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

Forecasting for the fishing week of **May 30th – June 5th, 2014**

Oregon Fisheries Update:

Willamette Valley/Metro – Columbia fishing, while remaining one of the stronger options in the region, has slowed with the increase in flows. Of the chinook that are being taken, a large portion of them are reported of the "high-fin" variety. Summer steelhead have yet to show in good number.

Springer fishing is slow on the lower Willamette. Herring, whole or cut-plug with flashers or not is still getting hit as are prawn spinners. Water temperatures are climbing into the 60s so hardware will soon be an option. Chinook are scattered with a few coming between St. Johns Bridge and the head of Multnomah Channel. Oregon City has been slow but steady although another fishery is rapidly developing as shad are plentiful and willing. Small, shiny spoons and curly-tail jigs are taking these fish but a brass swivel with a Siwash hook attached is working just as well. Sturgeon are biting well in the harbor and smallmouth bass fishing has been good.

Hatches are prolific on the McKenzie making every day pleasant for fly anglers seeking reddsides. The transition for a spring river to a summer stream is occurring now.

Spring chinook are moving into the Santiams with catches starting soon near the confluence and into the lower South Santiam River. Summer steelhead are increasing in number on the North Santiam as prospects improve. Steelhead have been taken on spinners at Mehama this week.

The Clackamas River has been giving up a few summer steelhead. Bank anglers at McIver Park will have the best chance of a hookup at first light with hardware getting hits. Spinners in brass, copper or black are taking fish as are small spoons and nightmare jigs. Spring chinook catches have been a rarity in low water conditions.

Spinners in sizes 3 and 4 have been taking Sandy steelhead this week. Most fish are running around the eight-pound mark although a few in the 10-pound range have been landed. Effort is very light with the water level low and dropping. Springers are around with some anglers getting lucky on rare occasion with larger spinners. Algae has been causing headaches here and there's a potential for turbidity from glacial runoff in hot weather this week. The Sandy Classic runs on Saturday, go to www.nwsteelheaders.org to register.

Northwest – Tillamook spring chinook anglers found fair success this past week on the weak tide series. Most effort centered around the lower bay and adjacent ocean. The morning bite produced best on the south side of the south jetty and the Ghost Hole produced surprising results on the incoming tide. Pat Vining and Aubrey Engles produced 3 springers in 1 hour trolling herring along the inside of the north jetty on Sunday. All fish came on trolled herring, late in the afternoon after everyone left. Anglers need to be aware that bait is hard to come by and for those that have it, expect to pay a premium price.

River anglers in the Trask, Wilson and Nestucca Rivers found challenging conditions. As flows drop and clear, fish will become more wary. It's forecast to be much the same for the coming week, making tidewater the most attractive option, particularly in the Trask.

Bottomfishing was good over the weekend with most charter trips reporting limits out of Garibaldi. Halibut fishing was hit or miss however but should remain consistent on the next opener in a few weeks.

Razor clams should be a good option along Clatsop Beaches this weekend. Dig close to the surf for bigger clams.

Southwest- While sport and charter boats reported a slower bite during the recent three day all-depth halibut opener, almost everyone took limits of fish. The next chance for deepwater flatties will be on June 5-7 and June 19-21 with additional dates tentatively scheduled in July if necessary. The summer all-depth fishery opens in August.

Surf perch fishing has been worthwhile for anglers casting from beaches and is expected to produce good catches throughout the summer months.

Winchester Bay crabbing remains too poor to be worth the effort although rockfishing has been worthwhile along the jetties and the perch fishery is picking up on the lower Umpqua. Spring chinook catches have been slow to spotty this week but smallmouth bass fishing is improving and shad are hitting tiny spoons and jigs at Yellow Creek and Sawyers Rapids.

Coos Bay crabbers are picking up a few keeper Dungeness with persistence. Fishing for rockfish and lingcod has been fair to good along the jetties.

With water on the lower Rogue low, clear and too warm to fish well, spring chinook catches have been slow. Springers continue to charge through the middle river, stopping only on rare occasion to take a swipe at bait or lure as they pass by. Upper Rogue anglers have continued to score spring chinook with some real brutes landed over the past weekend.

Salmon fishing out of the Port of Brookings has been nothing short of phenomenal for this time of year. Historically, the opener is not the best time for ocean chinook but catches since the season started have eclipsed those out of Newport many times over. Examination of stomach contents indicate salmon are gorging on krill. Catches of rockfish and lingcod have remained strong. Halibut fishers have taken 27% of the south coast quota.

Eastern – Although Salmonflies should be showing in greater number on the Deschutes, that was not the case over the past weekend with few hatches of any kind on some stretches. Despite the dearth of insects, Golden Stone patterns fooled several large redsides below Maupin.

Crooked River flows continue to moderate very slightly with the flow 240 cfs early this week. It has been reliably productive for trout.

Lemolo Lake produced limits of fat trout over the Memorial Day weekend.

Kokanee fishing was fair for trollers at Green Peter over the past weekend although the wind was problematic at times.

Odell has been producing good numbers of good-sized kokanee this week on the troll.

Wickiup has been poor to slow with the water temperatures too high to fish well.

SW Washington- Overall, fishing success and opportunities are starting to wind down. The Cowlitz remains the best option in the district with spring chinook still the strongest option. Steelhead are starting to show but are still weeks away from peak.

The Kalama and Lewis Rivers remain poor options for salmon (closed) and steelhead.

Bonneville Dam counts continue to dwindle although some opportunity still exists for mainstem anglers on the Wind, White Salmon and Klickitat Rivers. Eggs and shrimp tails will likely produce the best results.

Soapbox Update: It's time to help 2 great organizations! Please consider participating in one or both of these events:

The Sandy River Classic, helping fight the frivolous lawsuits aimed at closing our hatcheries:

<http://nwsteelheaders.org/sandy-river-spring-chinook-classic/>

Bounty on the Bay helps the Tillamook Estuaries Partnership restore critical fish and wildlife habitat:

<http://www.tbnep.org/>

Columbia River Fishing Report – Anglers remain excited about mainstem Columbia opportunity and some days are panning out quite productive for lower and upper reach anglers. With the recent jump in court-mandated flow and spill for our juvenile out-migrating fish, (that's a good thing) catch rates have dropped as fish have migration on the mind. Bonneville is still passing around 2,000 fish per day past the facility, indicating that there are still plenty of fish coming.

As far as angler catch, it's becoming pretty evident that the summer chinook run is starting to show as we're having more fish in the 20 and some in the 30 pound class. These "June Hogs" typically don't show in good numbers until June (go figure) but the late May strong showing when the run typically peaks in late June/early July at Bonneville, might be an indication that the run is larger than anticipated. The 2014 forecast for summer chinook came in at 67,500 fish but I'll go out on a limb and guess we'll do better than that this year. The summer chinook run statistically starts on June 15th on the Columbia River. Recent reports from the Westport area indicate inconsistent fishing from day to day but you're likely to get some opportunity nearly every time you go out. Plugs are taking the lion's share of fish and anglers have to remember to pinch barbs despite how little that actually benefits released fish. That's making for a frustrating strike to land ratio but if you do land your fish nearly 80% of them are of wild origin, requiring release. It's pretty painful to be releasing 30 pound June Hogs but let's hope we can recover those fish that may enable for a better consumptive opportunity in the future. A recent commercial fishery confirmed the high rate of wild fish in the system.

Summer steelhead and sockeye are just starting to climb in numbers over Bonneville. The sockeye forecast is nearly 350,000 adults over Bonneville; we'll have to wait and see if there is any sport opportunity for these fish. We're at 60 or 70 adult steelhead per day crossing Bonneville. When counts reach 200 adults per day, it's time to put in a more earnest effort.

There are a few boats participating in the shad fishery at Bonneville and action is ramping up nicely. Shad are readily taking Dick Nite spoons, metallic on sunny days, chartreuse on cloudy days with numbers building daily. These fish make for great action and super crab or sturgeon bait too.

Sturgeon fishing is picking up in the mainstem with **pro guide Dan Ponciano (360-607-8511)** reporting fair to good action for sturgeon near Kelly Point Park. With no much competition in the area, it's a pretty wide-open range to work with and herring are producing some of the better results; likely a product of herring trollers throwing herring heads over the side of the boat all spring in the Willamette system. Action here will only get better as water temperatures warm.

For upriver anglers, fishery managers adopted more time on the water last week. Here's the official press release:

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States reopen Chinook season above Bonneville

CLACKAMAS, Ore. – Continued improvement in the number of upriver spring Chinook salmon returning to the Columbia River prompted fishery managers from Oregon and Washington to reopen the recreational fishing season above Bonneville Dam.

Spring Chinook fishing will reopen above Bonneville Dam from Saturday, May 31 through Sunday, June 15 under rules adopted today during a joint state hearing of fish and wildlife officials from the two states.

The joint state action is based on a revised estimate of salmon returns issued on Tuesday by the U.S. v. Oregon Technical Advisory Committee, which adjusted its expected return of upriver Chinook to 230,000 fish, up from the previous estimate of a minimum 224,000 upriver fish.

At the last meeting of the two states, on May 13, fishery managers reopened the lower Columbia to recreational Chinook salmon fishing for an extra month, through June 15. The season was structured to dovetail into the summer Chinook season, which begins on June 16.

“With these extra fish we’re now able to give upriver fishermen some additional fishing opportunity, too,” said John North, ODFW’s Columbia River Program manager.

Under the rules approved at today’s hearing, the season opens to both boat and bank fishing from the Tower Island power lines approximately six miles below The Dalles Dam, upstream to the Oregon/Washington border (about 17 miles upstream of McNary Dam), plus bank fishing only from Bonneville Dam to the Tower Island power lines.

The bag limit is two fin-clipped adult salmonids per day, of which only one may be a Chinook. Up to five adipose fin-clipped jack Chinook and shad may also be kept per permanent regulations.

For more information, visit ODFW’s website at www.odfw.com.

The Guide’s Forecast – As for the fishing ahead, well, the high water isn’t going away anytime soon; it’s likely the reason our season has liberalized so much; because catch rates slow in the higher flows. More importantly, it’s sending our juveniles downstream in a proper and more natural fashion. But on to fishing, don’t look for this fishery to catch fire but action may remain consistent well into June. We should start to see a lull in action as we transition more from spring chinook (tapering) to summer chinook (building). If the run comes in larger than expected (that’s my expectation), the action should remain fair to good. We’re on a minus tide series this week, which would normally help fish gravitate towards the shoreline but with flow so high (see graph below), it really won’t make much of a difference. Chinook and what few steelhead are in the system, should be pretty accessible to bank anglers.

Spin-n-Glos will still produce the best results for bank anglers, I still suggest using the greens/purples and maybe a half chartreuse/half flame stand-by as those have good history on the mainstem. DO use scent and some are already tipping their spin-n-glos with coon shrimp. This should be a good combo. You can also effectively take fish on plugs fished from shore, don't overlook it as an option. Lower river boaters should stay focused on plugs to entice fish but I've had some limited success using small sand shrimp and spin-n-glos as well. Don't anchor too deep as cool flows and strong currents will keep these fish close to shore. If you're going to fish in the gorge, you should strongly consider spinners in your arsenal with coppers and reds working quite well for these later returning fish. Keep your offerings pretty close to the bottom.

Willamette, McKenzie & Santiam Rivers Fishing Report – Willamette Flows have increased slightly this week at the Falls as has the water temperature although visibility has remained good. Lower river spring Chinook fishing has been poor this week. With the water temperature at Willamette Falls climbing into the mid-60s, several hundred spring Chinook are heading upriver every day, pushing the YTD total very near the 20,000 mark, A couple of hundred summer steelhead are also crossing the Falls every day with about 6,000 upstream now. Those fish will be best targeted in upper river tributaries through the month of June.

McKenzie flows are on track to drop into the 3,000 cfs range by the coming weekend. This shouldn't bother fly fishers who will be greeted by beautiful water conditions and willing native redsides. Throw Caddis patterns during the hatches or nymphs in their absence.

North Santiam water levels are forecast to be on a gradual decline for the next 10 days or so. As of mid-day Thursday, it was running about 3,000 cfs at Mehama at mid-day this week with the river historically fishing well below that level. NOAA predicts similar moderation of flows on the South Santiam which is forecast to be in the 1,600 cfs range by the coming weekend. Springers and summer steelhead are entering the system and have been seen as high as Foster Dam.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will host a free family fishing event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at Mt. Hood Pond in Gresham. A feature of the ODFW Outdoors program, the event is designed to introduce young people and their families to fishing. ODFW will hand out rods, reels, tackle and bait to youngsters who are learning to fish or do not have their own gear. Participants are welcome to bring their own equipment if they prefer. Angling instructors will be on site to provide assistance on everything from gearing up and casting to landing and cleaning fish.

Free Fishing Weekend in Oregon will take place on June 7th and 8th, during which time no license is required to fish, crab or clam anywhere in the state.

That free weekend will be more popular in the future if the fees purposed by the ODFW come to pass. They include a higher cost for all, including Pioneers and Ocean anglers:
http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/budget/docs/Proposed_Rec_License_Fee_Schedule4_Town_Halls.pdf.

The Guide's Forecast – Some nice summer steelhead are occasionally responding to prawn spinners making this a double-duty rig and as slow as springer fishing has been, probably a best bet. As water temperatures increase, a rod to drag hardware would be a logical choice. Bank fishing at Meldrum and other popular spots along the lower Willamette has been an exercise in frustration this week; No one has even seen a fish landed. While Oregon City had been one of the more productive stretches for salmon over the past few weeks, the area is so full of shad fishers that trolling has become an impossibility. Shad fishing will be excellent for any getting their lures in the path of shad moving upstream although Thursday's report indicated the backup of the Willamette by the Columbia River has tapered the bite dramatically. Bass fishing has been heating up with smallmouth taking spinnerbaits and crankbaits along rocky outcroppings and current breaks. Catch-and-release sturgeon fishing is quite good now at Swan

Island as well as the Toyota Hole. They'll readily eat baits of smelt, herring or squid. Avoid the stretch from the Falls to the Milwaukie railroad bridge as sturgeon fishing is not allowed there.

Signs have appeared on the lower McKenzie warning of an "Extreme Hazard Ahead." This refers to a tree in the river at Riverbend where boaters are advised to stay to river right. Hopefully, those traveling by inflatables during warm weather in the next few days will play safely.

Waterloo on the South Santiam has been getting a lot of traffic and pressure from angler effort although very few summer steelhead have been taken. There are fresh fish moving into the system, however, and they have to show up sometime. Getting there at first light will give one an edge over both the fish and the competition. Summer steelhead catches have picked up a little on the North Santiam and is expected to show further improvement as more fish move up from Willamette Falls to enter the system.

Clackamas and Sandy River Fishing Reports – Steelheaders drifting baits of cured eggs beneath a float have been taking fish on the Sandy this week. These low-water summers seem to be more attracted to bait than lures although some hardware diehards continue to hit fish. Pressure has been very light with the ODFW attributing this to anglers interpreting this year's hatchery reductions as effecting this year's returns when, in fact, it will be a year or more until the effect of these budget cuts is evident on the river. The ODFW insists there are good numbers of spring Chinook and steelhead available in the Sandy River right now.

Bobber and bait has cracked the code on the Clackamas River for steelheaders this week with several large, bright fish taken by drift boaters as recently as Wednesday of this week. This technique should hold up well as there will be little change in water conditions over the next several days. Try near Rivermill Dam where there has been a good bit of fish movement this week. Volunteers are assisting Clackamas County in placing and weekly pickup of a baker's dozen 40-gallon trash receptacles along the Clackamas River. Please help others to use them instead of the riverbank.

The Guide's Forecast – Warm weather this week may trigger glacial events on the Sandy in which the water will be turbid. Colors ranging from milky white to gray are possible during a glacial runoff event. In any case, when it happens, it tends to shut down fishing.

Barton to Carver remains the best bet to hook up with a summer steelhead. More anglers will be focusing on spring Chinook into the month of June as numbers and catches improve. So far, it has been a hit-or-miss fishery. A few have been caught near the mouth of Eagle Creek with springers expected to enter the creek as water temperatures rise.

Found on the Internet. The Clackamas can get crowded on sunny weekends.



North Coast Fishing Report – Anglers fishing in the Tillamook district have been largely disappointed in recent days. With the return of the minus tide series, again comes the moss problem in the upper bay. Effort has certainly been somewhat deterred but anglers that remain persistent do stand a fair chance of eking out a fish. Trollers largely remain frustrated in the upper bay, consistently fighting the moss coming down from the Tillamook River system.

Weak tides over the weekend produced fair results on the lower end of the bay as well as the adjacent ocean area. Early morning trollers took fish on the south side of the south jetty as well as the bay entrance but the bite barely lasted past the first couple hours of sunrise. I targeted the late morning high tide with poor results on Sunday. We did go off shore for an early afternoon black sea bass bite however. We took a small handful of quality sea bass off of dinner reef just out of Garibaldi. We saved our last five herring for a late tide opportunity along the inside of the north jetty. Most of the boats had already headed in since it was after 3:30 PM. With us and just to other boats, we made slow passes with the last trickle of outgoing tide yielding three spring Chinook in two passes. The two other boats were holding into the tide but I did not see them catch any fish. All our fish were taken on green label or small blue label herring. Both plug cut and whole herring were working. There has also been a fair handful of fish caught in the ghost hole on the second half of incoming tide through high slack. Springers have also been reported in the West Channel. Spring salmon fishing is a lot like fall salmon fishing, just without the numbers of fish. Regardless, it makes good sense to utilize fall techniques during this quality spring fishery.

The river fishery has largely turned to focus on the tidewater section. Bobber tossers are doing fair at best in the tidewater reaches but in the Trask River, where your chances are the best, it makes the most sense to target fish downstream of the Highway 101 put-in under the current conditions. Small clusters of eggs coupled with sand shrimp tails should produce results in the deeper holes. Anglers fishing upriver of tidewater are finding very challenging, clear water conditions. Like the Trask, the Wilson and the Nestucca systems also remain options but anglers would be wise to focus on the tidewater reaches using bobber and bait.

Upriver areas on these North coast systems will be challenging to catch salmon on. The best bet will remain the Trask River where concentrations of salmon are gathering near the hatchery. The bobber only rule has been in effect since May 1. Be sure to read the regulations for proper rigging on the Trask and Three Rivers systems.

Most saltwater anglers were focused on halibut through Saturday and bottom fish for the weekend. Success varied for halibut with some days producing much better than others for unknown reasons. Bottom fishing remained fairly consistent but ling cod are becoming more challenging to find in consistent numbers. This is not uncommon for this time of year. Black sea bass however are plentiful.

Ocean crabbing remains the best option for those seeking the tasty treat. Sadly however, the bulk of the keeper size crabs are in poor quality and should be considered for release.

Razor clam diggers are reporting mixed results but diggers consistently report that it is not easy out there. Those digging in the surf are finding larger clams while those digging in the dry are seeing a smaller brood.

The Guide's Forecast – With the minus tide series dominating coastal systems this weekend, spring Chinook anglers in the upper bay will largely be disappointed. The strong tides are ideal for those excited to backtroll plugs. Unfortunately moss will prohibit that productive activity. Furthermore, those trolling this reach will also find very frustrating conditions. Moss will foul your gear here so quickly, that you will not be able to make an effective pass. The lower bay will also produce poorly on the strong minus tide

series. Angler's best results will come from the Ghost Hole and in the upper bay towards high slack. Herring trollers may find some level of success although the bite will certainly not last long.

To further be a "Debbie Downer", the ocean is forecast to be rough and will make for a poor option, especially on the strong minus tide series. Bar crossings will be dangerous. That also takes bottom fishing out of the picture for some time, crabbing as well.

River anglers would be wise to keep to tidewater sections. With low, clear water conditions in the upper reaches, fish will be quite wary and not very willing to bite. Unfortunately, the strong tide series will not make for a prolonged bobber bite in tidewater. Focus your efforts close to low slack and high slack may produce an occasional biter as well.

With a forecasted increase in swell size, don't expect razor clam digging to be overly productive. Diggers could get in some action prior to the weekend but results will likely dramatically decrease through Sunday.

Crabbing will be a waste of time this weekend. Even during the tide changes, crabs will not be all that active. Furthermore, I picked up a crab trap on its way out to sea on Sunday. That was a weak tide series. Crabbers must be aware that they need to use weighted crab traps if they expect to retrieve their gear, let alone crab effectively.

Central & South Coast Reports – Boats seeking halibut did well out of Depoe Bay during the Thursday through Saturday opener over the past week. Some of the flatties taken were weighed in at nearly 90 pounds. While the quota percentages had not been updated in time to appear in this space, anglers may be confident for another chance on June 5th through 7th and again on June 19th through 21st. It's very likely backup dates in July will be utilized as well with the total quota over 113,000 pounds.

Ocean salmon trollers out of central Oregon ports are marking a few fish but rarely boating one.

A couple of fresh tuna carcasses were spotted in a dumpster near Newport at South Beach Marina. That is all.

The pinkfin perch fishery is well underway on the lower Umpqua with best results coming mid-tide. Later on, early mornings may emerge as best. Spring Chinook catches have been slow to fair in the low waters of the Umpqua mainstem. Smallmouth bass fishing has worthwhile with steady catches coming on soft plastics. Smallies are averaging 12 inches and they are plentiful. Shad fishing has been slow to fair this week.

Crabbing remains slow in Coos Bay with only a few legals being taken by boats. Fishing for rockfish is fair to good from the jetties and sea-run cutthroat trout. Only artificials may be used above tidewater in this or any of the coastal rivers.

While cutthroat are being taken in the lower Coquille River, it is of interest to some, the smallmouth bass have started biting in the mainstem as there is no size or bag limit on these fish.

When last week's windy conditions moderated sufficiently to allow charter boats to launch out of Gold Beach, halibut fishing was rewarding although fish taken were 40 pounds or less. Bottom fishing has been excellent with regular limits of lingcod and rockfish returning to the cleaning station on both sport and pay-to-fish vessels.

Springer fishing is slow in the low, clear warm water of the lower Rogue. While there's no significant precipitation in weather forecasts, that's what it's going to take to revive fishing here. On the middle

river, Chinook are still rushing through on their way to the upper stretches without slowing to take bait or lure. As a consequence, results have been slow. Action was slow on the upper Rogue over the past weekend and early this week as the Corps of Engineers cut back on flow out of the reservoir. The bite turned on mid-week, however, as many spring Chinook went on the bite. It seems the number of wild fish is greater in the mix now but there are still plenty of hatchery keepers available to upper river anglers. Flows are forecast to remain stable through the weekend to come.

Brookings offshore Chinook fishing. It's like this: *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVI_zP5mw-M&feature=youtube.

Trout fishing has been steady at Diamond Lake, producing many eight-fish limits and a couple of fish weighing four pounds or better.

Central and Eastern Oregon – Crooked River flows are stable at about 240 cfs. Caddis are hatching in large number but only every so often.

Lemolo Lake has continued to reliably produce limits of trout.

It's getting to the time of year when Waldo Lake may tempt anglers with its deep, clear water and large brook trout and kokanee. It's a good place to hone one's skills.

Davis Lake has been fishing well for bass as fly anglers are scoring with dark-colored patterns fished around the edges.

Lava Lake seemed to have disappointed no one this week, delivering limits of trout averaging 15 inches reliably to all who fished it with virtually any type of bait.

Fishing has been excellent at Gold Lake. Without a size or bag limit on Brook trout as the ODFW is trying to eliminate them at this location, anglers are taking as many as 50 of these tasty fish in a single day.

A number of those large trout for which Crane Prairie Reservoir is well-known are being landed this week by bobber fishers. Fly anglers have also been doing well during the Damsel Fly hatches.

Kokanee fishing has been good for trollers at Odell with many boats taking limits. Even those taking fewer than limits have been pleased with the quality of the fish. Some large Mackinaw are also being landed, mostly by those targeting them but every so often as they engulf a hoochie intended for kokes.

Numbers of bull trout available at Lake Billy Chinook are good enough that many trollers targeting kokanee are catching some.

Boats trolling brightly-colored hoochies behind Sling Blade flashers are taking fair to good numbers of kokanee at Crescent Lake at roughly 50 foot depths.

Venerable Green Peter has been offering fair to good fishing for kokanee to trollers this week. Fish are shallower mornings, moving to deeper water as light intensity increases.

The upper John Day River which opened May 17th for spring Chinook will remain open to fishing through Sunday, June 15 under temporary rules announced Wednesday this week by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. This decision was made due to persistent muddy water hampering efforts up the original closure date of June 1st. Anglers can keep two adult Chinook salmon and five jacks per day.

Thanks to an expected return of 1,500 spring Chinook to Lookingglass Creek, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has announced the creek will open to fishing for hatchery Chinook beginning Saturday, May 31. The creek, a tributary to the Grande Ronde River at Palmer Junction, will be open from the Moses Creek Lane Bridge (County Road 42) upstream to the confluence of Jarboe Creek. The fishery will remain open until the harvest quota is reached, which biologists estimate will be two to four weeks.

A bank fisherman slipped and fell into the cold waters of the Metolius over Memorial Day weekend. His body was recovered Tuesday. This is a grim reminder for all of us to be extra careful near any waterway.

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Random Links

Free Fishing Weekend events in Southern Oregon:

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2014/may/052714b.asp>

Interested in Deschutes Hatches? Macro-invertebrate Study

<http://images.wolfpk.com/deschutesriveralliance/pdf/DRA-Macroinvert%20GuideReport-Last%20One.pdf>

GOOD LUCK!