South forks of the Tieton River, evidently brought in tons of silt which remains suspended in the water column. The Tieton River itself is also muddy, and may remain muddy for several months."

WDFW district fish biologist Eric Anderson of Yakima reports **triploid rainbow trout** will be stocked in three popular lakes June 4-6: Lost Lake in Kittitas County will receive over 3,500 triploids running three-quarters of a pound to a pound-and-a-half each; Dog Lake in Yakima County will receive 1,468 triploids at a pound-and-a-half each; and Leech Lake in Yakima County receives 1,105 triploids at a pound-and-a-half each.

"Fishing action at Clear Lake in Yakima County remains hot with over 10,000 catchable-sized **rainbow trout** stocked in the last several weeks," Anderson said. "Clear Lake also received over 6,400 of the larger triploid rainbow trout since the first of May."

Anderson said many other lakes and ponds in the Yakima and Kittitas valleys continue to provide good fishing. "Our hatchery crews are gearing up to re-stock many of them right before the state's designated Free Fishing Weekend on June 9 -10." See WDFW's website <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/plants/weekly/> for details.

### Reader Email

New subscriber Nick C. wrote this week, "Hoping you might be able to give me a heads up on the fishing at Wallowa lake. Were heading up there the 10th of June for a week to 10 days This will be my first time on the lake and I understand the Kokanee fishing can be real good with some trophy sized fish, also going to try for some lake trout. I am fairly new to the guides report and enjoy it very much, but I haven't seen much about the area we are going. Any info you could give me such as locations, techniques, bait, would be greatly appreciated. I am equipped with downriggers and fish finders. Thanks in advance for your info. I will let you know how it went when we return."

TGF co editor Michael Teague replied, "Hello, Neil- Welcome to The Guide's Forecast!

"We share reports we receive and don't speculate. All of the information you read in TGF is fresh, that is from over the week preceding 'publishing' ... we never use information older than that. While we use these reports and past experience to predict how fishing will be over the coming week, that's the extent of any conjecture.

"That said, we are reliant upon reports from professional guides and recreational anglers who share recent experiences. When we get the reports, we pass them on. We can't fish everywhere, every week (darn it), so when we don't get information on a favorite destination, nothing appears in TGF. We don't get many reports from that far to the east.

"Regarding your specific question, reports have been spotty recently, although Wallowa Lake is scheduled to be planted with hatchery rainbows this week. Kokanee fishing has been good recently on the troll in 30-foot depths, but no reports have been received on the size of fish taken. The effective depth may have changed by the time you arrive there in 10 days or so. Tip: Try an Apex Kokanee Killer for the larger fish.

"It may also be of interest to you that the Willowa River is open now. See the details in our **Central and Eastern Oregon** section.

"Please write again anytime."

Mike O. wrote via the Contact Form at the TGF website, ""Are there reports regarding Green Peter Reservoir and Odell Lake, as these are my main fishing spots?"

Michael Responded, "You didn't mention what you're fishing for and while these two fisheries are best known for kokanee, the largemouth bass fishing at Green Peter has been fair to good recently.

"Here are some details on these and other fisheries from tonight's TGF: "Odell has been producing good catches of kokanee averaging over a foot in length. Trollers are taking them daily with mornings most productive. Crescent is kicking out kokanee with limits for some boaters along with the occasional dandy Mackinaw. Green Peter has been productive for kokanee for both trollers and bait anglers for decent sized fish. Early efforts will pay off best as the wind cones up reliably mid-day."

"If you have any further questions on these or another fishery or on specific techniques please write again anytime."

Got a question, story to tell or information to share? Shoot us an Email!

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### **Random Links**

Oscar Hoffman Jr. of Madras took this 25-pound brown trout on May 19 in the Deschutes Arm of the Wickiup Reservoir



<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070527/OUTDOORS/705270322/1034>

New ODFW booklet Easy Angling Oregon available online

[http://www.dfw.state.or.us/easy\\_angling/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/easy_angling/index.asp)

**Weekly Quote** – "I continually read of men who said they would be just as happy not catching trout as catching them. To me, that even then sounded pious nonsense, and rather more of an excuse than a statement of fact. No, I want to catch them, and every time I slip on my waders and put up a fly, it is with this in mind." - Brian Clark

**GOOD LUCK!**