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Forecasting for the fishing week of **November 11<sup>th</sup> – November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Oregon Fisheries Update:**

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**Willamette Valley/Metro-** The gorge sturgeon fishery remains good to excellent for boat and bank anglers. Some quality keepers are coming from this fishery as pressure drops due to hunting seasons and poor weather. Sand shrimp for bait is producing consistent results but the bait seems hard to get. Smelt is a good back-up however but that is also in short supply. Checks indicate a fish for every 11 boats in the Portland to Longview stretch while gorge anglers checked The river from Beacon Rock upstream is closed to angling from a floating device leaving ample opportunity for bank anglers to take advantage of salmon above the deadline. Bank anglers tallied near limits of Chinook near Tanner Creek but these fish are of poor quality and most anglers are practicing catch and release.

The Willamette River typically begins to pick up for sturgeon fishing this time of year. Pressure remains light for this fishery although some boats are beginning to target sturgeon in the industrial area upstream to Milwaukie. The difference in water temperatures is only 3 to 5 degrees but that is significant enough to make a difference in success.

The Sandy remained high and opaque at this writing but with the weather moderating may provide some possibilities by this weekend.

There's little pressure on the Clackamas with nothing going on to attract anglers.

**Mid Columbia/Deschutes River -** The John Day fishery is beginning to gain momentum for both catch and effort. Almost a fish per boat was tallied with a close 50/50 ratio of wild to hatchery fish. Bank anglers were doing fair as well near the mouth of the John Day.

The Deschutes is winding down for the year although steelhead are still available. Unpredictable weather and uncertain clarity due to the White River will put only the most avid anglers in pursuit of the remaining run.

**North Coast -** The conditions anglers have been waiting for hit the north coast at mid-week when the major tributaries cleared and dropped enough for the river fishing. The smaller streams like the Kilchis and Necanicum fished well on Sunday and Monday but the Wilson was white hot on Tuesday with numerous anglers taking limits of bright chinook from Mills Bridge to the mouth. Backbounced eggs seemed to be the preferred method but as flows drop, fish will be more responsive to plugs. Chum salmon have entered the Kilchis, Miami and Wilson Rivers but the target fishery ends on November 15<sup>th</sup>. It is only open to catch and release fishing for chum.

As a result of ripening fish, bay fishing slowed down with the exception of an early morning bite at the Ghost Hole and Bay City. Fish will continue to pour into the river systems while flows are favorable making river fishing a better option than the estuary.

With the fresh water intrusion, recreational crabbing is likely to slow despite the favorable time of the year.

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**Eastern Oregon -** The Grande Ronde River is coming into its prime for steelhead. Flows remained stable even after the weather systems that came through. Reports indicate an average to good year for steelhead on the Grande Ronde and Imnaha River systems.

Angling for panfish is also reported good to excellent for perch, bluegill and crappie in Snake River reservoirs. Fish become more active as air temperatures meet water temperatures in Brownlee and Hells Canyon Reservoirs.

**Trout fishing-** Green Peter is producing good catches of trout along with a few kokanee.

No trout planting will take place this week in the Willamette Valley.

**SW Washington-** Despite waning opportunity, the Cowlitz River is still putting out some decent numbers of coho salmon. Cowlitz Falls Reservoir tallied better than 1 coho per boat while bank anglers caught about a fish for every other rod.

The Grays River from the Hwy. 4 Bridge to the mouth opens to fishing for hatchery steelhead beginning November 15 although it won't peak for a few weeks after the opener.

**Columbia River Fishing Report** – The best thing going remains the sturgeon fishery in the gorge. Cooler, wetter weather kept many boats “at-bay” as the gorge, along with the rest of Oregon, fell victim to adverse weather conditions. I am told it was just a sampling of things to come. None-the-less, fish checks for gorge sturgeon anglers remain the best on the river. **Pro guide Dan Ponciano (360-607-8511)** reported an early limit on the last day he fished (11/4). Dan was done by 10 a.m. with quality keepers for all his customers. They also released a 61 inch fish and action for shakers was decent as well. He noted the decline in sturgeon effort, likely due to both the onslaught of hunting opportunity and poor weather. When the west wind blows, it takes a good section of the gorge out of the picture- particularly downstream of Multnomah Falls. Sand shrimp was a top bait for Dan but he noted that it is difficult to get your hands on it. Cape Horn and the water around Skamania Island were also producing good catches however the shaker to keeper ratio is much higher the further downstream that you fish. Anglers fishing the Portland to Longview stretch were also taking keeper sturgeon but the catch rate was closer to a fish every 11 boats in that stretch when the gorge is booting out closer to a keeper per boat in that fishery.

Salmon fishing remains open on the mainstem Columbia but closed to angling from a floating device upstream of Beacon Rock. This gives bank anglers a good shot at the Tanner Creek fish where folks were landing close to 2 fish/rod! Obviously, with this kind of catch reported, there isn't much effort. The poor quality of fish has turned this into a catch and release fishery. Oversize sturgeon are in the area too taking advantage of spawning fish. A bank angler certainly doesn't want to hook into one of these while in pursuit of tired Chinook. There are really no fresh salmon available on the Columbia right now- why else would it be open?

The John Day fishery is beginning to heat up. The lower John Day River is coupled in with the pool creel census and checks this week indicated almost a fish per boat was the average. Wild to hatchery ratios was very close to 1:1 so plan on releasing about half of your fish. John Day River anglers typically use bobbers and jigs or shrimp for bait, targeting the deeper, slower water. Plugs can also be employed and low water can also offer opportunity for fly anglers. The mainstem trollers target migrating steelhead using plugs just above the impoundment. This fishery hasn't produced as well in recent years but opportunity should exist and persistence can pay dividends.

**The Guide's Forecast** – A shift to milder weather (at least milder than last week) may keep the sturgeon bite in full gear. Boat anglers will continue to post the best numbers but for bank anglers, Bradford and Ives Island offer some of the best chances of the year to retain a keeper fish. About a keeper for every 2.5 rods was tallied last week and it shouldn't change much until the weather cools off. Shrimp will be a better choice but smelt is more durable for bank anglers. A combination of the two is the best choice. Faster flows are where the larger fish are so stay above Beacon Rock if that is what you are targeting. The slower flows downstream offer plenty of opportunity for those intimidated by fast water and shaker action is enough to keep anybody interested. Watch for the west wind to blow as this will curtail your pleasure. Flows aren't fast enough to keep you straight enough to fish! The Portland to Longview stretch is a gentleman's game but don't count on any number of keepers in this section.

With salmon fishing over (not legally, but morally) on the mainstem, anglers will have to go upstream to the John Day section if they want to target silver. More mild temperatures should tempt folks that haven't fished here into trying this fishery. If you plan on negotiating the John Day River itself in a jet sled, you should know what you are doing. It isn't so much that it is a technical river but none-the-less, there are navigation hazards so don't go blind into this situation. If you just want to troll with your heater going, you'll see other boats dragging plugs around just upstream of the impoundment. It will pay to try different colors but stick to the rule of dark days, solid colors and sunny days, metallic colors. This really works!

**Willamette, McKenzie & Santiam Rivers Fishing Report** – Since sturgeon are encouraged by higher flows and muddy water, the Willamette River typically begins to pick up for sturgeon fishing this time of year. Fishing is slow and pressure remains light but some boats are finding a few keeper sturgeon amidst the shakers in the industrial area upstream to Milwaukie. The Toyota Hole in particular has been productive.

The North Santiam is even further swollen from the last round of rain.

**The Guide's Forecast** – Sturgeon fishing is expected to improve as average temperatures decline seasonally. One of the factors enticing sturgeon to enter is the difference in water temperature compared to the cooler Columbia. While only three to five degrees at this time, it's enough to improve the numbers and the bite. Smelt, which is expensive when it can be found, has been effective, but consider squid as an alternative. Regardless, tip the odds in your favor by scenting your baits to draw sturgeon from greater distances.

This week, Bill Sanderson of Mill City, a respected and long-time professional guide on the North Santiam, took TGF to task for reporting that there was little to interest anglers at this location and reminded steelheaders that fresh (summer) fish were still present. True, Mr. Sanderson, but everything is relative. With Fall chinook heating up in the Tillamook system and hatchery winter steelheading just around the corner, there are locations of greater interest. Thanks for mentioning The Guide's Forecast in your report, though!

**Clackamas and Sandy River Fishing Reports** – The Clackamas closed for coho November 1st, only a very few summer steelhead present and high, fast flows should encourage anglers to seek a productive fishery in lieu of this one. Eagle Creek remains open for coho but with the run winding down, only a few, mostly-dark fish are present. Coho counts at the hatchery located on this stream have topped the 8,000 mark.

Sandy River hopefuls will find the river swollen and off-color from the deluge. Coho closed here November 1st, the chance of finding a decent summer steelhead is remote and it's still too early for winters.

**North Coast District Fishing Report** – It's nothing short of mayhem around here. People really aren't even talking about how great the fishing is.... they are talking about how many people are fishing here! The rains finally came and North Coast rivers became swollen by Saturday afternoon. It wasn't until Monday that smaller streams became fishable and the Kilchis River produced good numbers of Chinook and chum salmon. **Pro guide Chris Vertopoulos (503-349-1377)** landed more chum than Chinook but did get his customers into some quality chrome. Fresh fish were available from Kilchis Park downstream but the majority of fish were taken from the logger bridge to the Hwy. 101 takeout. By Tuesday, the Wilson was beginning to clear and fishing was some of the best I have ever seen. Visibility was still only fair but that didn't seem to bother the fish. I fished with friend Bill Hof and we headed to the Shilo drift just upstream of the Hwy. 101 Bridge. For the first several hours of the morning, we hooked fish on every pass. Backbounced eggs produced marvelously this day (11/8) but between broken off fish and lost fish, I finally got my last keeper at noon-thirty. Several boats working the water below and above Sollie Smith Bridge took limits of bright Chinook and word got out quick with crowds hitting the river in full force by Wednesday. Driftboats and sleds were out as requests for sick days soared to new levels.....and many made the most of their "vacations". Although not nearly as productive as the day before, Wednesday action was good on larger systems such as the

Wilson, Trask and Nestucca Rivers. We stayed in the lower end of the river fishing with Dr. Fogelsong and daughter Jamie from the Salem area. Jamie is 11 years old and took the first salmon (and limit) of her life by 10:00 a.m. Jamie landed these fish on Kwikfish (the new K16 extreme) flatlined in a 7 foot slot on the lower Wilson tidewater.



Netarts resident Jim Carlson also joined the melee and took his limit by 1:00. In all, we had 7 opportunities, landing 4 nice Chinook. Driftboat guide Chris Vertopoulos got into a pocket of fish in the upper drift of the Wilson and took 5 keeper fish by 10:00 a.m. The river was still a bit turbid with leafy debris but this is when it fishes best as salmon seem to strike with more confidence in these conditions.

Bay fishing was surprisingly good on Saturday (even in the bad weather) and Tuesday. Trollers working herring scored well before the weather came in last weekend and after it began to clear, good bites were witnessed in the Ghost Hole and at Bay City later in the week. By Thursday however, the bay was producing minimal results with only a few fish taken at first light in the Ghost Hole and Bay City. This will likely remain the trend for bay fishing.

For the Nestucca region, **pro guide Jesse Zalonis (503-392-5808)** offered this advice, "Most everything in our area is still quite high and off color. If we get a continuing dry trend, we hope to be fishing by Tuesday or Wednesday. Look for fresh fall kings to be spread through the entire river, and all tactics will produce results. We prefer bobbers and bait, however, with the river remaining up and with some heavy color Kwikfish will be working very well. Load your wraps with heavy scent, and we recommend adding salt and some borax to toughen them up for a longer lasting bait."

The Nehalem remains a bit of a non-entity for an option. Due to its extensive watershed and the amount of logging currently going on in it, water conditions are so turbid that when the water height is good for migration, success is limited unless you are high in the watershed where chrome fish are a rarity. When the color is clear enough for success in the lower stretches, the fish have long since moved upstream. You can write off this system until spring when wild winter steelhead will enter the system.

**The Guide's Forecast** – Despite the fact we have seen the best of the fishing for river systems on the North Coast, we will see large crowds of people floating the rivers this weekend. River heights will still be good however river forecasts and weather forecasts are contradicting each other. The Wilson fishes best when on the drop and about 5.5 foot to 4.5 foot. on the hydrograph located here: <http://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/river/station/flowplot/flowplot.cgi?TLMO3>. Other rivers on the north coast can follow suit as when the Wilson is too high (5.5 foot to 7 foot) the smaller systems such as the Kilchis and Necanicum will likely be in prime condition. When the Wilson is in good shape, the Trask and Nestucca are also fishing good.

The contradiction is that the weather forecast is calling for rain and showers mixed which doesn't often translate into a rise in river levels. The river forecast center is calling for rises to happen beginning Thursday night and through the weekend with a predicted peak of the Wilson on 11/14 to about 9 foot- way too high (and on the rise) for good weekend fishing. The river forecast is frequently off however so anglers are encouraged to check the web site and the weather and come to their own conclusion. There are however, plenty of fish in the system and if the conditions are even slightly favorable, you will encounter plenty of competition.

In ideal flows, when the fish are not running hard for spawning beds, they will be in their classic holding spots. These spots are the deep boily holes and deep runs. They are easily targeted and concentrated. This is the situation when the first boats through OR the last boats through (a last boat would be someone who launched in the afternoon and was able to fish water that hadn't been molested for several hours) will have the best opportunity. If river heights are up and fish are on the move, they will be much more spread out in tailouts and deep runs, opening up much more opportunity for those clued in as to where to fish.

It will be challenging to catch fish on a rising river but if it is only a slight rise, action could be decent. At this point however, water conditions are too difficult to predict. Keep in mind that smaller streams may offer adequate conditions for a weekend float when the larger systems like the Wilson, Trask and Nestucca are out. The Kilchis continues to receive late running Chinook but the Necanicum is starting on the downslide for bright Chinook. Another reminder that there will be large coho around which may fool anglers. The coho fishery on the Tillamook tributaries closed on October 15th. Look for the white gum line (RIGHT UNDERNEATH THE TEETH!) for coho- it just looks like someone painted a white line while Chinook have black coloration.

The catch-and-release fishery for chum, present in the Kilchis and Miami rivers and to a lesser degree in the Wilson, closes November 15th.

Bay fishing doesn't look to be so hot either. The bulk of the fall run certainly made their way upstream on this last rain freshet and ample water levels will keep fish migrating through the bay and into the rivers. We'll need several days of low river conditions to fill the bay back up with fish.

Crabbing has certainly tapered off but Jeff Folkema at **Garibaldi Marina (503-322-3312)** reports there are still some crab around. Crabbing closer to the ocean will be a crabbers best bet but tides will be increasing in exchange by late in the weekend further hampering success. Couple this with another influx of fresh water and estuaries like Netarts Bay look to be the only

option.

Clamming will also be an option as the ocean swell seems to be subsiding. The next minus tide series occurs at night but should be productive for Clatsop Beach clammers. It begins on 11/14.

**Central & South Coast Reports** – Some rivers are yet to recover from the recent deluge, but most coastal streams are in great shape. And producing.

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Look for Sawyer's Rapids on the Umpqua to produce the first winter steelhead in the next week or two. Summer steelheading on the North Umpqua is most rewarding in the flies-only stretch.

Predictably, heavy flows coupled with high water levels have sucked chinook upstream in the Coos and Coquille systems. Upper tidewater held fish mid-week Coho are also in these systems which has provided some additional action with a mix of wild and hatchery fish.

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The Elk River has started producing a few Fall chinook although many of those landed are a little on the dark side. This is understandable as many of these fish have been waiting a while for Fall rains to allow passage. If precipitation provides sufficient water levels, this one should fish well as the run here is just starting. Only six chinook had entered the hatchery as of Wednesday, November 4th. There are etiquette-challenged numbskulls anchoring in the holes on this diminutive river, so make the best of it.

**Late report from the Elk/Sixes region:** The Elk River fished well over the last few days. Chrome fish were taken below Hwy. 101 Bridge for the few anglers that can access that section. What is really important about this report is the fact that it acts as an indicator that the run is underway. Fish are present in catchable numbers despite the fact that the hatchery has only received a few fish at the publishing of this report. The Elk has since dropped and cleared which makes the Sixes River a good choice for weekend anglers. The extensive watershed of the Sixes makes it a late bloomer after a rain freshet and backbounced eggs and Kwikfish should take fish into the weekend.

While no reports have come from the Sixes, conditions and productivity on the Elk and Sixes are often similar with the latter taking a little longer to achieve fishability following a storm. Fresh Chinook will run in these rivers through mid-December.

Rogue River anglers, dealing earlier this week with high, muddy water, may look forward to a traditional Thanksgiving winter steelhead foray with optimism due, in part, to these current conditions. There should be fish present at that time with many more sure to come. The middle and upper stretches of the Rogue are clearing at this writing, and should be quite fishable by this weekend. Summer steelhead will still be available to anglers so inclined. The upper river is open for coho of hatchery origin, but these fish are tough to catch after spending so much time in fresh water.

Chetco anglers have enjoyed the flush of fresh chinook that came in following the precipitation. Fishing remained good at mid-week with cured salmon eggs most effective.

**Central and Eastern Oregon** – Anglers on the Deschutes should be aware that the North end of Warm Springs Reservation upstream to Pelton Regulating Dam is closed to fishing. Steelheaders can try on the on the BLM side. Steelheading has shown steady improvement this week with fish being taken everywhere from the mouth to Warm Springs. Plug pullers at the mouth should see B-run fish during the next few weeks. Fly anglers should be prepared to see tiny Blue-Winged Olives hatching now.

Crooked River has been fishing well for long-rodders. Fall River is also treating fly anglers well. Look for BWO's here as well but if they're nowhere in sight, through the respective nymph.

Good reports are coming from Hosmer and Big Cultus for those who prefer stillwater fishing.

#### **South Sound/Olympic Peninsula:**

A recent news release from WDF&W shows where we are for the upcoming Washington clam tides:

OLYMPIA - Clam diggers have a green light to proceed with the second razor clam dig of the fall starting on Nov. 12 at five ocean beaches. Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis, Mocrocks and Kalaloch beaches will all be open to razor clam digging between noon and midnight Nov. 12-14, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announced today. A fourth evening of digging is scheduled Nov. 15 at Twin Harbors and Mocrocks.

The National Park Service approved the digs at Kalaloch Beach, which is located within Olympic National Park, to coincide with those at the other coastal beaches.

The clam digs were approved after a series of marine toxin tests showed that the clams on all five beaches are safe to eat, said Dan Ayres, WDFW coastal shellfish manager.

"The good news is that we are past the period in early fall when big toxic blooms are most likely to hit our beaches," Ayres said, adding that diggers will likely be rewarded for braving the November weather. "I expect to see average digger success similar to the 13.8 clams per digger taken during the October opener," he said.

Olympic National Park Supt. Bill Laitner recommended taking safety precautions during night digs, especially at Kalaloch.

"Kalaloch is considerably more remote than the other clamming beaches, and visitors should be prepared for primitive conditions," he said. "With no streetlights or lighted buildings in the area, flashlights or lanterns are a necessity."

Locations of the five beaches that will open to razor-clam digging Saturday are:

- **Long Beach**, from the Columbia River north jetty to Leadbetter Point on the Long Beach Peninsula.
- **Twin Harbors**, from the south jetty at the mouth of Grays Harbor south to the mouth of Willapa Bay.
- **Copalis Beach**, which extends from the Grays Harbor north jetty to the Copalis River and includes the Ocean Shores, Oyhut, Ocean City and Copalis areas.
- **Mocrocks Beach**, from the Copalis River to the Moclips River.
- **Kalaloch Beach** from South Beach Campground to Brown's Point (just south of Beach Trail 3) in Olympic National Park. Visitors to the park are advised to consult area bulletin boards for park safety and other information.

Under WDFW rules, harvesters may take no more than 15 razor clams and must keep the first 15 taken, regardless of size or condition. Each digger's limit must be kept in a separate container. For best results, start digging at least one hour before low tide. Low tides for the November digs are:

- Saturday, Nov. 12, 3:27 p.m., +0.8 feet
- Sunday, Nov. 13, 4:20 p.m., 0.0 feet
- Monday, Nov. 14, 5:10 p.m., -0.6 feet
- Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5:56 p.m., -1.0 feet (Twin Harbors and Mocrocks only)

WDFW has also tentatively scheduled a third dig Dec. 30-Jan. 2, pending the results of a new series of marine toxin tests. Low tides for those dates are:

- Friday, Dec. 30, 6:07 p.m., -0.8
- Saturday, Dec. 31, 6:54 p.m., -1.1
- Sunday, Jan. 1, 7:38 p.m., -1.2
- Monday, Jan. 2, 8:22 p.m., -0.9 (Twin Harbors and Mocrocks only)

A license is required for anyone age 15 or older. Any 2005 annual shellfish/seaweed license is still valid. Licenses can be purchased via the Internet at <http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov>, by telephone (1-866-246-9453) or in person at more than 600 license vendors throughout the state. A list of vendors can be found at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/lic/vendors/vendors.htm>.

For anyone needing to purchase a license, Ayres strongly recommends doing so before they leave home to avoid long lines that often form at coastal license dealers. To help ease the pressure on coastal dealers, pre-printed annual and three-day razor-clam licenses will be available at Jack's Country Store in Ocean Park, Seaview Onestop in Seaview and Pioneer Market in Long Beach.

Digging is prohibited in the three quarter-mile-wide razor clam reserves, which are marked by 10-foot metal poles with signs. The reserves are located just south of the Ocean City access road on Copalis Beach, on the county line approach to Twin Harbors Beach, and 2.8 miles north of the Oysterville access road on Long Beach.

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Fresh plants have been added to Region 3 of the state with Kittitas County getting a good number of large broodstock fish. North Fio Rito Lake received 130 big rainbows between 5 and 10 pounds, while Mattoon Lake received the same number on November 7<sup>th</sup>. For a complete 2005 listing of planted trout in Washington, go to: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/plants/weekly/index.htm>

#### **Salmon/Steelhead -**

Grays River from the Hwy. 4 Bridge to the mouth - Opens to fishing for hatchery steelhead beginning November 15.

**Lake Scanewa (Cowlitz Falls Reservoir)** - 35 boat anglers kept 42 adults and 2 jack coho and released 3 adults and 2 jacks. 15 bank anglers kept 7 adults and 1 jack coho and released 3 adults and 1 jack.

**Lewis River** - 43 bank anglers kept 5 adult coho and released 7. 1 boat angler had no catch.

#### **Sturgeon -**

**Lower Columbia from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam** - 78 bank anglers just below Bonneville Dam kept 23 legals and released 21 sublegals, 2 legals, and 2 oversize sturgeon.

#### **Trout -**

**Klineline Pond** - 17 bank anglers kept 9 cutthroats and 1 rainbow. Fishing is picking up as the lake cools and the water rises.

**Northwest Trout** - Green Peter is producing decent catches of trout along with a few kokanee. No trout planting took place this week in the Northwest, Willamette or Central Zones.

#### **Reader Email**

Subscriber Ton W. wrote via our Contact Form at the TGF website to express his concern: "Well, so much for exclusivity. Gone is the edge I thought my subscription was providing.

"I thought that last week's report bore a striking resemblance to Bill Monroe's report in the Oregonian (FROM THE DAY BEFORE!). Hope you're getting enough in royalties to cover all the renewals you'll NOT get (like MINE!)"

Needless to say, we were concerned that others may be misunderstanding our recent association with Bill Monroe and the aforementioned newspaper. **Pro guide Bob Rees** responds, "I got this

cleared up with a follow up conversation with him this afternoon. He will be a life-long subscriber.....glad these people provide a phone number for follow up!"

Fret not, TGF subscribers. We only give the Oregonian a taste, much as with those who subscribe to the free Fisheries Forecast. We hold back the details of where to go, what to use and how to use it for our paid subscribers. That will never change, we promise!

Subscriber and frequent TGF contributor Ken Johnson (name used by permission), wrote this week to ask, "Dear Michael - I was wondering...How come there aren't too many reports about places like, saaaaaay, Lake Billy Chinook, or Detroit Res., etc, etc, etc...I mean, I don't want anybody going there either, but I want to go WHEN THE FISHING, say, Jig Fishing at the end of the Metolius Arm is BEST...I think twice a year, the Koke's group up to Spawn (Procreate!) and if you get there early enough they are some of the brightest fish around!!! 12"-16" fatties that are so good on the Barbie!

"I think we all NEED a real "regular" - someone who fishes there often and IS SUCCESSFUL! If they would share their techniques on trolling, bait fishing, or whatever it is they do...Draw pictures, even ... that'd be great!"

Thanks, as always, Ken. As I told you in my reply, I'll appeal to our readers for kokanee experts to come forward to share their successful techniques. Readers?

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### **Random Links**

Octopus eating shark is captured on video:

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-7004909622962894202>

Breaking down barriers on the Rogue River for salmon passage:

[http://www.panda.org/news\\_facts/newsroom/opinions/news.cfm?uNewsID=22794](http://www.panda.org/news_facts/newsroom/opinions/news.cfm?uNewsID=22794)

We recently shared the top moneymakers in the 2005 Pikeminnow bounty program. Here, Henry Miller analyses those numbers:

<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051110/COLUMN0401/511100363/1075/COLUMN>

**Weekly Quote** – "The time must come to all of us, who live long, when memory is more than prospect. An angler who has reached this stage and reviews the pleasure of life will be grateful and glad that he has been an angler, for he will look back on days radiant with happiness, peaks of enjoyment that are no less bright because they are lit in memory by the light of a setting sun."  
- Viscount Grey of Falloden - 1899

**GOOD LUCK!**