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

Forecasting for the fishing week of **August 15<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

### **Oregon Fisheries Update:**

**Willamette Valley/Metro** – Metro anglers are still waiting for what should be ample opportunity for chinook later this month. Fish that were in the estuary from the opener on August 1<sup>st</sup> should be present in the Portland to Longview stretch but a lull exists just behind the initial push. Steelheaders continue to struggle in the warming waters.

Fish passage remains at a near-standstill at Willamette Falls in mid-70 degree water. Fishing has been decent on the lower Willamette for bass anglers taking advantage of early mornings prior to the appearance of go-fast craft. The middle Willamette has offered fair to good fishing for trout and, occasionally, summer steelhead.

Water levels on the McKenzie have been a roller coaster, literally up one day, down the next. While this is generally considered a less-than-optimal condition, trout fishing has been reliable although steelheading is slow.

North Santiam bank fishers have had nothing to show for their time recently except smiles and sunburns. A few summer steelhead were located and landed by boaters over the past week.

With the often-milky waters of the Sandy River running low, pontoons and rafts are appropriate craft for those willing to drag their boats in spots. Steelhead and chinook are laying low.

Steelheading is slow to fair on the Clackamas with hardware occasionally effective. Beat the splash 'n' giggle crowd and fish high up on the system for the best chance of taking one home.

Generally, when stalking steelhead in the summertime, make an earnest effort to be stealthy. Stay low, use light line and small offerings. If the fish sees you, all bets are off. You might as well move on.

**Northwest** – Traditionally, chinook make a strong showing by this time in the Astoria area. They are however, largely absent but an explosive fishery is likely just days away. Thankfully, coho have become abundant in recent days, with the best action right at the Buoy 10 deadline. Fresh herring and anchovies are taking the bulk of the fish but small #5 silver Fatal Flash blades are also taking good numbers of coho. This fishery should really take off by the weekend.

Ocean fishing out of the mouth of the Columbia remains excellent for the larger boat fleet that can comfortably fish outside. A weather change mid-week is offering up better opportunity into the weekend. Coho will continue to dominate the catch although more chinook are being taken off the Long Beach Peninsula.

Ocean crabbing remains good but the strong tide series we're currently on, keeps river and estuary crabs buried for a larger portion of the day.

The ocean south of Cape Falcon closed August 10<sup>th</sup> for coho but remains open for chinook, which are hard to find. An "any salmon" season opens later this month and should be productive.

Nehalem Bay is producing fair at best for summer chinook. The strong tides should have Nehalem and Wheeler the more productive reaches but that could change by the middle of next week.

**Southwest-** The selective or hatchery coho season came to a close at the end of day on Sunday, August 10th. The next opportunity starting Saturday, Aug. 30 will be a great one as all coho are fair game, fin-clipped or not. This non-selective fishery is scheduled to continue through September or fulfillment of quota.

Bottom fishing has been good out of central ports but it has been an either/or fishery with rockfish on the bite one day, lingcod the next. Either way, there's nothing to complain about.

Tuna fishing has been good out of Newport when boats have been able to find pods of fish. Warm water has yet to move close enough to guarantee an offshore trip of less than 40 miles.

With 35,063 pounds remaining of the all-depth halibut quota after the last scheduled fishery, offshore anglers will be allowed to fish Friday and Saturday, Aug. 15 and 16. Any additional dates after that will be announced by noon on Friday, August 22.

Sport craft crossing the bar at Winchester Bay, the top port for Chinook on the coast by a wide margin, have been taking salmon to 30 pounds. A few Chinook are being caught by trollers inside the bay with this fishery due to turn on at any time.

Trollers on Rogue Bay hit the jackpot on several days over the past week as scores of salmon were landed on several days. The spike in flows that historically occurs on August 10th as cold water is released to draw Chinook upstream, has been delayed a week. Estuary trollers are thankful. Steelheading has been slow to fair in the warm waters of the middle Rogue. If weather or the hand of man serves to lower water temperatures however, sending chinook upstream, the outlook for Grants Pass will be much more optimistic. Summer steelhead catches are fair to good bit steady on the upper Rogue with a good early showing this season.

Persistence seems to be the key to salmon limits out of Brookings. Bottom fish limits have filled the void created by a spotty salmon bite for many anglers.

Trout fishing has been slow to fair at Diamond Lake with best catches coming to bait fishers working 30 to 35 feet of water.

**Eastern** – Summer steelhead numbers continue to improve on the lower Deschutes although catches have been only fair. Trout fishing has slowed a little on the Warm Springs to Trout Creek drift. The same tactics that have been recommended have endured; caddis dries early and late in the day with nymphs getting grabs during daytime hours.

The fire closure on the Metolius was lifted late last week. Dries have been ineffective of late although nymphs are fooling some fish.

Crane Prairie was slow over the past weekend although it did give up a few of those large rainbows for which it is so well-known.

A drop in water temperature on the Wallowa River has triggered the bite. Trout from 10 to 18 inches are being caught now.

**SW Washington-** Cowlitz River steelheaders are still struggling for consistent returns of summer steelhead but action should be picking up for chinook, if the run actually materializes this fall.

Wild steelhead will continue to make up the bulk of the recreational catch in the Wind River fishery for just another few weeks.

High temperatures still have the Klickitat River producing poorly with no relief in sight; turbid waters from glacial siltation is to blame.

**Columbia River Fishing Report** – Anglers are still waiting for the mother lode of chinook to enter the lower Columbia. To date, it hasn't hit. Chinook action finally did pick up on Tuesday afternoon with lower Desdemona Sands (tongue) producing some great catches on the second half of incoming tide, which was around 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Add an hour each day as the week progresses. The majority of boats are still practicing the "early bird gets the worm" program, which is just plain foolish. I've been starting my trips later in the morning, 10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning, waiting for the strong tide to slow down, when chinook are much more likely to enter the lower river and bite because your baits aren't traveling Mach 10 past their faces. You early risers have been wasting your time on the early morning, screaming minus tide. There is no need to start your adventure until at least an hour before low slack. We can often catch chinook on the last trickle of outgoing tide on the lower end of Desdemona Sands or along the Chinook wing jetties or between Buoy's 12 and 11.

Although I've been going out to the ocean the last few days, rumor has it that the high tide bite above the bridge has also been going well lately. Prior to Tuesday, it's been a struggle up there with only a few fish taken. Even more disappointing is that the first part of outgoing tide has also not produced good results for chinook. It's almost as if they're just not there. Thankfully, the last few days has seen a resurgence in numbers, let's hope the trend continues. The river channels above the ship wreck have not been producing well but hopefully, that will change.

The Oregon side has been slow; from the Hammond Hover to the bridge on the Oregon side. Somewhat of a biological desert. Not too many people fishing the Young's Bay Flats either. Did I mention it's closed by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission? That could change at any time however, we just need more fish to show up!

It's been a tough tide cycle, that has a lot to do with it but all the hub-bub about a record return has many of us scratching our heads. If it wasn't for the ocean option or the strong coho bite at Buoy 10 earlier in the week, we'd have some fishing guides go postal by the weekend. As far as that Buoy 10 bite goes, it was quite good on Saturday and Sunday with my customers boating 10 coho before heading upriver in search of a few more, and not producing exceptional results. By Monday, action at Buoy 10 had slowed with us still landing 10 fish but we had to release 4 of them (1 chinook, 3 coho). The very first push of incoming tide (First 1.5 hours) has been the most productive and fresh anchovies and herring along with size 5 silver Fatal Flash spinners has been golden for me. This bite has slowed since then however but it's still not a bad early incoming tide option.

Fortunately, we have a waning tide coming this weekend. That will provide some great action, I'm convinced. More on that in the forecast section however.

Ocean fishing remains epic! The NW winds finally gave way to a southerly on Tuesday but it was a soft southerly so we were able to get out without much trouble. Limits were easy too; fishing to the north of the river entrance in 35 to 50 foot of water from the Lighthouse to the condo's. Mostly coho here but we've also encountered some nice chinook and a fair number of tules in the catch. Fresh anchovies or herring have both worked well here. What's really amazing is the mark rate for coho. I'll catch 10 hatchery coho for every wild one out there. That makes early limits a very real possibility. Some boats have found more consistent action for chinook a little further north and in tight to the beach. Target them in 25 to 30 foot of water, on the surface early but drop them down deep by late morning. Coho's are plentiful so make them a secondary target species. Much of this area is inundated with crab gear so watch where you're going. I don't think Washington closes their crab season on 8/15 like Oregon does so we'll have to deal with gear for a while longer. The ocean kicked up a bit by Wednesday with the southerly wind blowing a bit harder than the prediction noted. It's always, ALWAYS, a crap shoot out

there, be prepared for anything. Peacock Spit has been angry too. Steer way clear of Peacock Spit when exiting and re-entering the ocean on the north side. It can be a sloppy mess in there, swells and waves from every direction. Crabs are plentiful in this area, don't become bait. No reports from folks fishing SW of the river entrance but there has to be coho there; it's just a much farther run.

Not many folks are doing anything other than salmon fishing. River crabbing is fair, still a lot of small ones. Tuna anglers are complaining they have to go too far in the wind chop and are waiting for better conditions and why would anyone sturgeon fish with the salmon fishing the way it is? It's just that time of year and people remain optimistic that the kings are coming. One thing is for sure, the Select Area Brights (SAB's) or Rogue Strain Chinook never did make a strong showing this year. Hopefully, this is not an omen.

**The Guide's Forecast** – This should be the week for chinook. Some folks that have been fishing up north have stated they seem late this year. Well, in the Columbia, they're late this year. There have been years however when they just don't bite in the estuary all that well but with the magnitude of the run that's supposed to be coming this year, I can't believe that is the case. By the weekend, the tides will shift to the morning and we'll get a real sense if this run is going to materialize or not. As a matter of fact, we'll have two high tides to consider; one in the early morning hours and one in the evening. Both should be productive for chinook.

Starting with the early morning tide, you'll likely want to start near the Astoria Bridge, most likely on the Washington side. It is a stronger tide so fishing upstream of the shipwreck isn't a bad idea either. Spinners are becoming more effective (size 6's and 7's) but fishing size 5's enables you to target coho as well as chinook. They will both take this size. I'll likely stick to bait, whole herring or larger anchovies as that is what I have the most confidence in. As a general rule, spinners get fewer bites but catch larger fish and the strike to land ratio is often better on spinners than bait. I'm still using heavy leads on a dropper versus divers; the lead tends to provide the necessary leverage to keep barbless hooks in the fish during the fight. As the tide turns and starts going out, it's softening up, which should allow for decent production throughout the entire outgoing tide. There of course, will be a peak ebb, when you're trolling downstream in excess of 3.5 MPH speed over ground, where the bite will taper but hopefully, that won't last long. With the number of chinook that *should* be in the river by this weekend, an active bite should last for a while. If it slows during peak ebb, it should pick back up again as we near low slack. I'll likely stick to the Washington side for the bulk of the day but the Oregon side could be equally productive. You'll have to remain cognizant of the Young's Bay Closure, down to the sawdust pile. As the tides further weaken into next week, the anchorage (above the Astoria/Megler Bridge, in front of Astoria where all the large ships anchor), should also become more productive, maybe even Tongue Point if the fish actually show up. You'll likely see the bulk of the fleet working the Washington side, downstream of the Astoria Bridge down to the Chinook wing jetties. We should see a tremendous harvest of chinook in this reach this weekend and next week.

I'm not sure what to think about a coho option at Buoy 10 this week. It's been so long since we've seen such an abundance of hatchery coho available to us. Will they bite on the line on the incoming tide? Certainly, some will but with the weaker tides coming on, I'm not highly confident that they'll be there in large abundance. With the number of fish in the ocean however, I have to think a guy stands a fair to good chance at limiting on both species this week. It should be a great week here and 10,000 of your closest friends will be in agreement as you'll see once you hit the water. The crowd will be epic, even if the fishing won't be, but I think the fishing will be too.

The ocean looks to remain a good option, we'll detail the forecast a bit later. Stick with what's been working; go north, don't believe you have to go all the way to the condo's like most of the fleet, we've been getting them south of the lighthouse, on about 40 or 50 foot of water. I even made a special trip back to the lighthouse area after taking the customer's limit to the north and found nothing but chinook right in front of the lighthouse on Tuesday. Try the short distance first, go long if you don't find results

but you're likely to. If you head to the traditional SW grounds (CR Buoy, Buoy 2), you're also likely to find good numbers of coho but you'll be traveling farther than you have to. Just because 90% of the coho are hatchery doesn't mean you still don't have to look for that rare wild one. It's just a great year to be a consumptive angler! Here's the weekend forecast although far from reliable (as I found out today):

**FRI** W WIND TO 5 KT. WIND WAVES 1 FT. NW SWELL 3 FT AT 10 SECONDS.

**FRI NIGHT** NW WIND 5 TO 10 KT...EASING TO 5 KT AFTER MIDNIGHT. WIND WAVES 2 FT. W SWELL 5 FT AT 13 SECONDS.

**SAT** NW WIND 5 TO 10 KT. WIND WAVES 2 FT. W SWELL 5 FT AT 12 SECONDS.

**SUN** N WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 4 FT. NW SWELL 3 FT.

**MON** N WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 3 FT. NW SWELL 3 FT.

As you can see, a weather forecast such as this can open up a lot of opportunities for anglers in the ocean. If it comes to fruition, it should be a productive weekend for salmon, crab and albacore tuna for those willing to make the run.

River crabbing should be an option as well. With the waning tides, crab should be available but you'll have a huge fleet of salmon anglers that will not want your gear in the way. Be ready to deal with broken off hooks/leaders in your ropes if you try and crab the river this weekend. The commercial fleet has to exit the ocean on August 15<sup>th</sup> but not the recreational crabber; we have until 10/15 thanks to a sportfishing super-hero that got the law changed.

**Willamette, McKenzie & Santiam Rivers Fishing Report** – Spring Chinook counts unceremoniously topped the 30,00 mark this week midst daily counts that rarely entered the double-digit realm. Similarly, summer steelhead passage has been hovering around the stagnant mark with totals just over 21,200 as of August 13th. With water flows very low and temperatures in the 70s, it's a wonder these fish move at all. Fortunately, there is one specie which seems to enjoy these conditions as noted below.

Water level and flow on the McKenzie seems to be settling down and is no longer rising one day, falling the next. With the splash and giggle crowd out in maximum force as summer weather continues, first and last light are an angler's only chances at catching a fish.

Showers this week have virtually no impact on the Santiams which are at summer level lows. Fortunately, that's not an unfishable situation here. Unfortunately, it has been slow this season regardless.

**The Guide's Forecast** – "Fabulous top-water action," is the way **Robert Campbell at Fisherman's Marine in Oregon City (503-557-5600)** described the lower Willamette fishery. It is a activity for anglers willing to rise early. Campbell went on to say that smallmouth of four and five pounds have been taken recently. Despite the great prospects, effort has been light. The fishing has been great for the few who are trying it or as Campbell said "All two of them."

Cutthroat responded well to dry caddis imitations on the lower McKenzie during the cloudy weather mid-week. As the sun returns, this activity will probably take place only in the early morning hours but nymphs should continue to fool trout throughout the day. Efforts for steelhead have been light, as have catches.

There are certainly fish available on the North Santiam with over 6,600 spring Chinook and nearly 3250 summer steelhead above Stayton. With the improved run this year over last, fish have showed up in

decent numbers to the base of Foster dam. According the ODFW, best sections to fish are from Wiley Creek to Pleasant Valley boat ramps, around Waterloo County Park, and from Lebanon down to the confluence with the North Santiam. As of Aug. 7 about 2,000 spring Chinook and just over 2,500 summer steelhead have entered the fish ladder. The challenge this year has been getting a fish, any fish, to bite. For what it's worth, hardware anglers favor orange on the Santiam while fly anglers swear purple patterns out-fish all others.

**Clackamas and Sandy River Fishing Reports** – Clackamas River levels showed little effect from scant showers this week with forecasts indicating it will gradually drop even lower in the week to come.

Sandy levels showed a brief spike overnight on August 12th due to rain showers but dropped back to previous levels during the course of the day on August 13th making it a virtual non-event. Nice, bright fish have been hooked this week on spinners near the hatchery. Count on milky water conditions here to avoid disappointment.

**The Guide's Forecast – Robert Campbell at Fisherman's Marine in Oregon City (503-557-5600)** told TGF the morning of August 14<sup>th</sup> that a hatchery coho has been caught from the Clackamas River. He confided that he was unable to confirm the catch but that the source was reliable. "It's about time for them to start showing anyway," said Campbell. In addition, expect to see fresh summer steelhead to be trickling in over the next couple of weeks. "There's a second shot of late summers that come into the Clackamas over the last two weeks of August," according to Campbell. While steelhead are distributed throughout the Clackamas system, McIver down to Carver remains the stretch most likely to produce. There are some springers in the river in area around Dog Creek and just below the dam.

While there are still summer steelhead and some springers available for anglers to chase on the Sandy River, coho are what will get them excited at this time of year. "Expect this fishery to start up any day now says **Robert Campbell at Fisherman's Marine in Oregon City (503-557-5600)**. He also mentioned that it would be worthwhile to fish the "fairly decent pocket water up around Cedar Creek" for summer steelhead now.

**Campbell** also reminds those who'd like to catch a mess o' crawfish that now is the time. "As soon as the first rains of fall hit, it'll be over," he said.

**North Coast Fishing Report** – With the north coast (south of Cape Falcon) now closed for coho, that doesn't leave a whole lot for saltwater salmon anglers to do. It will reopen later this month (for any coho) but the best game in town remains Nehalem River chinook. Fishery managers will evaluate the sport take and decide how best to utilize the remaining quota for the August 30 – September 30 opportunity.

Nehalem Bay anglers have a soft tide series to look forward to this weekend. Catches are already starting to improve during what is likely going to be the peak tide series for this fishery. Traditionally, this mid-August tide series produces the best catches for summer chinook and it's likely to be exactly that. Reports of productive fishing at Wheeler and near the jaws came in for the Wednesday tally but it will likely only get better as the tide softens. Trolled herring is the stand-by for the Wheeler troller but effort will shift to the jaws by the weekend. Some fish have been taken by spinner in the Nehalem stretch and bobber tossers are beginning to work the upper tidewater reach.

Halibut remains an option but as usual, fish remain scattered. Some folks have it figured out but consistency is far from the norm for this fishery. It's best to work the large swath of water from Manzanita to Twin Rocks, anywhere from 90 feet to 260. Salmon bellies or large herring should produce the best but small shad or squid can also take quality fish. Again, the soft tide series will play in your favor.

Ocean crabbing continues to produce good results although a large percentage of the catch remains in a soft-shell state. We likely won't see the condition improve significantly until mid-September.

A recent weather change improved possibilities for summer steelhead anglers in Tillamook and Lincoln County. The overcast weather cooled water temperatures somewhat but that doesn't mean conditions weren't challenging. It's a stealthy angler's game here. Three Rivers, the Wilson, Nestucca and Siletz are best options but don't count on the coastal weather to help you for very much longer.

**The Guide's Forecast** – The Nehalem will be your best bet if you have a boat. The softening tide series offers up the best chance of the season for a quality summer chinook. Target the jaws and hopefully, a comfortable ocean as chinook should be passing through the jaws and into the lower estuary all weekend and well into next week. Keep that herring close to the bay bottom and keep 'em spinning to entice fresh, ocean-run chinook. This should be peak week for the summer chinook fishery here. Some biters should make it through to Wheeler but many of the motivated biters will get culled from the jaws. It's an aggressive fishery so if you're not comfortable working under these conditions, this may not be the fishery for you. Bobber action could prove effective as well as these tide transitions often produce fair to good results.

It'll continue to be hard to target chinook in the ocean out of Garibaldi. Halibut and bottomfish as well as crab remain the best option and tuna chasers willing to travel will continue to do good on hardware and dead bait if you approach willing schools stealthily.

Crabbing in Tillamook County estuaries should be fair to good also if you have quality bait. Sizeable crab should continue to enter the estuary into the fall and the soft tide series should give good access to those that pursue.

Salmon trollers will be pretty excited to get back on the water later this month. Starting August 30<sup>th</sup>, any salmon may be kept on the high seas south of Cape Falcon; an opportunity we haven't had for quite some time.

**Central & South Coast Reports** – Coho season may be closed off the central coast for the next couple of weeks, but ocean Chinook fishing remains an option through the month of October.

When coho again become an option on August 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be no wild or hatchery restriction. The 20,000-fish quota will be supplemented by some yet-to-be-disclosed degree as roughly half the 80,000-coho quota from the selective fishery remained uncaught despite excellent action. A portion of that quota will be rolled into the upcoming non-selective fishery.

One of the Charters out of Newport took 32 tuna on Monday this week while one of the recreational boats returned with 43. Sport boats took albacore in fair to good number out of Newport on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. One of the boats landed a small bluefin. It has remained a long haul for tune with warm water 30 to 40 or sometimes more miles offshore. Fortunately, some have taken albacore out of "green" or cooler water somewhat closer to port.

Mentioned in the Fisheries Forecast, above, but worth repeating for those who might have missed it. With 62% of the quota remaining for all-depth halibut, the fishery well reopen on Friday and Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Bottom fishing has continued excellent and a few nearshore halibut are being landed but rarely like the 109-pounder taken on a charter trip Wednesday this week. Only half of the of the 2,274-pound quota has been caught so far this season.

Charter boats out of Depoe Bay report near-limits of rockfish and Dungeness during trips on Wednesday, August 13th.

**Robert Campbell at Fisherman's Marine in Oregon City (503-557-5600)** describes ocean crabbing a "Phenomenal right now, producing dinner-plate-sized crabs and they're getting hard."

Fall Chinook are in the Siletz River in decent number but have been disinterested in angler offerings over the past week. With too little current to pull anchor fish plugs, spinners of every hue as well as bobber and bait have been equally ineffective. High water temperatures are being blamed for this lockjaw situation.

With the Siuslaw River in poor conditions and water temperature high, Chinook are nosing in at the bar but not entering as yet. A few fish are being picked up at the jaws. The Siuslaw will have checkers at every location this season so be certain your actions are in line with the regs. Salmon can be cleaned on the river legally but be certain to keep head and tail intact for identification purposes.

Ocean salmon fishing has been good out of Reedsport and some boats have made successful tuna trips. Crabbing is good in Winchester Bay although a percentage are still soft. Herring trollers are working the bay and bank anglers throwing spinners at Half Moon Bay and Osprey Point are taking Chinook daily. Large, wild coho taken in Winchester Bay recently garnered tickets for trollers who were certain these were Chinook until an officer explained the difference. It's worth checking closely and knowing the difference for sure. It's legal to catch and keep hatchery coho salmon on the Umpqua River but too early in the season to encounter many of them. Smallmouth bass fishing is good although locating larger fish has been challenging with the water level low. North Fork Umpqua anglers are taking summer steelhead in the flies-only stretch. Smallmouth bass fishing is fair to good on the South Umpqua.

Boats launching out of Charleston have been doing well for ocean Chinook over the past week. Herring trollers report slow fishing for Chinook inside Coos Bay. Crabbing has been good, however, with many taking boat limits.

Trollers in the Rogue estuary have been reporting decent catches this week with most anglers landing one or two fish. This may change if precipitation lowers water temperatures in the Rogue River, which will have salmon high-tailing it upstream. According to NOAA forecasts, the effect on level and flow will be negligible, so how water temps are effected, if at all, remains to be seen. The summer steelhead and half-pounders entering the lower Rogue have been off the bite in the warm water. Summers are being taken in modest number by bait fishers on the middle river but serious action won't come to this stretch of the Rogue until fall Chinook start moving upstream. This may occur over the coming weekend if outflow from Lost Creek Reservoir is increased. Summer steelhead catches have continued fair to good with spinners and flies effective in taking fish. NOAA forecasts indicate flows from Lost Creek will increase from the current 1,500 cfs to 2,000 cfs overnight Friday, August 15th and hold steady at that level.

**Central and Eastern Oregon** – Steelhead numbers are building on the lower Deschutes. Water The water has been a little off-color this week and the White River blow out Tuesday evening. While many concentrate efforts from Macks Canyon to the mouth, there are fishable numbers between Macks and Pine Tree as well. Catches have been slow to spotty but it could turn out to be a good year as this fishery will continue well into the fall months.

Rain in central Oregon this week was an unusual, of not unprecedented event. Locals say it's likely to affect kokanee fishing at Wickiup but they're unsure as to whether it will be better or worse.

High lakes continue to fish will according to **Robert Campbell at Fisherman's Marine in Oregon City**

**(503-557-5600)** who reports Timothy Lake as particularly productive, producing good catches of trout to trollers using downriggers and Flatfish behind dodgers or flashers.

A kokanee derby will take place at Odell on August 16th, so those non-participants planning on fishing it should be prepared for heavier than normal traffic. Recent reports are of fair to good catches of healthy fish 10 to 12 inches or better. The John Day River is producing scores of smallmouth bass to hardware anglers and fly fishers alike.

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**Random Links**

Pacific City Rock Bass - on the surface - with fly rods:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqPpgH150lw&list=UUqbUKYg\\_DJnyX89-fXcJTBw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqPpgH150lw&list=UUqbUKYg_DJnyX89-fXcJTBw)

Albany converts Sewage to Wetlands:

<http://twg.cityofalbany.net/why-was-talking-water-gardens-created/>

Track wildfires online: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3973/>

Bandon wind, waves, weather, whales: <http://www.bandon.tv/>

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