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

Forecasting for the fishing week of **August 8th – August 14th, 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. You'll need every advantage you can to outshine the competition you'll have this year. Good luck!

Willamette Valley/Metro – With the onset of fall chinook season, interest and success for summer steelhead continues to decline, despite peaking numbers at Bonneville Dam. Water temperatures have simply warmed to put fish off the bite. The banner fall chinook season will draw interest for anchor fishers sooner as the estuary fishery is already taking off. The lower Columbia from Portland to Longview will draw the most interest, especially near the mouth of the Cowlitz.

There's very little angler-related boat traffic on the lower Willamette now with the Buoy 10 fishery in progress. Take advantage of early morning hours to enjoy a decent top-water bite from smallmouth bass. As daylight comes on, switch to soft plastics until the ski boats and jet skiers show up. Fish passage has started to decline again at the Falls with this trend likely to continue.

Caddis remains the go-to pattern for McKenzie trout anglers through August. The upper river has been fishing well lately.

Steelheading has been slow on the North Santiam this season despite a decent number of fish in the system. Start early in the morning, high on the river and downsize offerings for the best chance of a hookup.

It's the height of the summer doldrums on the Clackamas River as low water keeps getting lower. Despite this challenge, early morning steelheaders throwing diminutive spoons and spinners have continued to hook up. McIver has produced a few over the past week.

Despite the milky, glacial appearance of the water in the Sandy River, fish are being caught. A few spring chinook have fallen for spinners this week in the early morning hours.

Northwest – Although not consistent since the opener, the Buoy 10 fishery is off to a fast start. Chinook catches were great for the first 2 days of the season and tapered slightly by Sunday. Typically, Rogue strain fish make up the bulk of the catch in the first week of fishing but upriver brights and tules are in the mix already, indicating the predicted run is likely to come to fruition. Fresh and frozen herring seems to be the most productive but the spinner bite should take off soon. Anchovies are also responsible for fair action. Few coho are being seen in the river but the ocean adjacent to the Columbia is putting out easy limits. Chinook are likely to show in greater numbers off of Long Beach in the coming week. Interest is running at an all-time high in the estuary already.

Garibaldi anglers saw a rebound in ocean catches but you still have to work hard for limits. Ocean crabbing remains excellent but only about half of the catch is of high quality.

The all-depth halibut season was productive for many, especially out of Newport. An announcement comes on Thursday, indicating if there is enough remaining quota for another short opener. Over half of the nearshore quota remains south of Cape Falcon.

The Nehalem hasn't taken been off the hook but it's consistently producing fair catches of chinook from Wheeler to the jaws near Brighton. The current weak tide series should play out well for those working herring near the mouth although afternoon NW winds can often hamper success.

Estuary crabbing on the Nehalem, Tillamook and Netarts should be fair over the weekend.

Southwest- Catches of offshore coho out of Newport and Depoe Bay have been reliable and steady, providing mostly limits for ocean anglers. Hatchery coho may be taken through August 10th with the non-select (hatchery or wild) coho season opening on August 30th.

The non-selective coho season quota of 20,000 fish may be supplemented by any additional, uncaught numbers from the current selective fishery.

Salmon fishing is getting most of the attention from those plying offshore waters although catches of rockfish and lingcod have been excellent out of central Oregon ports. Some charters are doing combo trips and returning with limits of everything.

Boats launching out of Newport and Depoe bay with sights set on albacore have gotten into good numbers 30 or 40 miles from port.

Recreational boats out of Newport have targeted halibut inside the 40 fathom line to return with limits.

Despite reports elsewhere to the contrary, the entire Oregon coast remains open to the harvest of mussels.

Bobber and bait fishers have been taking some chinook on the Siuslaw around Cushman and Mapleton.

Salmon are being caught offshore out of Reedsport in 90 foot depths over 200 feet of water. Chinook fishing has been slow to fair in Winchester Bay with the season just getting started. A few are being taken around the Highway 101 Bridge at Reedsport.

While Charleston has been a popular launch point for albacore, as of August 5th, tuna have moved far offshore along with warmer water. Bottom fishing has been excellent and ocean crabbing is fair. The fifth Annual Sunset Bay Angler of the Day is a kayak-only fishing tournament scheduled to take place August 23rd at Sunset Bay State Park in Coos Bay. Points per inch are awarded for each of nine species.

When boats have been able to get out of Gold Beach, bottom fishing has been excellent for lingcod and rockfish. Limits of ocean crab have added to the bounty. Ocean salmon fishing has been fair to good with mostly chinook being taken. Coho catches are fair with a number of wild fish having to be released. Trollers dragging anchovy/spinner combos are taking two to three dozen Chinook out of Rogue Bay every day. Summer steelhead catches have started to pick up on the Grants Pass stretch of the Rogue River. With outflow from Lost Creek stable at 1,500 cfs, catches on the upper river have been steady and reliable.

Ocean chinook fishing has slowed out of Brookings but catches of rockfish, lingcod and halibut are filling the gap. Deep trollers report taking some of each specie on occasion. About half of the southern Oregon halibut quota remains to be taken.

Eastern – Summer steelhead catches on the lower Deschutes are slow to fair but steady with fish being landed daily. Shaded water is producing best.

Trout fishing is fair at best on the Willowa River with fish off the bite over the past week. Hot weather may be contributive. Fishing remains worthwhile at Willowa Lake although action has slowed a bit.

Crane Prairie has been producing for the bobber 'n' bait crowd but the trout have been running small.

Trollers are taking kokanee at Odell Reservoir in the mornings with the bite shutting down around 9 a.m.

And here's the latest update on the halibut extension starting the 15th of August:

Central Oregon Coast Summer All-Depth Sport Halibut Open August 15 & 16

The Central Coast Summer All-depth halibut fishery will be **OPEN August 15 & 16**. During the first opening, 17,788 pounds were landed, this leaves approximately 30,000 pounds remaining. Any additional dates after that will be announced by noon on Friday, August 22.

The Central Coast nearshore fishery, through August 3, has landed 9,508 pounds, leaving 12,766 pounds (57%) of the quota remaining.

The Columbia River summer all-depth fishery is open Thursday-Sunday, and the nearshore open Monday-Wednesday. Both fisheries have the majority of their quota remaining.

The Southern Oregon Subarea (Humbug Mt to the OR/CA Border) through August 3 has landed 2,646 pounds, leaving 1,066 pounds (29%) of the quota remaining.

SW Washington- District anglers remain largely focused on summer steelhead on the lower Columbia Beaches downstream of Vancouver. Catches are slowing but it remains one of the best options for bank anglers in the area.

Cowlitz steelheaders continue to take fair catches but interest will soon shift to salmon.

Drano Lake is producing good catches of steelhead although the majority of them are wild. That will likely continue to be the case.

Due to warm weather, the Klickitat River remains turbid, quelling steelhead success.

Reminder: the last of the August public meetings on the 2015 sport halibut season is Monday August 11 at 7 pm at the ODFW Marine Resources Program office in Newport. For those that cannot attend in person, the meeting is available via GoTo meeting (<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/join/433276823>) or can provide input via phone (541-867-4741) or e-mail (patrick.p.mirick@state.or.us or lynn.mattes@state.or.us). Thank you to those who attended the Brookings and North Bend meetings this week and who have already contacted us.

Columbia River Fishing Report – The Buoy 10 fishery has taken off, even better than I had expected. From the opener, action has been fair to good with the first two days seeming to produce some of the best catches of the first week. Anglers are reporting success for the most part, at least having the opportunity for chinook during select times of the tide.

I started my trips on the 4th of August, only having 4 opportunities, landing a wild coho and a nice Rogue strain chinook, recognizable by a left ventral clip. Tuesday the 5th turned out much better for me, landing 4 chinook and 1 hatchery coho with at least that many more opportunities. The chinook all averaged between 17 and 21 pounds with one tulle, two Rogue strain fish and one upriver bright rounding out the catch. The high tide bite above the bridge early this week was less than impressive as I did most of my damage on the last 2 hours of weak outgoing tide fishing off of the lower Desdemona Tongue in water 28 to 40 feet deep. Catches remain mediocre on Wednesday, with more effort focused below the bridge

on the weak tide exchange. There have been reports of success at Buoy 10 to above Tongue Point, mostly for chinook. Two things are clear: The run is going to be large and we are still 6 to 10 days away from really good action. Anglers have been trying all the stand-by holding areas with the chinook wing jetties and the water in front of Hammond producing just mediocre results. It's clear folks are motivated however as effort is running high for this early in the season.

Fish are being taken on spinners but as is often the case, bait is taking the lion's share during this early season fishery. The Oregon side has also yielded some fair to good catches, especially above the bridge. No doubt in my mind however that if the Young's Bay Bubble was open, limits would be much more attainable. There is no one consistent spot however as catches seem well distributed throughout the estuary, indicating a diverse composition of upriver brights, tules and Young's Bay Destined Rogue strain fish. We're in for an excellent chinook season!

Ocean fishing remains epic out of the mouth of the Columbia. The best action has consistently been to the north, where the fleet is just pounding on hatchery coho in 50 to 70 feet of water. Most boaters are fishing just west of the lighthouse as anglers are quite pleased not to have to travel far for impressive catch rates. The hot action is also a clear indicator that coho numbers should come in as predicted also. Trolled fresh plug-cut herring or whole anchovies is working just fine. We went through 3 dozen herring and almost a pound of anchovies on Wednesday to take our 14 fish limit of coho, ranging from 4 to 8 pounds. Only a few undersized chinook were in the catch. It's like the good 'ol days, when you have over 50 opportunities for 3 hours of effort. If you're not getting bit in 10 minutes, you don't have any bait; reel in and re-bait. It's almost as good as it gets. The hatchery to wild ratio is inconsistent from boat to boat but most anglers are happy with their take-home opportunities. With the hot coho action, not many are motivated to look for chinook in shallower but numbers should be growing for those interested in looking. Target chinook in 25 to 35 foot of water along the Long Beach Peninsula. It's been an easy couple of days with the wind not showing until noon-time. Hopefully, this weather pattern maintains. Not many anglers are reporting in from the SW section of the ocean fishery but fish surely must be present. It's just a much closer run to get your fish to the north. Coming with the east-bound swell and wind-waves, the ride back in goes quick.

Not many people are recreating other than salmon right now but crabbing remains fair, both in the river and the ocean. The ocean will obviously have more abundant keepers but the condition of crab will likely be in the river.

Albacore fisherman remain motivated, especially if you have a sizeable boat to pursue your quarry. Recent reports from the Columbia indicate ample numbers of albacore remain available for those traveling 30 to 35 miles west of the entrance.

The Guide's Forecast – Of course Buoy 10 will take up the bulk of this conversation. This will be the week where chinook catches will become much more consistent. It's highly likely that with the run coming in as predicted, chinook limits are very feasible for Buoy 10 anglers. Building tides should bring in good numbers of chinook this week with incoming tide creating good opportunities through the weekend. As I have always preached, expending your effort prior to low slack is futile. This is when water temperatures are warmest and saline levels are at their lowest, both, creating conditions non-conductive to biters. For anglers willing to put in a full day, it will be best to start fishing about a 1/2 hour before low slack. Start near the Buoy 10 deadline, taking advantage of a slowing outgoing tide where motivated migrants will be crossing the bar on the last trickle of outgoing tide. My favorite troll during this period of the tide is the SW slide from Buoy 11 to Buoy 10. Run your baits 25 to 45 feet down through the very first part of incoming tide. Don't waste too much time here however as the first trickle of incoming will produce catches along the Chinook wing jetties along the Washington side and the red buoy line on the Oregon side. From there, you'll want to hop-scotch the tide-riding chinook upstream. The Desdemona Sands troll, the Blind Channel/Church Hole upstream troll and the Hammond Hover are all great options for willing chinook during the middle hours of incoming tide. Remain cognizant of the Young's Bay closure

as this historically has been a good high tide option. Most anglers will not crowd into the above-the-bridge Washington side, high tide option. The Washington side bridge hover is also a strong option for the 2nd half of incoming. High tides this week should produce good results above the bridge on the Washington side. The best time of the tide however will remain the first hour of outgoing in the two main channels above the bridge on the Washington side. The green line on the Oregon side is also likely to produce fair to good results on the first hour and a half of outgoing tide. There will certainly be some coho caught this week but a 2-fish coho/chinook limit remains mostly unlikely.

River chinook should respond well to spinners this week but bait will likely remain the best bet. Frozen blue-label herring should produce good catches of chinook but most will continue to rely on fresh herring and larger anchovies to target the ample numbers of chinook in the river system this week. World Class Fishing has great bait for those working out of the West End Basin but do double check your bait order before leaving the bait shop, there has been some SNAFU's in recent days. World Class also has Fatal Flash spinners. Visit them in the West End Basin but call ahead to reserve your bait at (503) 741-1407. Don't overlook the option to jig your own bait either. It's hard to beat a fresh-jigged anchovy for chinook but especially for coho.

If you're ocean fishing, it's pretty simple math; head NW out of the mouth of the Columbia but check bar conditions (from our home page) first. If the swell is 4 foot or less and the wind waves are 2 foot or less, you'll be golden outside. You can check the ocean weather also from our home page. You'll see plenty of other boats on the productive grounds but that doesn't mean you have to go out there to catch fish. We've had plenty of hot action in just 50 to 60 foot of water about 1.5 miles NW of the North Jetty and north due west of the Cape Disappointment Light House. The earlier you go, the more aggressive the fish will bite and you can feasibly make it back to the dock for breakfast. Some days, the grade of coho are larger than others but if you don't nail your limit in short order, you're doing something wrong or conditions have changed dramatically. The offshore forecast looks to be very friendly over the weekend but you'll want to go early to avoid the late morning winds:

FRI NW WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 3 FT. W SWELL 2 FT AT 7 SECONDS. PATCHY DRIZZLE IN THE MORNING.

FRI NIGHT N WIND 10 TO 15 KT WITH GUSTS TO 20 KT. WIND WAVES 3 FT. W SWELL 2 FT AT 7 SECONDS.

SAT N WIND 10 TO 15 KT WITH GUSTS TO 20 KT. WIND WAVES 3 FT. W SWELL 2 FT AT 15 SECONDS.

SAT NIGHT N WIND 10 TO 15 KT WITH GUSTS TO 20 KT. WIND WAVES 4 FT. W SWELL 2 FT AT 14 SECONDS.

SUN N WIND 10 TO 15 KT WITH GUSTS TO 20 KT. WIND WAVES 4 FT. W SWELL 2 FT AT 13 SECONDS.

SUN NIGHT N WIND 15 TO 20 KT WITH GUSTS TO 25 KT. WIND WAVES 5 FT. W SWELL 2 FT.

MON N WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 4 FT. W SWELL 5 FT.

TUE NW WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 4 FT. W SWELL 4 FT.

It won't be a great idea putting out crab gear on the lower Columbia. With an increasing tide and an explosion of boats this weekend, there won't be much space or tolerance for crab gear on the river. Better save it for October.

Willamette, McKenzie & Santiam Rivers Fishing Report – Wednesday hydrological data shows the Willamette flows at 7,820 cfs. The water temperature at Willamette Falls was 78 degrees which is hot by any standards. Passage of Chinook and steelhead dropped from fair in the last week of July to essentially zero under these conditions.

McKenzie River water levels increased overnight on August 4th but have been gradually dropping since that date. There's no reason to anticipate conditions any different through the weekend to come.

Kayakers can learn new strategies, share proven ideas or simply meet other local kayak anglers at Jo Mar Hoggs Hardcore Tackle located at 362 SW Oak St. in Hillsboro on Tuesday, August 12th at 7 PM. Mark Veary and Phil Pirone will be sharing techniques and how-to's. The admission is free and the store will be staying open late for this event.

The Guide's Forecast – Bass fishing is the only game in town for lower Willamette anglers and it's actually a pretty good option for action. First thing in the morning, these scrappy fish will smack top-water lures aggressively. Once the sun is up sufficiently to put light on the water, switch to soft plastics. Concentrate efforts on rocky outcroppings and structure that smallies can use as ambush points. You'll know it's time to go when powerboats chase you off.

The McKenzie River above Leaburg Lake will be boat stocked this week with 7,750 rainbow trout. As wild trout may not be kept on the Mack, be certain that any retained have an adipose fin clip. The river has been fishing quite well despite hot summer weather. Concentrating efforts on the upper river where water temperatures are cooler will be far more productive and overcast mornings will be more conducive to dry offerings. The most effective times to try will be from first light to mid-day and again as the sun drops low in the sky until it's too dark to see where you're casting. Tandem or so-called "hopper-dropper" rigs have been most effective with bead had nymphs in the dropper role. See **Random Links**, below, for instructions on how to tie these up.

Results for summer steelhead have been slow on the North Santiam despite decent numbers in the system. Try high from Mehama to Packsaddle. About 2,000 spring Chinook and 2,500 summer steelhead had entered the fish ladder as of Aug 4th. The majority of these fish have been recycled downstream to allow anglers another shot at them. Fishing has been slow on the South Santiam as well. Over 200 summer steelhead had been counted at Foster Dam as of August 4th. The best chance for a hookup is likely to be from Wiley Creek to Pleasant Valley boat ramps, around Waterloo County Park and from Lebanon down to the confluence with the North Santiam.

Clackamas and Sandy River Fishing Reports – The Clackamas is too low to drift well in many stretches and those trying are having to drag their boats. Carver to Riverside is driftable, however, and it may be done in a shallow draft craft without having to do any dragging. Fishing is another story; a short, sad one. Some coho should make an appearance this month in the Clack. Non-anglers in inflatable craft will dominate the river during the day.

Sandy River is exhibiting every aspect of what mid-summer looks like. In this case, the water level is extremely low and is getting lower every day while the glacial beginnings at Mt. Hood is melting to cause the water color to turn milky gray-green.

The Guide's Forecast – Steelheaders are spotting summers regularly on the Clackamas but getting them to bite or strike has been a challenge recently. The culprit is most likely the water temperature, which has been pushing toward the mid-60s, which is not conducive to decent steelheading. Hopefully, as overnight temperature drop seasonally, it will have a positive effect on the water temperature and improve Clackamas catches. Try McIver near Dog Creek.

Chinook will continue to trickle into the Sandy River and all summer long according to **Robert Campbell of Fishermen's Marine (503-557-5600)**. Recently, however, catches of both steelhead and Chinook have been poor to slow in low, milky water. Early mornings will be the best chance to catch the Sandy in the best possible water condition. High on the system offers the best chance of a hookup.

North Coast Fishing Report – Coho fishing out of Garibaldi has picked up again. Anglers are reporting good success for coho in 140 to 170 feet of water from the Nehalem to Twin Rocks. Fast trolled herring from 8 to 20 pulls is consistently taking limits for those that get an early start. An early start is advisable as the wind commonly comes up by late morning. It's best to start your day to the northwest, allowing the wind to blow you back to Tillamook Bay. Chinook remain sparse in the catch but the coho are becoming of a nice grade. 6-8 pound fish are common but anglers are reporting a few fish and the 10 to 12-pound range.

Tuna fishermen are reporting sporadic results out of Garibaldi. Chasers still have to go 28 to 35 miles offshore and many are reporting better results in the afternoon versus early morning hours. Iron jigs continue to produce good results with some stops much more productive than others.

Ocean crabbing out of Garibaldi remains good but soft-shells remain in the catch. It will probably be another four weeks before we see the majority of crab turn to hard-shell.

Nehalem Bay salmon trollers are reporting fair action at the bar. The afternoon wind has hampered success but overall, Chinook are being taken daily at the jaws. Some action is still being reported at Wheeler which will likely be the better bet as the tidal influence increases.

Steelheaders continue to struggle for results on the Nestucca and Wilson rivers. Low, clear water will continue to hamper success but savvy early-morning anglers do stand a chance by targeting fish in deeper, broken surfaced water, much like that found at the head of holes.

The Guide's Forecast – Anglers only have through Sunday to target coho south of Cape Falcon. The ocean forecast looks to be very friendly for those willing to try but stick to the rule of leaving Tillamook Bay and heading northwest. This will allow you to ride the wind waves back to your home port. Stick to 140 to 200 foot of water when targeting coho. Start trolling 6 to 12 strips early, dropping down deeper when the sun rises higher in the sky. As long as the Northwest trade winds continue to blow, water temperatures should remain cool enough for anglers to continue with good success rates.

This weekend should be productive for tuna chasers but be aware that strong afternoon winds will make for a rough ride home. Expect to travel 28 to 35 miles offshore in search of these fish. Trolled Cedar plugs and tuna clones are a good tool for finding schools but be prepared to cast iron at these fish after circling back around to where you hooked your first one. For those willing to put in a full day, the afternoon bite seems to be producing some of the better stops.

You might as well drop your crab pots on your way to the salmon or tuna grounds. Expect excellent results if you have fresh carcasses from either specie. Avoiding high concentrations of crab pots will yield better results for you. Expect soft-shells in the catch until later in September.

Stronger tides on Nehalem Bay will quell success at the jaws. Wheeler and Nehalem should begin to produce good results but the best action will likely happen on the next set of holdover tides starting around the 17th of this month. Herring will likely continue to be the best bet but as you get above the 101 bridge near Nehalem, spinners could turn on as well.

Central & South Coast Reports – Offshore coho anglers launching out of central Oregon ports are limiting and returning early on sport and charter craft alike. Coho fishing is being described as the best it has been in years.

Coho action out of Newport was reported as red hot and rockin' on Wednesday this week with sport boats taking limits, then pulling crab pots loaded with Dungeness on the way in to return to the dock with plenty of time for lunch. Hoochies with a herring strip has been popular and allows trollers to cover more water in short order.

Bottom fishing out of Depoe Bay has produced rockfish limits this week along with some large lingcod. A few nearshore halibut of respectable size have been taken as well. As of August 7th, 62% of the nearshore halibut quota remained to be taken.

Tuna were taken out of Newport earlier this week but is has been a run of 30 miles or more to find blue, warm water. Albacore are actually closer to the beach for those launching from ports north or south of the central coast.

Salmon catches have been good out of Reedsport. While the majority of coho boated recently have been wild which have to be turned back at this time, Chinook catches have been making up for it. Ocean crabbing has been good out of Winchester Bay while the bay itself has also been quite productive. Fair to good catches of Dungeness are being made by both boat and dock crabbers. Chinook catches near Reedsport have been spotty and unpredictable. Warm water flowing from the Umpqua River is most likely the cause. Dredging is scheduled to take place in the east and west boat basins in Winchester Bay starting Monday, August 11th. The project should be wrapped up by Sunday, August 17th. Smallmouth bass fishing continues to be rewarding in the upper Umpqua mainstem and into the South Umpqua. Summer steelhead are being landed this week on the North Umpqua.

As long as water in the lower Rogue remains low and the water temperature remains high, fall Chinook will continue to keg up in the bay. Catches this week are reported as fair but steady for trollers in the estuary. Steelhead and half pounders are entering the lower river at this time of year but warm water has them off the bite. A few summer steelhead are being landed on the middle Rogue by anglers using either bait or spinners early or late in the day. With most of the Chinook in the upper Rogue wild at this time of year, anglers are reminded that this fishery is closed as of August 1st. Summer steelheading has continued to be good on the upper river with best results coming predictably in the early morning hours and again in the evening.

Salmon fishing had been good out of Coos Bay for both coho and Chinook over the past week although it slowed Tuesday and Wednesday. A few Chinook are being taken at the bar in Coos Bay. Crabbing inside the bay is good now although a percentage will be soft at this time of year.

Local sports writers lamented what they considered to be a limited and inadequate Southern Oregon Coast halibut quota when it was announced at 2,271 pounds prior to the opener in May. As of July 30th, however, 29% remains available.

Central and Eastern Oregon – The Deschutes opened for chinook on August 1st from the mouth at the I-84 bridge upstream to Sherars Falls. The daily bag limit is two adult chinook and five jacks (jacks chinook are 15 to 24 inches long). Expect it to be worthwhile in September. This Chinook fishery will remain open through October. Try for steelhead on the lower Deschutes mornings as the water temperatures will be lowest then. Summer steelhead counts are gradually picking up at Sherars Falls. Steelhead had yet to show as high as Pelton Dam as of the latest data available on July 27th. Fishing is fair to good from Warm Springs to Trout Creek with nymphs most effective. Expect to take some redsides as well as good-sized whitefish. Caddis have been hatching briefly late in the day.

While the Crooked River does not fish its best in hot weather, evenings can be productive. Stick to spotted caddis and midge imitations.

Odell has been producing good numbers of decent-sized kokanee to trollers. The challenge has been locating schools; after that, it gets easy. Trolling hoochies behind dodgers has been most effective. Downrigger trolling has been dredging up same dandy lake trout.

It's about time to switch from kokanee and concentrate on trout at Wickiup as fishing for the latter picks up at this time of year as water level gets lower.

Lake fishers should have a good time if they plot a course for either Timothy or East Lake, both of which have been productive recently.

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Random Links

How to Tie and Fish Tandem Fly Rigs: <http://www.orvis.com/news/fly-fishing/tuesday-tip-how-to-tie-and-fish-tandem-rigs/>

Gary Loomis AMA on Reddit:

http://www.reddit.com/r/IAmA/comments/2c408v/hi_reddit_i_am_gary_loomis_fishing_rod_designer/

Spot the hot rod in this coho video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ibEF20iUxo>

GOOD LUCK!