

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

Forecasting for the fishing week of **June 6th – June 12th, 2014**

**Free Fishing Weekend is Saturday and Sunday, June 7th and 8th.
Clam, crab or fish anywhere in Oregon without a license or tag.**

Willamette Valley/Metro – Bonneville has been producing fair results for chinook but anglers are in the full swing of shad fishing. The sky's the limit when shad fishing and some chinook are falling to shad gear as well. The wild to hatchery ratio strongly favors the "high-finned" variety.

Fish passage at Willamette Falls has been declining since mid-May. About 20,000 springers have crossed with another 7,500 retained by anglers in the lower river. Currently, Chinook fishing is very slow. Boats fishing the stretch from the St. Johns Bridge to the head of Multnomah Channel have been getting a few hits and, occasionally, a springer. Catch and release sturgeon fishing is steady on the lower river near Swan Island and at the Toyota Hole. Darts, grubs and small spoons are taking good numbers of shad at Oregon City. Middle Fork Willamette fly anglers are enjoying moderate flows and decent results for trout and summer steelhead.

McKenzie River flows took a jump on Monday this week and may be subject to further impact from snowmelt due to warm weather this week. Once the water starts to drop, caddis patterns will work for trout. There will be some summer steelhead in the system as well.

A couple of summer steelhead were taken recently at Mehama on the North Santiam and the river near the bridge at Mill City has produced a few. Fishing has been slow but springers are entering the mainstem and the lower South Santiam. Try bobber and eggs.

On the Clackamas, bank fishers at McIver are using jigs and spinners to entice summer steelhead. Targeting springers with bobber & bait has been marginally effective with water levels low and running clear. Fish early mornings and practice stealth techniques. Conditions aren't going to improve over the coming week.

Springers have been taken on the Sandy River this week by anglers targeting steelhead with bobber & bait near the mouth of Cedar Creek. Dodge Park has also produced a few springers recently.

Free fishing weekend is June 7 and 8 during which no license or tag is required but all fishing rules and regulations still apply.

Northwest – A nice soft tide series should produce good spring chinook catches on lower Tillamook Bay. Target the Ghost Hole and West Channel on the incoming tide but focus on the inside of the north jetty on the second half of outgoing tide this weekend. There's still time to register for the Bounty on the Bay event at: www.tbnep.org. This tide series will likely be the last productive one for the bay fishery. Moss continues to impede success in the upper reaches.

Lower Columbia River fishers are still getting chinook and a rare steelhead downstream of Longview. Those putting in the time admit that the ratio of wild to hatchery is about 4:1 but the fish are of quality size. Plugs remain the favorite for anchor anglers while spin-n-glos tipped with coon or sand shrimp are taking fish from shore.

Sturgeon fishers are seeing fair to good catches in the estuary. Both oversize and keeper sized fish are present, falling to both smelt and sand shrimp but given the abnormal amount of live anchovies at the mouth of the river, sturgeon should respond well to this bait as well.

Predicted winds are not coming to fruition but a large swell is in the forecast. If the ocean remains calm, bottomfishing out of northern ports could prove productive. Salmon trollers working the shoreline just to the north of the mouth of the Columbia scored excellent results for chinook on the opener; it remains fin-clipped only until mid-month.

Southwest- Central coast ports have been producing limits or near-limits of lingcod and rockfish when offshore winds have allowed boats to launch.

As of the last all-depth halibut opener on May 22-24, 50% of the 113,229-pound quota had been bagged. The next opportunity to ply the depths for halibut will be June 5-7 but offshore winds are forecasted to be wicked.

Pinkfin perch are entering Winchester Bay on their annual spawning run. Anglers on the lower Umpqua have been scoring good numbers of them over the past week.

Windy conditions cut down on ocean launches out of Coos Bay where catches of rockfish and lingcod have been good and chinook fishing slow when boats have gotten out. Bay crabbing is slow.

High winds kept sport and charter craft from launching out of Gold Beach much of the time over the past week. When boats were able to get out, rockfish and lingcod limits were taken as well as ocean crab. Spring chinook catches picked up on the lower Rogue due in part to more than 1,000 salmon recycled downriver from the hatchery over the past week. Low flows and high water temperatures have stalled catches on the middle river. Anglers on the upper Rogue are taking fair to good numbers of springers, primarily by backbouncing bait. Only hatchery salmon may be kept.

Brookings Harbor was once again the top Oregon port for ocean chinook over the past week. Divers and flashers trailing herring or anchovy are scoring fish. Chinook are in the upper 50 foot depths over 150 to 200 feet of water. Rockfishing has been excellent just outside the harbor.

Of the roughly 3,700-pound quota allowed to be taken in the south coast halibut quota, 58% remains to be caught.

A Free Fishing Weekend event at Diamond Lake on June 6th is expected to attract more than 600 children.

Eastern – Deschutes redbside action has been on one day, off the next from Warm Springs to Trout Creek. When the big bugs are active, good results may be expected. Otherwise, downsized offerings and nymphs have been filling the gap.

Trout fishing has been steady at the Crooked River although it has been crowded at times. ODF&W's annual fish sampling program begins the week of June 16th which will curtail success and compromise access while this important work is being conducted.

Trout fishing is fair to good on nymphs following a recent stocking at Wallowa Lake. Wallowa River is colored-up and running high but is producing trout along the banks.

Grande Ronde River levels are good for floating with Salmon Flies and Stoneflies on the move now.

Green Peter is producing kokanee to trollers using hoochies, spinners or spoons behind flashers on

downriggers in the 40 to 50 foot depths.

Kokanee catches have been fair but steady at Wickiup. A kokanee derby is scheduled here on June 14th.

SW Washington- Following a less than impressive adult return on all lower Columbia tributaries, effort is winding down on the Cowlitz and Wind River fisheries as well as Drano Lake. Anglers will be looking forward to better opportunity with summer steelhead arrive in better numbers in the coming weeks.

Anglers will begin focusing on the lower Columbia beaches but the tides aren't ideal for success this weekend. With high flows still in the forecast however, bank anglers should still fare well.

The Klickitat still has a few spring chinook available.

Soapbox Update:

Bounty on the Bay helps the Tillamook Estuaries Partnership restore critical fish and wildlife habitat: <http://www.tbnep.org/>

Columbia River Fishing Report – The lower Columbia remains one of the better options for spring and summer chinook right now. Guides working this area are reporting fair success from the Kalama to Westport reach. Those guides are setting up on anchor, running Kwikfish off of the back of their boats. With the high flows coming from the upper Columbia River impoundments, anglers don't seem to have much trouble getting their plugs to wiggle the entire day. It's really just a matter of having a school of salmon swim past your boat at the right time of day. Most guides putting in a full day's effort are typically yielding between 3 and 8 opportunities landing about half of those. Of those landed, it seems to be pretty challenging to find one of the hatchery variety. These are quality fish however with some fish inching into the 30-pound class and it's a high grade of fish, whether it's a summer fish or a later returning springer. With flow as high as they are, you'll find the chinook in water depths between 12 and 24 foot. There doesn't seem to be much rhyme or reason for success; right time, right place.

There is an increasing number of summer steelhead starting to show but we're clearly still several weeks away from peak period. Typically the best catches happen between the last week of June and the first two weeks of July. You have to match your hatch however with smaller plugs for steelhead and hot colored spin-n-glos tipped with coon shrimp. Steelhead being true shore-huggers will largely be out of reach for the deeper running anchor salmon fisherman. Serious steelheaders should wait until the minus tides, further concentrating fish closer to shore. Right now, sockeye are filling that niche but can be challenging to catch. Sockeye may be retained starting June 16th – June 30th to Bonneville Dam and July 31st to the OR/WA border. **Pro guide Brandon McGavran (360-607-1327)** noted numerous rolling sockeye near Kalama on Wednesday; an indication that the run is underway.

Bonneville fishing has also been consistent although double digit days are far from the reality. Most anglers, if anchored in the right spot, might see two to 7 opportunities for a day's effort. Bonneville anglers seem much more interested in shad these days, filling freezers full of crab and sturgeon bait. Under the frequent sunny skies, shad easily fall to brass Dick Nite spoons and shad darts. The small green grub has been quite effective as well.

Sturgeon fishing on the mainstem downstream of the Willamette is picking up. Although flows remain high and temperatures cool, sturgeon are starting to key into the lower estuary in hopes of a good spring food source; freshwater clams, sand shrimp, and apparently an early run of anchovies. Sturgeon bulked up from the smelt binge, should be amply available for the catch and release sturgeon fishery. Although few anglers are participating, sturgeon fishing around Miller Island is yielding some quality keeper sized fish. An occasional oversize sturgeon is in the mix as well. The most recent report indicated smelt was working just fine although reports from the jetty area indicate unprecedented amounts of anchovies

there for the taking. If you're fishing downstream of the Astoria/Megler Bridge, you may consider using fresh anchovies but you'll likely have to jig them yourself as bait shops won't be doing much business with the consumptive closure.

And speaking of jetty anchovies, bottomfishers had a bit of a tougher time recently, landing limits of fish. In a recent funny quote, **pro guide Andy Betnar (503-791-4094)** stated they were "really struggling" to get their limits, they "only got 47 for the 5 anglers on board." Lingcod made up a small portion of that catch. When is the last time you considered a 47 fish day a struggle? Andy noted that the sea bass were so full of anchovies, they were puking them up profusely upon hitting the deck of his boat. Andy was fishing the strong tide series however, not making it very easy to fish productively.

The Guide's Forecast – Salmon angling on the mainstem Columbia will likely remain fair as consistent numbers of spring and summer chinook continue to pass Bonneville Dam to the tune of 2,000 fish per day. Most would think this number would begin to taper but I personally believe a strong summer run is in store, which should keep action consistent for the next several weeks. This summer run is supposed to come in at about 66,000 fish but I'm going to say larger. Plugs will remain the go-to option with greens and chromes producing best with some form of bait or another attached to the underside. Sardines are certainly a top option but anglers continue to report fair action using tuna. Beach plunkers often use spin-glos, which is a good option for salmon but should consider using plugs as well. If you do use shrimp, strongly consider using sand shrimp or coon shrimp in addition to your lure. Again, darker colors such as green, purple and oftentimes those colors mixed with flame orange most commonly produce on the lower end. Hot colors such as pinks, oranges and reds are certainly standbys for steelhead but chinook take these on occasion as well. Bonneville anglers frequently switch to spinners this time of year but plugs have produced best this year so far. As water temperatures climb, so will the use of spinners. Bonneville salmon fisherman are targeting 12 to 20 foot of water. You'll have to continue to prepare for high flows so make sure you bring the proper anchor set-up.

Shad will remain the popular option at Bonneville so use Dick Nite spoons, shad darts, and a little green grub for best results. No need for an early start here, the fish bite better with the sun high in the sky.

If you're headed west of the estuary, you have options in both sturgeon fishing and bottomfishing. If you are a consumptive user, the bottomfishing option will intrigue you the most. Boaters will have to pay close attention to the ocean conditions however, although it seems to be moderating lately. The upcoming soft tide series should produce well along the south jetty but especially along the sunken jetty if you can find it. No question, even in calm seas, this can be a challenging feat. Using anchovies for bait will likely produce the best results. You'll likely have to jig those yourself. Flutter jigs will of course work well. If the ocean cooperates, anglers should also consider plying the waters to the north of the river entrance as chinook catches have been impressive for this time of year. Remember, it remains a fin-clipped only, chinook only, season until mid-month.

Fresh anchovies should produce good results for sturgeon in the estuary but sand shrimp and frozen smelt should also produce fair results. This is typically a transition time for sturgeon with fish coming from upriver and fresh ones coming in from the ocean, there will soon be a healthy abundance of quality fish for those into catch and release fishing. The entire estuary from Miller Island to Trestle Bay should produce good results.

Crabbing in the estuary is likely a poor option given the amount of fresh water coming downstream during spring spill. This likely won't begin to taper until mid-July.

Willamette, McKenzie & Santiam Rivers Fishing Report – With the Columbia backed up into the lower Willamette, reducing flow to a near-standstill, springer fishing has stalled despite the fact there are still decent numbers of fish around, according to **Robert Campbell at Fisherman's Marine in Oregon**

City (503-557-5600). Campbell went on the say that with the temperature of the water higher that trolling herring and prawn rigs is no longer effective. It's time to start thinking more about hardware. there are even a few who are effectively bobber fishing with cured roe susp [ended at 10 to 15 foot depths who are getting a few Chinook. That may not sound too promising but remember that most are getting nothing.

Following an increase in the McKenzie River from 2,875 cfs to over 3,300 cfs at Vida at the first of the month, flows have started to gradually moderate and are expected to continue to do so over the next week. Steelheaders are allowed to use bait only until June 15th from Hayden to Hendricks Bridge although the river allows the use of bait above Hendricks Bridge to Leaburg Dam.

As the resident cynic, I (Michael) rarely give kudos to the ODFW but I've gotta commend them for counting summer and winter steelhead separately rather than switching from one to the other based on the calendar (as has been the case in the past). Summer steelhead are of greater interest, however, with an average greater than 200 per day still crossing even as the level drops and the water temperature rises, pushing the total as of June 2nd to 7,357. Many will target these fish in the Santiams. Perhaps of greatest interest is the movement of spring Chinook which continues at a decent clip putting the June 2nd total at 21,131.

The Guide's Forecast – In the current (or low-current) water conditions on the lower Willamette, changing tackle and techniques can make all the difference between a fruitless day on the river and taking home a salmon. "Keep your ear to the ground," advises **Robert Campbell at Fisherman's Marine in Oregon City (503-557-5600)** who reminds lower river anglers about the spring Chinook bite that starts in Multnomah Channel around the middle of June. "Once that starts, the lower river will follow," said Campbell. Use wobblers or spinners. Sitting on a wrapped Kwikfish can also be effective and some anglers take fish on jigs in these conditions. A few boaters will rig a small wobbler with 10 to 12 ounces of weight and slow troll it almost directly under the boat. This technique can be effective for late season springers. For those seeking shad, the bite has apparently slowed way down but here again, Campbell advises approaching these fish a little differently. "Try a diver trailing a small wobbler," he told us, "trolled slowly with the current. One boat took 40 fish Wednesday evening doing just that." He also reminds anglers that the Willamette smallmouth fishery is "excellent right now. Five pound smallies are being taken regularly and with the health advisory, 'most everybody is catching and releasing bass which protects the fishery.'" Catch-and-release sturgeon is another option but these fish prefer current and without it, the bite has been slow.

While the calendar say June, bugs can't read so expect to see hatches of March Browns along with Pale Morning Duns (often appearing in the evening, the contrary rascals) along with several other species along the McKenzie. Fish accordingly and the redsides should cooperate in kind.

For steelhead on the North Santiam. don't neglect spinners as an alternative. Summers seem to find the strobe effect of a rotating blade an irresistible temptation at times. That said, use tarnished brass or even black blades on bright days. Too much flash will spook them. On the South Santiam, where June means spring Chinook to many anglers, those fish are moving into the system along with summer steelhead. Over 500 springers have been counted at the fish ladder along with nearly 600 summers. Try Wiley Creek to the Pleasant Valley boat ramp or around Waterloo County Park. Fishing can also be decent from the town of Lebanon down to the confluence of the South and the North Santiam. A few springers are being caught every day.

ODFW UPDATE: The new boat slide at Upper Bennett Dam will be closed starting June 20 in order to perform routine maintenance on the dam. It is scheduled to re-open around Labor Day. Boaters can use the boat slide at Lower Bennett dam on the north channel around Geren Island in order to reach the Stayton boat ramp.

Clackamas and Sandy River Fishing Reports – Clackamas water levels are low and will only get lower over into mid-June. This is not great news for spring Chinook hopefuls but most steelheaders know how to fish lower flows for summers.

Fishing pressure is light on the Sandy River. There are some steelhead swimming in the low water, however. Glacial runoff is a possibility any day with warm weather and a high freezing level.

The Guide's Forecast – Spring Chinook fishing is reported as slow on the Clackamas River although when **Robert Campbell of Fisherman's Marine in Oregon City (503-557-5600)** chatted with **Nick Amato** (who lives on the Clack), Nick said the "river is full of springers." "The problem," said Campbell, "is getting them to bite." Frustrated springer fishers know just how true this can be. Salmon will sometimes hit spinners, spoons bait or jigs and sometimes turn up their snouts at everything. Paul, an assistant manager at Fisherman's Marine, caught three Clackamas River spring Chinook on Wednesday this week using bobber and bait. Specifically, a combination of good-quality, cured salmon eggs and a sardine chunk. Spinners have taken some summers on the Clack

Fishing has been tough on the Sandy River and that, no doubt, accounts for the fact there are very few people fishing it. The most encouraging words we've heard came from **Robert Campbell of Fisherman's Marine in Oregon City (503-557-5600)** who said over the telephone today, "Springer fishing could turn on any day."

North Coast Fishing Report – We're in peak season on Tillamook Bay and although catches are fair, it's hard to say that it's going to be a good run. Just coming off a strong tide series, where fishing in the upper bay is largely impeded by moss from the Tillamook River, anglers will re-focus their efforts to the lower estuary. The soft tide exchange will draw trollers to the jetty on the outgoing tide but don't hesitate to spend some time in the Ghost Hole and the West Channel on the morning flood. This should be a good tide series for lower bay anglers as it seems it's been a little while since a good spurt of fish has come by. We are definitely on the second half of the peak for this fishery. **Pro guide Chris Vertopoulos (503-349-1377)** put in a day's effort on Wednesday. His full day trip yielded 4 bites and 2 fish, one which sprung his scale to nearly 25 pounds. Chris stated the fact that he did not see many fish caught on the jetty bite but it was one of the more productive areas to fish on Wednesday. As the weather forecast indicated, high winds came up during the tide change, making fishing more challenging in the afternoon. We're falling into the Trade Wind pattern that often whips the bay and ocean water into a froth in the late morning or early afternoon. It looks to be the trend through the weekend:

FRI N WIND 10 TO 20 KT. WIND WAVES 4 FT. NW SWELL 7 FT AT 8 SECONDS.

FRI NIGHT NW WIND 10 TO 15 KT. GUSTS TO 20 KT IN THE EVENING. WIND WAVES 3 FT. NW SWELL 6 FT AT 14 SECONDS.

SAT N WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 3 FT. NW SWELL 6 FT.

SUN N WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 3 FT. NW SWELL 5 FT.

MON NW WIND 15 TO 20 KT. WIND WAVES 4 FT. W SWELL 5 FT.

Upper bay anglers didn't report excellent results last weekend, likely due to the continued moss problem. One guide however did report a four fish day last Thursday, indicating spurts of fish continue to push through to the tributary fisheries.

Not many people have been excited to go offshore with a growing swell and wind-whipped afternoons. Not that salmon fishing would be your only option in the salt but a rough ocean is not a fun one to fish on. Bottomfishing remains good to great when vessels can exit the estuary. Saltwater crabs remain in poor shape but maybe with a June molt, they will be in great condition by late July or August.

Tidewater anglers have been less than impressive lately, with just an occasional fish being taken from 5th street to Highway 101. This may change however with the weaker tide series as there has to be a good slug of fish below the head of tide. Sometimes, the bigger tide exchange makes tidewater fishing ineffective. Further upriver, anglers are focusing their efforts in the deep holes, largely due to the low, clear water. The Trask will remain a bank anglers best option but with not many new fish arriving, the Trask River hatchery hole has been a relatively depressing place to fish. Anglers may find some action in the swifter headwater sections of holes at the crack of dawn. These upriver fisheries desperately await rain. Fewer people are targeting fish on the Wilson or Nestucca but fish are present in both systems. This can be when fly fishing becomes a strong option but that's really only for the fine-tuned angler.

The Guide's Forecast – This should be a productive week of spring chinook fishing on Tillamook Bay. Commonly, this soft tide series in early June can produce excellent catches in the lower estuary. This fishery however will become a bit more challenging with the high wind forecast to contend with. Fortunately, the best action will likely take place along the jetty on the afternoon outgoing tide. Boaters willing to work for their fish will get pushed around but the north jetty can largely block most of the impeding gusts. Anglers may still have an opportunity to pursue an incoming tide bite in the Ghost Hole, Bay City, the South Channel and even the Wilson River Flats at high tide. These areas should all produce some results on the flood through high slack but if you plan on hitting the best part of the tide, the second half of the outgoing tide along the jetty, you don't want to stray too far away from the Golden Honey Pot. It's likely this will be the best bite of the season along the jetty but most people will exit too early to experience it this week. Well into next week, the 2nd half of outgoing tide along this north jetty should produce good results. What happens is fish will wait just outside the jaws until max ebb has passed (typically about 3.5 hours after high slack) and then make a strong march across the bar. On a weak tide series such as this, this "march" only lasts for a brief period of time but there are frequently good numbers of fish piling in. As the weekend comes on and next week progresses, the best action will get later on into the day. As previously mentioned, you can seek a high tide fish in the middle and upper reaches of the estuary, but be prepared to beat yourself silly when the Trade Winds come up in the mid to late morning; it's never a pretty sight. The upper bay is certainly an option but typically, only high tide produces near the mouth of the Wilson. Couple that with the fact it's not a strong incoming tide so fish won't exactly come barreling across the bay. It will be best to focus your concentrated effort along the jetty during that second half of outgoing tide.

According to the ocean forecast, it doesn't look like a friendly option for offshore opportunities. Halibut, salmon, bottomfish and crab may all experience a reprieve this weekend if the forecast comes to fruition. It certainly doesn't look like a good time for the small boat fleet. Crabbing in the bay is certainly an option but will likely be fair at best.

Tidewater anglers may fare best in the freshwater as ample numbers of fish should be concentrated into this reach. With little tide exchange, a prolonged period of opportunity should also exist here through the last half of outgoing tide.

Upriver, bobber fishers will continue to produce rare results with timid fish overlooking most offerings. This is the time to really size down and scent up. Light fluorocarbon lines, small hooks and small baits fished hard at daybreak will be your best bet. Here's what you have to work with:



Central & South Coast Reports – Offshore conditions, mostly in the form of high winds, have prevented sport and charter vessels from launching out of Newport and Depoe Bay much of the time this week. When boats have been able to get out, bottom fishing has been excellent for large ling cod and rockfish.

All-depth halibut trips produced mostly limits for charters out of Newport over the last opener and with about half of the quota remaining, another opportunity will be available today through Saturday, June 5th through 7th. Additional dates will follow unless or until the quota fills with Summer all-depth halibut fishing opening in August.

Offshore anglers may start keeping hatchery coho starting June 21st as the selective ocean season opens on that date. It's scheduled to run through August 10th but may close earlier if the quota of 80,000 fish is taken.

Anglers targeting pinkfin perch have been taking good numbers every day on the lower Umpqua as these fish make their annual migration run through Winchester Bay. Perch fishing is expected to get even better over the next couple of weeks. Upriver, spring Chinook fishing has slowed. It's not due to lack of fish as there are decent numbers of salmon in the river but rather due to increasing weeds which has turned the pleasant act of fishing into a tedious challenge to keep the lines free of greenery. Shad fishing has been fair with most of the activity around Yellow Creek. Smallmouth bass are being caught in the Elkton stretch and into the South Umpqua with results improving as the water warms.

Supporters and detractors of the current regulation which requires release of all wild steelhead on the Umpqua River will be on hand as the final draft of the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan is presented at a meeting of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on Friday, June 6th, at the OFWC headquarters located at 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE in Salem.

Crabbing remains slow in Coos Bay. Clamming will be excellent with minus tides occurring in the coming week. Sea run cutthroat trout fishing has been fair to good on the Coos River. Small spinners will fool these fish as will colorful flies. While some troll near the river mouth, only artificial lures and flies are legal above tidewater.

While not a well-known fishery, the Coquille River is producing fair to good numbers of shad near the town of Coquille.

While June is historically a decent month for spring Chinook fishing on the lower Rogue, low, clear, warm water conditions have been this is challenging fishery. The best shot at a hookup is early and late in the day. There have been no reports of steelhead hookups recently, but these water conditions are more conducive to summer steelheading than fishing for springers. The middle Rogue remain slow as Chinook seem disinterested in anything but the journey upstream. Upper river springer fishers are enjoying fair to good fishing with numbers improving every day. Backbouncing bait has been most productive although plugs and drifted lures have accounted for some hookups. Salmonflies are showing on the far upper Rogue above Lost Creek Reservoir to the delight of trout anglers.

The best ocean Chinook fishing has consistently been for those launching out of the Port of Brookings and even then, boats are heading south toward the California border to fish over the greatest number of salmon. The good news for more other Oregon ports is that offshore Chinook are heading north and catches should improve as they do so.

Trout fishing is fair at Diamond Lake although the resort says it's improving. One thing's certain; midges are hatching so pan on wearing some kind of head gear. This tiny bugs come out by the millions.

Central and Eastern Oregon – The Deschutes has been slammed with people and the trout have been pounded on popular stretches. Small wonder the fishing has been marginal at times from Warm Springs to Trout creek. Those who get away from the madding crowds and fish well are taking fish as redsides remain keyed on big bugs - for a while.

Detroit Reservoir has been cranking out good catches of trout with Power Bait most productive. With the reservoir at full pool, anglers are also taking decent numbers of kokanee. Paulina is producing limits kokanee averaging over 12 inches to anglers using jigs.

Odell has been producing very fine quality kokanee in good number to trollers using hoochies behind flashers. Take a variety of colors as these fish can be a bit choosy. Many large lake trout were landed during a tournament over the past weekend. There are still plenty of them left for us.

Kokanee fishing is fair to good on the troll at Lake Billy Chinook although bull trout fishing has been slow.

"Trout fishing is on fire at Timothy Lake right now," gushed **Robert Campbell at Fisherman's Marine in Oregon City (503-557-5600)**. He went on to say that many people think of Timothy as a lake full of hatchery trout but that he personally caught a number of nice brook trout to five pounds as well as wild rainbows to 14 and 16 inches. "You have to give them what they want to eat," by which he meant flies that accurately match local insect life.

Most all of the Mt. Hood lakes are fishing well for trout at this time and would be an excellent place to get away from the crowds which will be inevitable over Free Fishing Weekend.

Lake of the Woods has been producing trout, bass and kokanee for anglers. For Free Fishing Weekend, 5,000 trout, half of which are 'trophy-sized,' will be available in enclosed areas where they may be taken from the bank.

With water temperatures climbing into the mid-60s at Green Peter, the bite has slowed but trollers using flashers and hoochies are still catching respectable numbers of kokanee. There are a few who are taking kokes on jigs as well.

ODFW sez, "Anglers fishing the Crooked River below Bowman Dam the week of June 16 are likely to see a crew from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife conducting its annual fish survey.

"ODFW biologists will be electrofishing the river between the Big Bend and Cobble Rock campgrounds from Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 20. During the sampling, fish are stunned and netted so biologists can record the size, condition, and abundance of both redband trout and mountain whitefish. The fish are then released unharmed. Fishing is likely to be adversely affected in the portion of the river being sampled but the remainder of the river will be unaffected.

"For safety reasons, ODFW advises anglers to avoid this stretch of river while the biologists are sampling. In 2013, the number of redband trout per mile increased from the previous year to 8,063 fish per mile."

TGF Inbox - Reader E-mail

Subscriber Jerry L wrote to Pro guide and TGF co-editor Bob Rees this week to ask, "HI BOB...wondering if the Hatchery Hole on the Trask is open this year during the month of June. Thanks."

Bob replied, ""Jerry, this is right from the ODF&W regulation booklet. It's open through July 15 but be sure to adhere to the rigging regulations! Good luck!"

- **Closed** from Gold Creek, at hatchery, 200 feet upstream and 900 feet downstream [July 16](#)-Nov. 30.

Gear Restrictions:

- From Cedar Creek wooden boat slide (RM 10.9) downstream to Loren's Drift wooden boat slide (RM 9.0) from May 1 to July 31 angling is restricted to fly angling and bobber angling only. Bobber angling gear must include a bobber and a leader no longer than 36 inches in length. Any weight (except the bobber) may be no more than 36 inches from the lowermost hook when suspended vertically. The leader below the bobber must remain suspended in the water column and not resting on the river bottom.

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Random Links

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http://nwfishquest.com/?page_id=48

Free Fishing Weekend events around Oregon's North Coast:

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2014/june/060214d.asp>

Free Fishing Weekend events around the Willamette Valley:

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2014/june/060214c.asp>

Free Fishing Weekend events scheduled for northeast Oregon:

<http://dfw.state.or.us/news/2014/june/060314b.asp>

Free Fishing Weekend events scheduled for central, southeast Oregon:

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GOOD LUCK!