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

Forecasting for the fishing week of **July 4th – July 10th, 2014**

Oregon Fisheries Update:

NOW IS THE TIME to prep yourself for a RECORD return of salmon on the lower Columbia. Don't go into this fishery thinking it's still going to be easy! Go to our tech report page at <http://www.theguidesforecast.com/techrpt.shtml> and order your Buoy 10 tech report for home study.

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Willamette Valley/Metro – Fishery managers met on Tuesday, extending the lower Columbia River salmon fishery from July 4th – July 7th in anticipating of high interest over the holiday weekend. The chinook run is expected to come in as predicted but the sockeye return was upgraded significantly and remains open to catch and keep through July 31st.

Shad fishing is about done in the lower Willamette. Catch-and-release sturgeon fishing remains a decent option in Portland Harbor. There is almost no effort for springers in the warm water of the lower Willamette. With hundreds of summer steelhead crossing the Falls daily, fishing on the upper Willamette in the Eugene/Springfield stretch known as the Town Run has been improving. Fly rodders using sink-tip lines to swing brightly-colored flies are hooking up regularly.

Fly fishing for trout is fair to good on the McKenzie River with best results occurring evenings. Caddis patterns are effective with Green Drakes and Golden Stones fading on the upper river. Steelheaders are catching a few with the best chance coming at first light in sunny weather.

With a fair number of salmon and steelhead having crossed Willamette Falls, fish populations on the Santiams make it a favorable destination. Try jigs or spinners on the South Santiam for spring chinook with the same combination effective for summer steelhead on the North Santiam.

Bait fishers continue to fare best for spring chinook on the Clackamas; bobber fish or driftfish good-quality roe for the best chance of a hookup. A few summer steelhead have also been caught over the past week on spoons or spinners.

Steelheaders hitting the Sandy River at first light or late evenings have been taking a few summer steelhead and fewer springers.

Northwest – Coho fishing out of Garibaldi is hit or miss. Some anglers are reporting good success coming from 200 to 220 foot of water SW of the Tillamook Bay entrance. Chinook are rare in the catch. Even with a liberal ocean coho quota, fishing will not likely get better until Columbia River bound coho migrate their way north in late July.

Ocean crabbing is improving but soft-shelled crab remain prominent in the catch. Bay crabbing is improving as well with Garibaldi Marina reporting rental boats coming in with 12 to 16 keepers per boat for an incoming tide.

Few anglers are taking advantage of the spring chinook opportunities that still exist for spring chinook in the Trask, Wilson and Nestucca Rivers as well as Three Rivers. Early mornings are best and success rates are low but ample numbers remain available for savvy, early morning anglers using light, fluorocarbon lines and small baits. Deadlines near the hatcheries at Three Rivers and the Trask Hatchery are best.

Summer steelhead are available on the Wilson and Nestucca systems but like spring chinook anglers, you must be stealthy and center your effort around early mornings.

Catch and release fishing for sturgeon remains epic for estuary anglers. Fresh anchovies are producing very well but sand shrimp is an excellent choice too.

Southwest- Salmon fishing is good out of Depoe Bay with the majority of the catches consisting of coho although a few chinook are being bagged as well. Rockfish limits are being taken but lingcod have been elusive over the past week.

As predicted in an earlier column, offshore fishers took a big bite out of the spring all-depth halibut quota during last week's opening, shutting down deep-water flattie fishing until the summer season opens August 1 & 2.

The central coast nearshore fishery opened July 1, seven days a week inside the 40-fathom regulatory line and will remain open until the 22,274-pound quota is reached or until Oct. 31, whichever comes first. Unlike last year, the fishery is open 7-days per week.

Catches of red-tailed surf perch are good from beaches along the coast with many anglers scoring 15-fish limits.

The entire Oregon coast is closed to mussel harvesting due to a naturally-occurring organic toxin. All other shellfish harvesting is open.

Offshore chinook catches have been fair to good just outside Winchester Bay with mostly fin-clipped coho being caught a little further out. Ocean crabbing has been good but a percentage are soft at this time of year. Fall chinook will start entering the bay in just a week or two. Pinkfin perch catches are ongoing on the lower Umpqua and smallmouth bass fishing has been excellent on the South Umpqua.

Salmon fishing is reported as slow out of Coos Bay. Albacore are offshore but it's a 25-mile trip to reach them and high winds have been preventing sport boats from making it out that far. Bay crabbing is fair.

The Coos Forest Protective Association has imposed a regulated closure on all private, county, state and BLM lands in Coos, Curry and western Douglas counties as of July 2. This means no open fires except at managed campgrounds and no fireworks.

Salmon fishers launching out of Gold Beach report good catches of coho but as this is a fin-clipped only fishery, having to release wild fish is part of the game. Ocean salmon fishing has been fair out of Gold Beach but has shut off whenever there has been a rise in water temperature.

Recent rainfall had little effect on the Rogue. Spring chinook fishing has been fair at best in the low, clear, warm waters of the lower river. Fishing remains poor on the middle Rogue. Despite fluctuations in water flows causing a slowing of spring chinook catches on the upper river, this stretch is still offering the best chance to catch one. There are enough summer steelhead around now that some anglers are successfully targeting them.

Boats launching out of Brookings have been returning to port with a plethora of sea creatures. Salmon fishers have done best heading south about five miles. Best results are coming at depths of 100 to 150 feet on anchovies or herring. Catches have been mostly chinook but a few coho are being bagged as well. Bottom fishers are taking limits of lingcod and rockfish.

Eastern – Lower Deschutes fly anglers can expect fair results for reddsides early and late in the day with Pale Morning Duns and Caddis patterns predominant in early July.

Caddis are starting to hatch on the Wallowa River where Golden Stones maintain a strong presence. The water level remains high but fishing has been good.

The lower 45 miles of the Imnaha River will open for spring chinook fishing on Saturday and Sunday, July 5-6 only for two adults 24 inches or better.

Fishing at picturesque Lava Lake has been slow.

East Lake has been fishing very well with Callibaetis patterns effective. There are rainbows and kokanee here, as well as a few Atlantic salmon.

SW Washington- The Cowlitz remains a great option for summer steelhead anglers. The Kalama and Lewis are also options but not nearly as productive as the Cowlitz.

Plunkers on lower Columbia beaches are in peak season but tides aren't favorable for great catches. The following weekend should produce better results but migration is peaking right now. Hot colored spin-n-glos tipped with coon shrimp will produce the best.

Columbia River Fishing Report – As success for summer chinook on the mainstem Columbia dwindles, salmon anglers will focus the bulk of their effort on the saltwater over the course of the next month. Summer chinook season closed on June 30th as scheduled but managers met by phone earlier this week to adopt an extension that will run from July 4th through July 7th this weekend. It remains mark-select only. Catch rates and passage at Bonneville are clearly slowing as the summer run fades but it remains one of the better freshwater options in the northwest district. Overall, boaters weren't too impressed with the results from this season as the fact sheet indicates, only a little over 2,000 summer chinook were retained during this fishery. The 4-day extension should bring us close to our full impacts as the run size was predicted to remain as pre-season level, 67,500 returning adults. Sockeye salmon season below Bonneville Dam also received additional opportunity with returning adults expected to bust over 425,000 fish; notably larger than pre-season prediction. Sockeye are largely an incidental catch, caught by steelheaders fishing small gear and small shrimp close to the shoreline. Despite the large return this year, not many people are consistently catching these little silver bullets.

Summer steelhead however is another story. Flows remain high and numbers about to bust loose, catches on the lower Columbia are dramatically improving. Last weekend, good action was seen (from a relative basis) for plunkers working lower Columbia River Beaches. Some of the most productive fishing takes place on lower Columbia River Islands but beach plunkers off of the Washington shore and a few public reaches on the Oregon side can claim a highly prized returning summer run fish. As you continually hear us preach, small, flame colored spin-n-glos with coon shrimp wrapped below often produce fair to good results. With last weekend's minus tide series, fish were forced closer to the shoreline giving bank anglers good access. The same won't be true for this weekend however. Here is the ODF&W breakdown with how the fishery performed last weekend. These results aren't very impressive for the last week of June but we'll see improvement in the weeks ahead:

Gorge Boats:

Weekend checking showed six adipose fin-clipped adult Chinook, one adipose fin-clipped jack Chinook, and three sockeye kept, plus three unclipped adult Chinook, one unclipped jack Chinook and two

unclipped steelhead released for 18 boats (57 anglers); and 20 shad kept for two shad boats (eight anglers).

Troutdale Boats:

Weekend checking showed one adipose fin-clipped adult Chinook kept and two unclipped adult Chinook released for 31 boats (58 anglers); plus no catch for one shad boat (three anglers).

Portland to Westport Bank:

Weekend checking showed three adipose fin-clipped adult Chinook, three adipose fin-clipped jack Chinook, seven adipose fin-clipped steelhead and 12 sockeye kept, plus five unclipped adult Chinook, one unclipped jack Chinook, two unclipped steelhead and two sockeye released for 163 bank anglers.

Portland to Westport Boats:

Weekend checking showed 11 adipose fin-clipped adult Chinook, two adipose fin-clipped jack Chinook, six adipose fin-clipped steelhead and two sockeye kept, plus six unclipped adult Chinook, two unclipped jack Chinook, four unclipped steelhead and one sockeye released for 43 boats (100 anglers).

Estuary Bank (Clatsop Spit to Wauna Powerlines):

Weekend checking showed one adipose fin-clipped steelhead kept and one unclipped steelhead released for nine bank anglers.

Estuary Boats (Tongue Point to Wauna Powerlines):

Weekend checking showed one adipose fin-clipped adult Chinook, one adipose fin-clipped jack Chinook, one adipose fin-clipped steelhead and one sockeye kept, plus four unclipped adult Chinook released for 11 boats (23 anglers).

Closer to the salt, anglers are reaping the benefits of what is clearly going to be a good fall salmon run. Most recently, boaters departing the lower Columbia and targeting coho between Buoy's 2 and the yellow weather buoy to the SW are coming up with limits. Although the coho aren't necessarily large, they are very abundant. Trolled anchovies is really taking the cake but that's nothing new. The CR Buoy has also been consistently productive but the bottom line remains, there's a lot of fish out there. For those more interested in pursuing chinook, your success rates may not quite be the same, but target the Long Beach Peninsula just north of the Columbia River entrance in 35 to 50 foot of water. The fish are mostly averaging between 13 and 17 pounds but an occasional 20+ pounder is around. Like coho, anchovies are the ticket. Also like coho and a bit uncharacteristic for chinook, you should not be fishing deep when targeting chinook to the north. Despite your desire to be on the bottom, these chinook are actively feeding closer to the surface, especially early in the morning. You have a clear advantage during the early morning hours as fish get quickly gorged after a heavy early morning feeding. Fish become full and rather lethargic after about 9:00 or 10:00 in the morning. The early bird clearly gets the salmon. The Long Beach Peninsula also offers up whale and porpoise watching and an incredible array of seabirds pounding large schools of baitfish.

Ocean crabbing is fair but most folks realize we're in softshell season. For those willing to crab the lower Columbia, there are a lot of smaller crab but the keepers that are present, are typically in better shape.

Sturgeon fishing remains epic with guide boats reporting 30 and 40 fish days, coming in with spent clientele. What makes this fishery so impressive this year, is the incredible abundance of keeper-sized fish. For those reporting 40 fish days, fewer than ½ dozen fish are reported under the historic lower slot

limit of 45 inches. There is a pile of monsters in the estuary. And if you haven't guessed it already, anchovies are the ideal bait. Sand shrimp however, will get equally if not better bit. Action remains best from the Astoria/Megler Bridge to Tongue Point but ample numbers should also be available downstream to Hammond.

The Guide's Forecast – Although additional opportunity for summer chinook exists this weekend, don't go into the fishery with huge expectations. With numbers at Bonneville dwindling and the bulk of the run passed, it's more of a token opportunity than anything; none-the-less, we are grateful. Bonneville will likely be the best option for chinook with spinners and plugs most likely to reward persistent anglers. Anchor fishing in 12 to 20 feet will likely produce the best results but anglers will remain perplexed at a noticeably small mark rate; calculated at about 38% this year. The historic mark rate is typically better than 50% sometimes closer to 60% over the previous few years. Good fishing, frustrating results.

Sockeye, also largely past Bonneville Dam, will remain open but hard to target. Beach plunkers working very small flame spin-n-glos and small coon shrimp will likely produce some results but with abundant summer steelhead in the river, it's best to plan on incidental catch while pursuing summer steelhead. Feeding right into summer steelhead opportunity, it remains good but with dropping flows and no minus tide series, activity won't be quite as good as it will the following weekend. We are however, in the middle of peak season. Water temperatures play a large role in steelheader success and those temperatures are likely to rise in the very near future. Of course, hot colored spin-n-glos tipped with coon shrimp will be your best bet.

Downstream, if you're planning an offshore trip, you have a favorable offshore forecast, coupled with a more mild tide exchange, making for some golden opportunity for coho and chinook trollers. Action is likely to remain excellent. For those wishing a quick limit, shoot for the ample numbers of coho to the south of the river entrance. Fish shallow in the early morning and be sure your baits are spinning after each strike; a bait that's not spinning, will not draw strikes.

Do check bar conditions before venturing out. The link on our homepage is:
<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pqr/marine/BarObs.php>.

Willamette, McKenzie & Santiam Rivers Fishing Report – Willamette level and flow have been fairly stable over the past week at the Falls with the temperature hovering right around 68 degrees. Updated through June 26th, data at Willamette Falls shows 25,300 springers and 15,400 summer steelhead with the latter clocking daily counts averaging around 300 per and creating opportunities on the upper river. Shad fishing is winding down on the lower Willamette and those odiferous cousins to the saltwater herring are getting hard to catch in decent number now. There is almost no effort for spring Chinook although a salmon is being caught now and then at the head of Multnomah Channel or at St. Johns. It's certainly not worth putting in any time or effort with any optimism at this time of year.

McKenzie River levels will be perfect for fly fishing over the holiday weekend with the bonus that hot weather will be holding off 'til next week.

North Santiam flows are excellent for fishing at about 1,900 cfs at this writing on July 3rd and are forecast to gradually moderate over the week to come. On the South Santiam, over 1,139 spring Chinook and 1,259 summer steelhead have entered the fish ladder, as of June 27.

The Guide's Forecast – While there's little to entice an angler to the lower Willamette this weekend, with hundreds of steelhead crossing the Falls daily, fishing has been good and will get better on the Town Run until the weather turns hot and starts to raise the water temperatures. Spinners will catch summers here but swinging flies is a favorite technique on this stretch for long rodders.

Steelhead will continue entering the McKenzie which, barring crummy water conditions, means the chance of holing one will improve every day. Spinners are a favorite here but spoons will work, too, as well as bobber and jig. Hit it early when the day is forecasts as warm and sunny. For fly anglers targeting trout, keep Caddis patterns in mind although the Green Caddisi will be on the wane now. Try above Blue River for best results using attractor flies or midges.

Summer steelhead on the North Santiam will respond to jigs or spinners but first light is the best time to try for them. The bag limit on trout has increased to five adipose fin-clipped fish in the Santiam River basin, and there is no restriction on the size of fish kept. South Santiam flows are stable with decent numbers of spring Chinook and summer steelhead available.

Clackamas and Sandy River Fishing Reports – The low, clear waters of the Clackamas got little relief from recent rain showers. From here into the foreseeable future, the water level will only get lower as it warms up in summertime temperatures. Fish early and late over the holiday weekend as warm weather is certain to fill the river with happy-splashers aboard inflatable craft with spirits buoyed by barley pops.

A combination of snowmelt and rainfall brought flows up on the Sandy recently, improving angling effort and catch, although flows have returned to pre-freshet levels now.. Both summer steelhead and spring Chinook are moving through. Hot weather will occasionally turn the Sandy milky with glacial silt which is how this river got its name.

The Guide's Forecast – The first surge of Clackamas summer steelhead has passed and the second is yet to come which will create a lull in the action. Best results are likely to come in the Barton to Carver stretch. Try dark-colored lures or flies. Fish have been taken this week on jigs and Little Cleo spoons. Springers are scattered from the mouth to Barton Park with cured roe most effective in getting them to bite. Eagle Creek anglers have taken a couple of Chinook over the past week but the water is getting too skinny to fish well. Below the mouth on the mainstem is a better bet.

Look for steelhead between Marmot Dam and Dabney Park. Below Dabney, the river has very few good fly fishing spots. Spring Chinook numbers are thinning but a few are getting caught. For Chinook, the best bet is high-quality, cured salmon eggs fished under a float or drifted.

North Coast Fishing Report – Again, spring chinook season is over in Tillamook, despite fin-clipped opportunity really only existing in the Trask, Wilson, Nestucca and Three Rivers. River anglers know the story; early mornings, small offerings and fluorocarbon line are your only chance for success. Anglers may even consider switching to bobbers and jigs to improve your chances. With salmon fishing now focused in the ocean, excited anglers are targeting good numbers of coho out of Garibaldi. There's really few more qualified than Association of NW Steelheaders member Norm Ritchie than to give a report of what's going on. Norm writes, "Hi Guys, I just finished cleaning up the boat from fishing this morning out of Garibaldi for Coho. Hooked 7, landed 3, only one was fin clipped. (The two people with me each landed their first salmon. More seasoned anglers would have landed a couple more of those hooked.) The coolest water we could find was at the 140 depth line at 57 degrees. From there on out to 220 it just kept getting warmer to 60 degrees. Still, this is where we hooked all our fish. We first wetted our lines at about 6:30. The bite died shortly after the sun broke through the clouds at about 8:30 am. We used both herring and shad under a hoochie skirt but all bites came on shad. We got bit at 10, 15, and 20 pulls. We left the area to pick up our crab about an hour later because one of the anglers was tossing breakfast. Had about 50 keeper size crab but tossed back most of them because they were soft; still had 24 good ones. Bar was fine in spite of the ebb tide. (Bob told me that would be the case.) Ocean swell was much tighter than the forecast in the morning but still only a couple feet. Wind was not an issue while we were out there but it actually got less windy at about 8 am and the swells

spread out per the prediction. It is much windier now at 1:30." Thanks for that detailed report Norm! Action has remained fairly steady for this fishery, but will only improve as Columbia River coho make a stronger presence later in July. With 80,000 coho in the quota, no matter how intense the effort and how high the success rate, sport anglers are unlikely to meet this benchmark. Knowledgeable anglers will head north by NW out of Garibaldi, targeting 160 to 220 foot of water. Trolling frozen, plug cut herring or as Norm points out, shad chunks behind hoochies and flashers should provide fair to good opportunity. Reports continue to look favorable from Garibaldi but Depoe Bay is the top port with angler's averages of 1.1 coho per person. Chinook are scarce out of Garibaldi and anglers are reminded that the fin-clipped only regulation remains in place in the Tillamook Bay Bubble through July 31st. That "bubble" runs from Pyramid Rock near Cape Mears to Twin Rocks north of Barview and westward to 90 foot of water.

Ocean crabbing is phenomenal for quality sized crab but meat quality in your catch will be poor. It's hard not to get excited with these good landing but you'll be sorely disappointed with your product if you get greedy. The nearshore halibut fishery opened on July 1st and from the few reports that I've received, fishing is not all that bad. One angler reported 2 halibut in the high 30" class and saw another one on the fillet table nearing 70 pounds. This anglers was targeting 140 to 170 foot of water, slow drifting herring near the bottom. The fishery is open 7 days per week this month with a relatively small quota. If the ocean remain calm, it's likely that the quota will get consumed rather quickly. This halibut fishery is a pretty cool nearshore option but requires patience for those participating. I've caught halibut in as shallow as 30 feet but it's a pretty random fishery for these highly migratory fish.

Bottomfishing remains good to excellent for vessels willing to travel north of Cape Falcon. If you feel comfortable migrating that far to the north, you'll be rewarded; just hope you don't face a south wind coming home. Most commonly, the winds come from the NW this time of year. You'll be able to ride the wind-waves home.

The Guide's Forecast – The best salmon options will remain in the salt with ocean coho the primary target. Fresh bait will be hard to find away from the mouth of the Columbia but frozen cut-plug or shad chunks behind hoochies and flashers should provide numerous opportunities. As we previously mentioned, head North by NW, try for an early coho limit and then drag around larger baits for deep-water halibut. If you drop your crab pots, limits of soft shells are highly likely but you can likely count on about 1/3 of your catch to be quality enough for take-home. The offshore forecast looks like very friendly seas but don't take bar crossings for granted be sure to check out our bar reports from our home page: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pqr/marine/BarObs.php>

Freshwater anglers do have some options with spring chinook available but spooky on the Trash, Wilson, Nestucca and Three Rivers and summer steelhead available on the Wilson and Nestucca systems but you have to plan on a first light bite that quickly deteriorates after sunrise. Small baits are essential. Hardware may also work on occasion.

It's still a bit early for the summer chinook of the Nehalem Basin but there should start to be some catches, especially on softer tide series like the one we're currently on. August will definitely be the better month but July can be fairly impressive on the Nehalem system. The 4th of July is the traditional kick-off for this fishery.

Estuary crabbing may be fair but like the ocean, plan on numerous soft-shelled Dungeness.

Central & South Coast Reports – Salmon fishing out of central Oregon ports has been slow one day, fair the next with few opportunities for boats to limit out. Rockfish catches have been good but the ling cod bite remains only fair. Tuna were caught out of Depoe Bay on Wednesday this week.

While there have been reports of albacore 25 or so miles out of Charleston, tuna are considered too far offshore for sport boats skippers launching out of Depoe Bay or Newport. That said, there are recreational boaters planning to launch for tuna out of Newport over the coming weekend. Gotta love an optimist.

Having whacked all but 6% of the 113,229-pound quota in the Spring All-Depth Halibut fishery during the last opener, the Powers That Be have shut it down. The next opportunity to score deep-water 'buts will be during the Summer All-Depth fishery which opens August 1st & 2nd, then every other Friday and Saturday until the quota is met.

Nearshore halibut fishing opened July 1st. The remaining spring quota (6,446 pounds) is added to the nearshore quota for a total of 181,908 pounds. That should keep us fishing for a while.

South coast halibut remains open with 49% of the quota remaining as of July 3rd, but it's probably somewhat lower than the reported figure.

Here's an interesting fact. Halibut quotas are for fish that are cleaned and without the head, not the full-weight fish fresh out of the water. A dressed fish weighs about 75% of a whole fish.

Now that one cabezon may be kept as part of the seven--rockfish-per-day bag limit, anglers are reminded not to eat the roe from these fish. Cabezon roe is poisonous, cooked or raw.

Rock fishers hiking out on the South Jetty at Yaquina Bay (South Beach) have been taking good numbers of rockfish by throwing black, red or white curly-tailed jigs. Boats dropping traps in the bay are getting limits of Dungeness now.

Charters launching out of Reedsport on Wednesday this week limited the boat for salmon fishing 80 to 100 feet below the surface in 200 feet of water. Ocean crabbing has improved to the point that many are returning to port with limits now. The only problem with getting decent numbers of ocean fish and crab out of Winchester Bay has been offshore conditions which have prevented bar crossings more often than not over the past week. Steelhead fishing is expected to improve on the North Santiam throughout July. Early and late in the day will be key as the weather warms. Muddlers, Green Butt Skunks and Freight Trains are North Umpqua favorites. Try the stretch Steamboat as August approaches.

Smallmouth bass fishing is good and improving on the mainstem and South Umpqua.

Crabbing has improved in Coos Bay to the point that some boaters are picking up limits of Dungeness. Clamming has been nothing short of excellent during minus tides. One sport boat launching out of Charleston found warm water and leaping tuna at the 125 line. At that point it was on and several were landed, all 20 to 22 pounds.

While lower Rogue spring Chinook fishing has been a real challenge due to low, clear, warm water, anglers are somewhat encouraged by the incoming summer steelhead, a few of which have been taken on flies or spinners. Also encouraging is that fall Chinook are due to make an appearance later this month. The middle Rogue remains a fishing dead zone; don't bother. Fluctuating water levels on the upper river had a negative effect on the Chinook and steelhead bite earlier this week but it is forecast to drop rapidly through Sunday, then stabilize at a much lower flow.

Salmon fishers launching out of Brookings have been catching decent number of fish when they can get out although they have had fish depths exceeding 100 feet to do it. Deep-trolling herring or anchovy has required downriggers to reach fish at 100 to 150-foot depths. Additionally, the use of braided line will not only create much less drag under these circumstances but will greatly enhance hook-setting and the frequency with which a 'chance' is turned into a fish. Cutthroat trout are hitting spinners and brightly-

colored flies on the Chetco River. Sear run cuts will begin entering this and all other coastal rivers starting sometime later this month.

Report from Diamond Lake Resort: "Fishing is still a little slow. The people that work hard are getting nice fish we had 2 more members of the 4 pounder club yesterday. Power bait still seems to be the bait of choice. Word on lake is that the fish are biting real light accounting for a lot of missed opportunities. Garlic power bait seems to be the bait of choice. Thielsen view campground 30 feet of water right off the boat ramp is working well. Also the Aspens is producing and the kids hole as well."

Here's a picture of Mike Coleman with a 5 pound 22 inch trout caught this week from Diamond Lake.



Central and Eastern Oregon – Steelhead will be arriving in the lower Deschutes in catchable numbers in July. Stick with Caddis patterns for re-sides.

Green Drake patterns have continued to produce well at the Metolius as stone Flies keep coming on strong. Fishing is about as good as it gets here.

In a July 3rd bulletin, the ODFW announced that the lower Grande Ronde River will re-open for an additional three days of spring Chinook salmon fishing beginning Saturday, July 5th through July 7th from the Oregon/Washington border to a deadline 100 yards upstream of the Wildcat/Powwotka Bridge on Grande Ronde River Rd. The area at the mouth of the Wenaha River at Troy, OR will be closed to protect wild stocks. The daily bag limit will be two adult fin-clipped Chinook and five fin-clipped jacks and a Columbia River Basin Endorsement is required.

Mt. Hood lakes have been fishing extremely well over the past few weeks and Gold Lake is no exception. Bead-head damsel fly nymphs have been effective at tempting the strong population of brook trout and will also fool rainbows here. Be prepared to fish deep, however.

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Random Links

Spectacular Live Squid Encounter out of Depoe Bay:
http://www.beachconnection.net/news/squiden062814_714.php

Spearfishing Giant Lingcod:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBodnuCf-Kc>

Red Fish, Blue Fish: Where The Fish Flesh Rainbow Comes From:
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2014/06/17/322920045/red-fish-blue-fish-where-the-fish-flesh-rainbow-comes-from>

GOOD LUCK!