

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

Forecasting for the fishing week of **April 26th – May 2nd, 2013**

Oregon Fisheries Update:

Willamette Valley/Metro- Willamette River spring chinook anglers are enjoying moderate success from the Multnomah Channel up to Oregon City. Although the catching is just average at best, it hasn't hampered the effort. Monday provided a pretty decent bite at the head of Multnomah Channel, with some boats getting two to four fish. The Portland Harbor has been spotty giving up a handful of fish one day and being challenging the next. Willamette Park and Sellwood are mostly slow with the odd average day. Oregon City is getting busy and the fish are there, but so are the sea lions and some days they seem to be getting 75% of the fish hooked. Either we are having a slim return or the bulk of the run is on the late side, the next two weeks will tell. Bass anglers are starting to show with the warming weather and although effort is light, catch and release sturgeon fishing is likely very good.

With dry weather this week, the McKenzie water level has continued to drop. Fly fishers may expect excellent water conditions over the coming weekend although pressure has been light. Nymphs have been most effective recently.

Spring counts are picking up at Willamette Falls while summer steelhead numbers have remained steady. Many of these fish are bound for the Santiams where results have been fair for steelhead while salmon action will occur later in the season. As of April 18th, 173 winter steelhead had been counted at Foster Dam. The summer steelhead count of 82 has not changed since April 4th.

The Clackamas River is running a bit on the high side, with excellent visibility. Summer steelhead are present as well as the odd late winter fish. A couple of spring chinook are rumored to have been caught and it should be no surprise. Fresh steelhead should be spread throughout the rivers length; however the river upstream from Carver provides the best holding water, as well as bank access. Spring chinook will peak in late May and June, while summer steelhead will trickle in through July.

Sandy River steelhead fishermen have been working hard for a few summer steelhead and diminished numbers of late winter steelhead. Like the Clackamas, the Sandy has been running high with good visibility. Drift boaters have been having the best success pulling plugs on the Oxbow Park to Dabney Park stretch, while most bank fishermen work the upper river from Oxbow up to Dodge Park. The season's first spring chinook has yet to be reported. Summer steelhead are available here through July while the spring salmon will peak in early to mid-June.

The ODFW is hosting a Family Fishing Event Saturday, April 27 at Trojan Pond near Rainier. Staff and volunteer fishing instructors will be present at the event to offer helpful tips to families who want to learn how to fish. The department will loan out rods, reels and tackle and provide bait to anyone who needs it. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Northwest – Spring chinook have been reported from Tillamook Bay although most are waiting for mid-May before putting in an effort. River levels are dropping and clearing but the Trask, Wilson and to a lesser extent, the Nestucca should have both steelhead and early spring chinook available.

Offshore opportunity should also present itself through the weekend but afternoon winds will put a damper on a full day's effort. California stock chinook and bottomfish await anglers willing to pursue them in calm seas. Crabbing in the ocean will be fair at best.

Excellent early morning tide series along with a calm ocean swell should make razor clam digging very productive along Clatsop Beaches this weekend.

Southwest- Surf perch fishing is good and improving on southwest beaches. Mid-day and early afternoon incoming tides will favor redtail anglers.

The spring all-depth halibut season opens May 9, 10 and 11 and May 16, 17 and 18, then every other Thursday through Saturday until the quota is fulfilled.

Crabbing is slow in Winchester Bay. Spring chinook fishing is slow to fair with best results in the Scottsburg area. Catches are expected to improve in coming weeks. The South Umpqua will close to all angling from May 1st through May 24th.

Spring chinook fishing has been slow to fair on the lower Rogue over the past week with only a few guide boats reporting limits. Chinook are entering the middle river as well and upper Rogue anglers are hoping for a shot at them soon. Try wrapped pugs in migration lanes for the best chance of a hookup.

Boaters taking advantage of early morning calm seas just outside the Port of Brookings have taken good numbers of large rockfish and legal-sized lingcod before wind and wave action picked up.

With the spring thaw well underway at Diamond Lake, boats may now launch from the ramp on the north shore. About 50% of the water is expected to be ice-free by the weekend. Ice-out fishing is usually good here.

The ODFW is hosting a Family Fishing Event Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Middle Empire Lake in Coos Bay. A family fishing clinic will be held after which kids can fish an enclosure stocked with 6,000 trout.

Eastern – Spring has come to the lower Deschutes although it can be tumultuous at times, Expect to find great water conditions with caddis and mayflies hatching in the afternoon. An early Salmonfly hatch is expected, perhaps mid-May.

Fishing is spotty on the Metolius although a big bull trout can make an angler's day here.

Crooked River level and flow has continued to moderate, putting it in great shape for the coming weekend. Nymphs are most effective here but keep an eye out for risers during brief afternoon hatches.

April 27th is the opening of the general trout season with many anticipating the Crane Prairie opener this weekend.

SW Washington- Fishing for salmon and steelhead on most district streams remains slow but the Cowlitz will offer up some spring chinook and summer steelhead as we enter the peak period of returns.

The Wind River and Drano Lake fisheries are slow to jump-start but counts at Bonneville are starting to climb and the action should take off this week. With no effort taking place below Bonneville, salmon should be motivated to bite offerings.

Liberal opportunity is slated for razor clam diggers on the Washington Coast starting today. Check the WDF&W web site for detailed information.

Columbia River Fishing Report – With the Columbia still closed, anglers remain focused on the Willamette for all their springer needs. There are some sturgeon available but anglers anxiously await more opportunity that may or may not come along for mainstem spring chinook. If you have nothing else better to do, here is the most recent staff report on both sport and commercial fisheries from the mainstem Columbia. It can also be found here:

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND
WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: WINTER/SPRING FISHERY UPDATE #3
April 23, 2013**

Stock Status

Passage of Chinook at Bonneville Dam through April 22 totals 4,410 adults.

The *U.S. v. Oregon* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met April 22 to review the status of the upriver spring Chinook run. TAC determined it was too early to update the upriver run and will meet again Monday April 29.

Non-Treaty Fishery Update

A 9-hour mainstem commercial salmon fishing period (9 adult Chinook/vessel landing limit) occurred on April 9. Landings included 982 adult Chinook and 6 white sturgeon from 128 deliveries. Of the kept Chinook, 67% were of upriver origin. Total upriver mortalities (kept plus release) is estimated at 690 fish, or 56% of the 1,222 fish available prior to a run update.

Winter season Select Area fisheries concluded April 2 and spring season fisheries began April 18. Combined landings through April 19 total 1,162 Chinook and 18 white sturgeon. Harvest of upriver spring Chinook is estimated at 29 fish (2.5% of the catch).

The recreational spring Chinook fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam was open through April 12. The estimated catch for the season is 5,123 kept adult fish (1,203 released) from 75,736 angler trips. Of the kept Chinook, 67% were of upriver origin. Season total kept and release mortalities of upriver fish are estimated at 3,539 fish, or 72% of the 4,934 available prior to a run update.

The recreational fishery from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Oregon/Washington border opened March 16 and is currently scheduled to close effective May 6. Through April 21, kept and release mortalities of upriver fish are estimated at 65 fish, or 10% of the 658 available prior to a run update.

Snake River recreational fisheries (Washington waters) typically do not open until late April. The pre-season allocation for Snake River and Upper Columbia River fisheries is 363 Chinook.

The total upriver catch (kept and release mortalities) in all non-treaty fisheries to date is 4,323 fish. A final upriver run size of 61,900 (44% of forecast) is required to remain within catch balance limitations for actual fisheries through April 21.

Preliminary summary of 2013 Non-treaty upriver Chinook catches (Pre-Update)				
Upriver Mortalities				
Fishery	Allocated	Actual	Available/ Planned	Total
Mainstem commercial (actual for April 9 fishery)	1,222	690	532	1,222
Select Area commercial (actual thru 4/19; planned thru 6/15)	148	29	119	148
Below Bonneville recreational (actual thru 4/12)	4,934	3,539	1,395	4,934
Bonn to OR/WA border recreational (actual thru April 21)	658	65	593	658
Snake River recreational	351	0	351	351
Wanapum Tribal	12	0	12	12
Total	7,325	4,323	3,002	7,325

Northern Pikeminnow bounty fishery starts May 1st with every trash fish turned in to stations along the Columbia worth \$4, \$5 for 101 to 400 and eight bucks apiece for every fish over the 400 mark. For more information, click here: <http://www.pikeminnow.org/>

The Guide's Forecast – No reopener in sight but when the run has peaked over Bonneville Dam, considerations will be made, assuming the run size is tracking near pre-season predictions. More info as it develops.

Willamette, McKenzie & Santiam Rivers Fishing Report – Pro guide Chris Vertopoulos (503-349-1377) reports, "Willamette River spring Chinook anglers are enjoying moderate success from the Multnomah Channel up to Oregon City. Although the catching is just average at best, it hasn't hampered the effort and anglers are giving it their all. Monday provided a pretty decent bite at the head of Multnomah Channel, with a some boats getting two to four fish. The Portland Harbor has been spotty giving up a handful of fish one day and being stingy the next. "Willamette Park and Sellwood are mostly slow with the odd average day. Oregon City is getting busy and the fish are there, but so are the sea lions and some days they seem to be getting 75% of the fish hooked. Either we are having a slim return or the bulk of the run is on the late side, the next two weeks will tell. Bass anglers are starting to show with the warming weather and although effort is light, catch and release sturgeon fishing is likely very good."

McKenzie levels will be gradually dropping through the coming weekend. With water conditions near perfect, fly anglers will be able to enjoy Stocked this week above and below Leaburg Dam, only adipose fin-clipped trout may be taken down to Hayden Bridge and no trout may be kept below Hayden Bridge.

Summer steelhead have been crossing at Willamette Falls by the hundreds daily with the total as of April 24th topping 2,600. This bodes very well for fishing on the Santiams. Spring Chinook have also showed up in counts but it will be a while before numbers are sufficient to merit targeting them on upriver tributaries. North Santiam flows are fairly stable and forecast to remain that way over the week to come, Flows at Mehama are about 2,700 cfs, a good level for fishing.

The next "Learn the River" trip will be from Mehama to Stayton on Saturday, May 4th. Boats will launch at 10:00 AM although participant are welcome to unload boats at 7:30 AM at Stayton Bridge and catch the shuttle for the trip which usually ends around 1:30 (approximately) PM. Participants will learn which channels to take on the North Santiam when they float it on their own. Due to limited time, this is not considered a fishing trip.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is hosting a free public fishing event Saturday, April 27, at Trojan Pond near Rainier, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. volunteer fishing instructors will be present with helpful tips to families who want to learn how to fish. The department will loan out rods, reels and tackle and provide bait to anyone who needs it.

While many lakes and ponds are open year around, April 27th is the traditional trout opener in Oregon. Stocking of hatchery trout is the accompanying tradition and this week includes Canby Pond, Henry Hagg Lake, Huddelston Pond, Timber Linn Lake, Middle Fork Willamette River above Hills Creek Reservoir, Blue River above Reservoir, Carmen Reservoir, Clear Lake, Coast Fork Willamette River, Detroit Reservoir, Dorena Reservoir, E. E. Wilson Pond, Fall Creek above Fall Creek Reservoir, Foster Reservoir, Hills Creek above Hills Creek Reservoir, Junction City Pond, Leaburg Lake, McKenzie River below Leaburg Lake, Salmon Creek, Salt Creek and Smith Reservoir.

The Guide's Forecast – Pro guide Chris Vertopoulos (503-349-1377) predicts, "The Willamette River is doling out spring Chinook from top to bottom. The fishing could be better, though it's far from a total disaster, you just need to put some time in to have any success. Best catches are still coming from the Multnomah Channel, head of the channel, and the Portland harbor up to Milwaukie. Plug cut, green label herring is the preferred bait and cured pink or red prawns are the runner-up. The addition of a spinning flasher is common practice but not at all necessary, especially with the good visibility.

"The Oregon City area also has decent numbers of fish, but the problem is getting your hooked fish safely into the boat without it being stolen (or decapitated, leaving only the head for you) by a large California sea lion. Reports are telling The Guides Forecast that eight out of every ten fish hooked, never make it to the net. Some sound advice if you insist on fishing this double edged combat zone.....Stay seated when you hook a fish and generally don't get overly excited or make a scene. The sea lions are smart and they are watching for a commotion among the boats. That "commotion" rings like a dinner bell on steroids. Play the fish hard with a tight drag so they don't run far. The longer the fur bags have to locate your hooked fish, the likelihood of them intercepting it increases exponentially. Lastly but very important, keep the net down till the last second as waving the net in the air is like waving a red flag with "FREE BUFFET" written on it. The number of sea lions drops off dramatically when you get below Lake Oswego, although the Multnomah Channel is reported to have a higher concentration of the thieving marine mammals.

"On Wednesday, a couple of well known, but better left anonymous local guides forfeited their day of spring salmon fishing for a "sturgeon beat down" in Portland Harbor. Both reported catching and releasing between 40 and 50 sturgeon, ranging from undersize to oversize, with a handful of keeper sized fish brought to both boats. They were fishing side by side in 80 ft of water, with smelt, herring and sand shrimp. All baits were said to work equally well. The waylay was observed by many salmon fishermen, as they trolled by the two guide boats. Sturgeon are

thick in the Willamette right now, as they are every winter and spring. Even though sturgeon fishing is closed to retention until July, the action can be unsurpassed and it's a shame this fishery is so under-fished.

"Bass fishermen and their water rockets are becoming a regularity on the Willamette River. The warm weather triggers this phenomenon and the pursuit of "green fish" walks lock-step with the summer months. Rocky shorelines and water with submerged structure are favorite lies of Willamette smallmouth bass.

"Expect the Willamette's salmon fishing to continue through May. The warming water temperature should only improve the prawn and hardware bite. Oregon City will continue to kick out the salmon that gets past the sea-lion, but the shad are due to arrive any day now and that will lock up a lot of water with the hordes of hog liners after oversized herring. Trollers in the Multnomah Channel, head of the channel and harbor will get fish well into June."

The McKenzie will be at excellent level, flow and color for the weekend. Redise fishing is expected to be good for fly anglers.

With summer steelhead numbers picking up and warmer weather this week, the chance of a hookup on the North Santiam is improving. Although bobber and jig is historically the rig of choice here. spinners are remarkably effective for summers. Steelhead are in the South Santiam as well. A steelheader drifting corkies took a nice, bright fish on Wednesday this week. As more fish enter the system, summer steelhead counts at Foster Dam have been picking up.

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The Guide's Forecast – Pro guide Chris Vertopoulos (503-349-1377) predicts, "The Clackamas and Sandy river are both giving up summer steelhead and the numbers should increase through May and into June. The Clack in particular has produced at least a couple of spring Chinook, but don't expect the bulk of the salmon run on either river to show until mid-May. Both rivers are at prime level and are scheduled for a slow drop. Warm and primarily dry weather is in the forecast. Good fishing should hold up through the week until a freshet of rain is needed to recharge both systems. Boaters would be well advised to back troll diver and bait set-up's for the salmon and free drift small baits in the shallower, faster runs for steelhead. Summer steelhead and spring Chinook have a weakness for sand shrimp so if you intend to fish the Sandy or Clack, don't forget a carton or two of the freshest shrimp you can find. A pearl pink corky or spin n glow slid onto your leader in front of the shrimp is a deadly duo."

North Coast Fishing Report – Anglers remain pretty low-key here in Tillamook County. With winter steelhead out of the picture, only a small run of summer steelhead expected and spring chinook yet to show in fishable numbers, anglers are strapped to offshore weather forecasts in anticipation of saltwater opportunity that should be pretty good this year. Hopefully, we'll get a chance to recreate westward sometime in the near future (see the forecast section).

I did manage to sneak out for a late season crack at steelhead on Wednesday. Floating a couple from West Hollywood, CA on a ½ day trip, we put in at Mills Bridge on the Wilson, pulling plugs downstream to Sollie Smith with only 1 opportunity. That one opportunity turned out to be a bright but "snaky" hatchery winter steelhead that was released a little downstream of the Maple Tree Hole. The 6 or 7-pound fish took a K-11x blue pirate Kwikfish with about 60 feet of line deployed. It was the only bite we had on the beautiful morning float. Did I mention that we were the only boat on the water?

Fish checkers working Garibaldi have tallied springers from the estuary. Over the weekend, 3 salmon were rumored from Tillamook Bay and it's likely others have been caught. It's still early for the bay but that will change by early to mid-May.

Boats have not had much opportunity to fish offshore for what appears to be abundant chinook not too far out. The radical NW winds have been greeting anglers, which is a good thing for ocean upwelling. Not so fun if you're very far offshore.

Boaters have also been notably absent on the Trask and Nestucca Rivers although springers certainly continue to trickle into the Trask River. It won't be long before even the average "Joe" can catch them there. A rare summer steelhead should also be available on the Nestucca.

Much more to look forward to in the week ahead so be sure to check the forecast section for the North Coast.

Alder Lake, Big Creek Reservoirs 1 & 2, Buck Lake, Dune Lake, Elbow Lake, Erhart Lake, Georgia Lake, Lost Lake (Lane County), Mercer Lake, Munsel Lake, North Georgia Lake, Perkins Lake, Siltcoos Lagoon, Siltcoos Lake and Sutton Lake are schedule to be planted with trout this week.

The Guide's Forecast – Although spring chinook and steelhead will remain elusive on most north coast streams, the Trask will offer up some opportunity for springer fishers while the Wilson and Nestucca may still yield an occasional steelhead; likely spent winter run but a rare summer fish may also be available. These systems should perk up when we get our next rain system.

Anglers will remain focused on Tillamook Bay itself until that rain freshet does come (none in sight for a while). A nice minus tide series should have anglers (with nothing else better to do) plying the upper bay using spinners and plugs. Don't expect great results, it would be a minor miracle if anglers found more than 1 fish per day for the trolling fleet at Memaloose this weekend. The extreme tide series won't be conducive for lower bay herring trolling.

If anglers can get offshore, a bounty of chinook likely await. The California stock chinook should be present in good numbers but trollers will have to likely work deep for them. Heavy lead or downriggers could do the trick although these fish only average between 8 and 12 pounds. Saltwater anglers will have to pay attention to ocean regulations. Most already know the rules, barbless hooks and only chinook caught outside the Tillamook Bay Control Zone can be retained whether they are hatchery or of wild origin; fin-clipped only inside the zone marked here: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/mrp/salmon/Regulations/docs/2013_Sport_Ocean_Salmon_Regs.pdf.

To get offshore, you'll want to go early as the trade winds have been coming up pretty early in the day. Here is the forecast for the days ahead, the weekend looks to hold promise.

FRI

NW WIND 5 TO 10 KT. WIND WAVES 2 FT. SW SWELL 3 FT AT 14 SECONDS. PATCHY FOG.

FRI NIGHT

W WIND 5 TO 10 KT...BACKING TO SW AFTER MIDNIGHT. WIND WAVES 1 FT. S SWELL 3 FT AT 13 SECONDS.

SAT

SW WIND 5 TO 10 KT...RISING TO 10 TO 15 KT IN THE AFTERNOON. WIND WAVES 2 FT. S SWELL 3 FT.

SAT NIGHT

W WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 2 FT. SW SWELL 6 FT. CHANCE OF RAIN.

SUN

SW WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 2 FT. W SWELL 6 FT.

MON

NW WIND 15 TO 20 KT. WIND WAVES 4 FT. NW SWELL 11 FT.

And speaking of weekend opportunity, although a minus tide is not a friend for bar crossers, clam diggers working Clatsop Beaches should fare quite well with the tide series that will come across over the weekend. A soft surf and screaming outgoing tide should expose some quality clams along Clatsop Beaches this weekend. You won't be alone but the action should be good.

Bottomfishing certainly remains an option but with the extreme tide exchange, it may be difficult to get your gear on the bottom and keep it there to entice your quarry. Seek a softer tide exchange for this fishery if you can wait.

Central & South Coast Reports – Boats have launching out of Depoe Bay and Newport in the early morning hours this week to dodge coastal wind which has been coming up later in the day. They have been doing well for rockfish and while the ling cod bite has been decent, anglers have mostly fallen short of limits.

While results for Dungeness in Yaquina Bay have improved slightly over the past week, it is still slow.

Offshore conditions will be friendly starting Friday, April 26th and continuing through the weekend. Gentle swells coupled with mild breezes should allow boaters to chase bottomfish, Chinook or both out of central Oregon ports (check the regulations for hook restrictions).

Surf perch fishing from south coast beaches slowed this week but is expected to improve as offshore wind settles down. This fishery has produced well but with a 15-fish limit, folks are reminded not to take more than they need. Prawns have been effective and stay on the hook better than the best fish-catcher, sand shrimp, but clam necks and kelp worms will also take fish, as will soft plastics when the bite is on.

Ocean trollers launching out of Winchester Bay have been doing well with many limits reported although action reportedly slowed over the past weekend. Fishing has been worthwhile near the jaws as well.

Springer fishing on the Umpqua mainstem has been hot or moss, with some anglers reporting multiple hookups while others have blanked. A few have been landed which have been very near the 40-pound mark. Bass fishers are catching smallmouth with this fishery improving later in spring. Shad fishing is expected to take off at Sawyers Rapids as the water temperature rises. however. Steelheading has been best for anglers on the flies-only stretch of the North Umpqua. South Umpqua steelheading is slowing down.

A free family clamming seminar will take place at Charleston on May 11th. This seminar is in conjunction with the ODFW Outdoor Education program. Participants will learn how to dig and identify bay clams and get the crabs. While free, registration is required. Email James E Heinrich@state.or.us or call 541-888-5515.

Coos Bay rock and jetty fishers have been taking fair to good numbers of greenling and rockfish. Crabbing has been slow in the bay. The Coos River is open for steelheading through the end of April but the run is wrapped up for the year.

Boats crabbing the ocean out of Charleston have been getting mostly female Dungeness in their pots.

Springer fishing slowed in the lower Rogue as water levels dropped while water temperatures climbed. A few steelhead are being taken, primarily on spinner with better numbers of summer fish showing in the coming weeks. Middle Rogue results have been fair to good although flows have dropped below 2,400 cfs. Most of the steelhead hooked recently have been turning dark. Most anglers are still targeting winter steelhead on the upper Rogue, despite a mediocre return this season. A boater who launched at the hatchery took a nice, bright spring Chinook this week by backbouncing eggs in the last hole of the day on Wednesday this week, however, providing hope for the stretch above the old Gold Ray Dam site in the coming weeks. The springer was a native which was released.

Opportunities for offshore launches out of Brookings Harbor have been hindered by high winds which have accompanied hot temperatures here. Those getting out at first light for the brief window of opportunity before it got windy have done well for rockfish and ling cod. Area anglers are anxious for the ocean Chinook opener off the south coast on May 1st as an excellent run is forecast this season. Ocean Chinook may be taken south of Humbug Mountain to the California border through September 8th. The Chetco River will open with the May 25th trout opener.

The thaw at Diamond Lake was accelerated this week by warm weather in the southwest. The report as of Wednesday this week is that it is completely ice-free. While the Forest Service campground has yet to open, the resort has RV hookups and campsites available. No need to wait for the trout opener this weekend with Diamond open year-around and offering the potential of a hot ice-out bite, big fish and an eight-trout-per-day limit. One angler took his limit by tossing Power Bait from the fishing dock on Tuesday this week.

Millicoma Pond, Sru Lake, Lower & Middle Empire Lake, Applegate Reservoir, Medco Pond, Spaulding Pond, Fish Lake, Burma Pond, Dutch Herman Pond and Reinhart Pond are scheduled to be stocked with hatchery trout.

Central and Eastern Oregon – The stretch of the lower Deschutes from Pelton to Northern

Reservation Boundary opens Saturday, April 27th. While stonefly nymphs will be effective here, watch for BWO and March Brown hatches to occur starting mid-day.

Crooked River levels are dropping to the 200cfs range. Fishing will be good at this level as long as the river is stable.

A few large rainbows have been taken at Fall River this week with caddis patterns effective.

A number of waters will open on Saturday this week. Kokanee anglers are anxious to hit Wickiup for the first time this year. Large kokes are taken regularly here.

With warmer weather melting snow which might otherwise hamper travel, plan on Odell being accessible for the Saturday opener.

Anglers traveling to Crane Prairie are reminded that no trout were stocked late last year as has been the case in the past. The ODFW has opted for spring plantings instead. This will probably mean fewer but larger trout.

Kokanee fishing has been good for trollers using wedding rings or hoochies at Green Peter. Limits of 25 fish is possible for those who can manage to land every fish they hook (highly unlikely with kokes).

In conjunction with the ODFW Outdoor Education program, an Adult Fly Fishing Workshop will be held on May 8th from 8 AM to 5 PM at Camp Sherman on the Metolius River. The cost is \$50 per participant which will cover all equipment, materials and lunch. Contact Janice Bellis by phone at 503-947-6019 or Email Janice.B.Bellis@state.or.us for information. Advanced registration is required as space is limited.

Washington fishing reports:

From the WDF&W Weekender Report for April 2013

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North Puget Sound

(Island, King, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties)

One of the state's most popular fishing openers is scheduled for later in the month, when the **lowland lakes trout season** gets under way. The season begins April 27, when many lakes – stocked with thousands of legal-sized trout – will open for fishing.

But, until then, several year-round fishing lakes have already been stocked with trout and should provide good fishing opportunities early in the month. Waters stocked with trout averaging 10 to 12 inches in length include Alice, Angle, Beaver, Green, Meridian and Sawyer lakes in King County; and Ballinger, Blackmans, Cassidy, Chain, Flowing, Gissberg Ponds (Twin Lakes), Ketchum, Loma, Lost (Devil's), Martha, Panther, Shoecraft, Silver and Tye lakes in Snohomish County.

Information on stocking schedules for rainbow, cutthroat and triploid trout is available on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) [website](#). Anglers should also check the [Fish Washington rule pamphlet](#) before heading out.

Freshwater anglers also can cast for trout on the lower Skagit River. The Skagit, from the mouth to Highway 536 at Mount Vernon, is open from March 28 through April 30 for gamefish. Anglers fishing the lower Skagit River have a daily limit of two trout. Check the [emergency fishing rule change](#) for details.

Salmon fishing also is an option. Several marine areas of Puget Sound are still open for salmon. Anglers fishing marine areas 7 (San Juan Islands), 8-1 (Deception Pass, Hope Island and Skagit Bay), 8-2 (Port Susan and Port Gardner) and 9 (Admiralty Inlet) have a two-salmon daily limit, but must release wild chinook

salmon. Marine Area 9 is open only through April 15, while Marine Area 10 (Seattle/Bremerton) is already closed to salmon fishing.

“Anglers really need to put some time in on the water in early spring, when fishing for blackmouth salmon is often pretty spotty,” said Ryan Lothrop, Puget Sound recreational salmon fishing manager.

Lothrop said anglers might want to turn their attention to the Strait of Juan de Fuca where fishing for blackmouth has recently improved, especially off Sekiu. However, time is running out to hook a salmon in Marine Area 5 (Sekiu), as well as Marine Area 6 (eastern Strait). The two areas are open only through April 10.

Meanwhile, saltwater anglers can start planning for **halibut** fishing, which opens in May. Details on the upcoming halibut season are available on [WDFW's website](#).

Prefer shellfish? Puget Sound's **spot shrimp** season is also set to begin in May, and the season is expected to run from one day to several weeks longer in various areas of the Sound, due to policy changes recently adopted by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission.

“Recreational shrimp fishers will see a real difference in the length of this year's seasons, particularly in the San Juan Islands and the Strait of Juan de Fuca,” said Rich Childers, WDFW shellfish manager. “Sport fisheries in other areas are also likely to pick up some extra fishing days under the updated policy.”

Details on the upcoming shrimp season are available [here](#).

Anglers are reminded that all 2012-2013 Washington state fishing licenses expire at midnight March 31. To keep fishing, anglers 15 years of age and older must purchase a 2013-14 license. Licenses and permits are available [online](#), by phone (1-866-246-9453) and from sporting goods stores and other retail license dealers around the state.

South Sound/Olympic Peninsula

(Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, Thurston and Pacific counties)

Anglers can look forward to a number of new fishing opportunities in the weeks ahead, including the opening of the lowland lakes trout-fishing season, shrimping and halibut fishing.

To prepare for the popular **statewide trout opener**, hatchery crews from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) have been working since last year to stock more than 17 million fish in over 600 lakes throughout the state. The statewide [trout-stocking plan](#) shows where those fish are going, county by county.

WDFW has also tentatively scheduled two morning **razor clam** digs this month, one running April 9-14 and the other April 24-30. As usual, final approval of those digs will depend on the results of marine toxin tests, which will be announced about a week ahead of time.

For more information on those digs, see WDFW's [Razor Clam website](#). Also, sport clam and oyster seasons are opening early at **Oak Bay** and **South Indian Island**. For those interested in these areas, please check the [fishing rule change](#).

Whether planning to dig clams or catch trout, everyone age 15 and older will need to purchase a 2013-14 license to participate in the April openings, since current fishing licenses expire at midnight March 31. Licenses are available online (<https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>), by phone (1-866-320-9933) and from license dealers around the state.

Meanwhile, fishing for **salmon** remains an option. Marine areas 5 (Sekiu) and 6 (eastern Strait) are open for chinook through April 10. According to Ryan Lothrop, Puget Sound recreational salmon fishery manager, Sekiu has been a very good choice for anglers seeking salmon.

Marine areas 7 (San Juan Islands), 8-1 (Deception Pass, Hope Island, Skagit Bay), 8-2 (Port Susan and Port Gardner), 11 (Tacoma-Vashon), 12 (Hood Canal) and 13 (South Puget Sound) are also open for salmon fishing in April.

Anglers fishing marine areas 6, 7, 8-1, 8-2, 11 and 12 have a two-salmon daily limit, but must release wild chinook. Those fishing the Strait of Juan de Fuca (marine areas 5 and 13) have a daily limit of one salmon.

Lingcod fishing is also open in marine areas 1-4 under rules described in the Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet. The fishery expands to areas of Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca on May 1.

In freshwater, anglers still have an opportunity to hook **wild steelhead** on some rivers on the Olympic Peninsula. As in years past, anglers may retain only one wild steelhead per license year on the Bogachiel,

Calawah, Clearwater, Dickey, Hoh, Quillayute, Quinault and Sol Duc rivers. Wild steelhead retention continues through April 15 on the Clearwater, Hoh and Quinault rivers, and through April 30 on the other rivers. For more information on steelhead fishing regulations, check the [Fishing in Washington pamphlet](#).

In addition to the fisheries opening this month, anglers can look forward to seasons opening in May for halibut and shrimp. For information on the upcoming [halibut season](#), see the news release on the WDFW website. A news release outlining the 2013 [shrimp season](#) is also available on the website.

Southwest Washington

(Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Lewis, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties)

The sport fishery for spring chinook salmon on the lower Columbia River has been extended through April 12 under an agreement reached by fishery managers from Washington and Oregon. During that period, the recreational fishery will be closed April 9 to accommodate a possible commercial fishery.

With harvest levels running well below expectations, the two states added six days to the recreational fishing season previously set to continue through April 5.

Through March, anglers had caught just 1,500 adult spring chinook salmon, about 25 percent of the 6,100-fish harvest expected by this point in fishery, said Ron Roler, Columbia River Policy coordinator for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

"The season definitely got off to a slow start, but the bulk of the run is starting to move in," Roler said. "River conditions are excellent – low and warm – so we will be monitoring the fishery closely to make sure the catch doesn't exceed the established guideline."

Guy Norman, WDFW southwest regional director, said fishery managers from both states will watch the catch throughout the extension period and close the fishery earlier if necessary. "We want to keep the fishery open through April 12 – and perhaps even longer – but we have to hold the catch within the guideline," Norman said. "The situation can change very quickly in April when the fish start moving upriver in large numbers."

Norman noted that fishery managers will also meet in May to consider whether potential changes in the runsize will allow a late-season opening.

After three years of strong spring chinook returns, this year's fishery is based on a projected run of 141,400 upriver fish, about 25 percent below the 10-year average. By comparison, approximately 203,000 fish destined for areas above Bonneville Dam returned to the Columbia River last year.

Upriver fish make up the bulk of the catch, although spring chinook returning to the Willamette, Cowlitz and other rivers below Bonneville Dam also contribute to the fishery.

Sport fishing for salmon and steelhead is scheduled through April 12 on the lower Columbia River from the mouth upriver to Beacon Rock, and to bank anglers up to the fishing boundary below Bonneville Dam. The daily limit below Bonneville Dam is two adult hatchery-raised fish and no more than one adult chinook.

Anglers fishing the mainstem Columbia River are required to use barbless hooks and release any wild, unmarked salmon, steelhead or cutthroat trout they intercept.

Above Bonneville Dam, the fishery is open to boat and bank anglers on a daily basis through May 5 between the Tower Island powerlines six miles below The Dalles Dam and the Washington/Oregon state line, 17 miles upriver from McNary Dam. Bank anglers can also fish from Bonneville Dam upriver to the Tower Island powerlines during that time. The daily limit above the dam is two adult chinook salmon.

Barbless hooks are not currently required on Columbia River tributaries, although that issue will likely be considered during this year's North of Falcon season-setting process.

Fishing for salmon and steelhead remains open on the Cowlitz River and at Drano Lake, consistent with standing rules described in the [Fish Washington](#) rules pamphlet. The Klickitat River will open April 1 under the same rules and limits as last year.

However, fishing on several other tributaries to the Columbia River will be closed or curtailed in several of those rivers this year to meet spawning goals at area hatcheries. Rivers affected by emergency rules are:

- **Lewis River:** All chinook must be released from the mouth upstream to the mouth of the East Fork until further notice. The mainstem Lewis remains open for hatchery steelhead.

- **North Fork Lewis River:** All chinook must be released from the mouth of the East Fork upstream to Merwin Dam until further notice. Through May 31, fishing is closed for all species from Johnson Creek (located downstream from the Lewis River Salmon Hatchery) upstream to Merwin Dam. The North Fork Lewis from Johnson Creek downstream remains open to fishing for hatchery steelhead.
- **Kalama River:** All chinook must be released from the boundary markers at the mouth upstream to the upper salmon hatchery (Kalama Falls Hatchery). The Kalama River remains open to fishing for hatchery steelhead.
- **Wind River:** From April 1 through July 31, anglers will be limited to one hatchery chinook or one hatchery steelhead per day from the mouth (boundary line/markers) upstream to 400 feet below Shipherd Falls. Wild chinook and wild steelhead must be released. All fishing is closed until further notice from 400 feet below Shipherd Falls upstream, including all tributaries.

For additional information, see the [rule change notices](#) on the WDFW website.

Meanwhile, anglers can catch and keep **white sturgeon** from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam, and in The Dalles and John Day pools. Fishing has been slow, but anglers have been landing a few legal-size fish, particularly in the Dalles and John Day pools.

Effective April, the annual statewide retention limit for sturgeon is two legal-size fish under a measure recently approved by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission. The daily limit remains at one legal-sized fish. The change in the annual limit, also adopted by Oregon, is designed to help address the decline of legal-size sturgeon in the lower Columbia River in recent years.

Fishing seasons approved for 2013 in the lower Columbia River are as follows:

- **Buoy 10 to the Wauna powerlines:** Retention of white sturgeon is allowed daily through April 30 and from May 11 through June 30. Through April 30, sturgeon must measure between 38 inches and 54 inches (fork length) to be retained. From May 11 through the end of the season they must measure between 41 inches to 54 inches (fork length) to be retained. Catch-and-release fishing is allowed on days when retention is prohibited.
- **Wauna powerlines to Bonneville Dam:** Retention of white sturgeon is allowed three days per week (Thursday through Saturday) through June 15 and from Oct. 19 through Dec. 31. Sturgeon must measure between 38 inches and 54 inches (fork length) to be retained. Catch-and-release fishing is allowed on days when retention is prohibited. Effective through April 30, angling is prohibited from a line between the upstream end of Sand Island, located east of Rooster Rock State Park, to a marker on the Oregon shore downstream to a line between the lower end of Sand Island and a marker on the Oregon shore.
- **Pools above Bonneville Dam:** Retention fishing closed Feb. 10 in Bonneville Pool, but additional days are possible in June. Retention fisheries in the two reservoirs between The Dalles and McNary dams will remain open until their respective 300-fish and 500-fish guidelines are met.

Rather catch some **trout**? Hundreds of lowland lakes open for trout fishing April 30 throughout the state, drawing tens of thousands of anglers out for their first cast of the year. While most lakes in southwest Washington are open year-round, "opening day" does mark the start of trout fishing in such perennial favorites as Mineral Lake, Fort Borst Park Pond, Carlisle Lake, Davis Lake, and Plummer lake (Lewis County), Swift Reservoir, Swift Power Canal, and Kidney Lake (Skamania County) and the Rowland Lakes, Spearfish and Horsethief Lake (Klickitat County).

For news on razor clam openings, see WDFW's [razor clam website](#).

Eastern Washington

(Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla and Whitman counties)

Some of the region's best **trout** fishing will begin at the end of the month with the lowland lakes season opener on April 27.

“Some of those waters that open April 27 around Spokane that are well-stocked and where fish grow well include Williams, West Medical, Fishtrap, and Clear,” said Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) central district fish biologist Randy Osborne in Spokane. “One that we rehabilitated last year that should be very good this season is Fish Lake near Cheney.”

Bill Baker, WDFW northeast district fish biologist, said many trout lakes in Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille counties that open on April 27 are traditionally good bets. Those include Stevens County’s Waitts, Cedar, Rocky and Starvation lakes; Ferry County’s Ellen and Davis lakes; and Pend Oreille County’s Diamond, Marshall and Sacheen lakes.

But there’s plenty of good fishing to be had until then, too.

The daily bag limit for **walleye** doubles to 16 fish beginning April 1 on Lake Roosevelt, the lower San Poil River, and the lower Spokane River from the mouth at Hwy. 25 bridge upstream to 400 feet below Little Falls Dam. For details check the [emergency fishing rule change](#).

Meanwhile, catch-and-release fishing for both rainbow and cutthroat trout at Amber Lake in southwest Spokane County has been good. Amber is under selective gear rules and shifts to a catch-and-keep season on April 27 when the daily limit will be two trout of at least 14 inches. Rainbows with clipped adipose fins caught at Amber must be released even after April 27.

Coffeepot Lake in Lincoln County is producing rainbow trout, mostly on flies. Coffeepot is under selective gear rules (no bait, artificial flies and lures only, knotless nets), a minimum size limit of 18 inches and daily catch limit of one trout.

Liberty Lake, in eastern Spokane County, is a good bet for brown trout and, as the water warms, **yellow perch** and **crappie**.

Downs Lake in southwest Spokane County receives hatchery “catchable-size” rainbow trout, but it should also fish well this month for **largemouth bass**. Downs also has yellow perch and crappie.

Medical Lake, near the town of the same name in southwest Spokane County, has brown and rainbow trout.

Deer Lake in southern Stevens County, which opened March 1, is finally warming up and likely producing some catches of rainbow and lake trout, with bass, crappie, perch catches not far behind.

Rock Lake, open year-round in Whitman County, is consistently a good spot for brown and rainbow trout. Another year-round trout fishery that provides a secluded and productive experience for anglers willing to walk a mile, is Z-Lake on the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area in Lincoln County.

In the south end of the region, anglers fishing the Tucannon River impoundments on WDFW’s Wooten Wildlife Area have been catching nice rainbow trout. Area manager Kari Dingman said Big Four, Blue, Deer, Rainbow, Spring and Watson lakes are all well-stocked with hatchery trout and warming up.

Anglers are reminded that all fishing rules in the [2012-2013 regulations pamphlet](#) apply throughout the month of April. New rules take effect May 1, 2013, and will be available in pamphlets online and at license dealers later this month.

Anglers are also reminded that all 2012-2013 Washington state fishing licenses expire at midnight March 31. To keep fishing, anglers over 15 years of age must purchase a 2013-14 license. Licenses and permits are available online, by phone (1-866-246-9453) and from sporting goods stores and other retail license dealers around the state.

April 19 is the deadline for registration for the May 4 Kids’ Fishing Event at Clear Lake in Spokane County. For details on the registration form, see the [Youth Fishing 2013 Event Calendar](#).

Northcentral Washington

(Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties)

Dozens of lakes in the region open to fishing April 1, most in Adams and Grant counties of the Columbia Basin. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) district fish biologist Chad Jackson of Moses Lake says weather changes can always play and “April Fools” trick on anglers on this opener, so be prepared for fickle spring conditions.

Jackson also reminds anglers age 15 and older they’ll need to have a new fishing license, valid April 1, 2013-March 31, 2014, in hand before participating in this opener. All 2012-2013 Washington state fishing licenses expire at midnight March 31. Licenses and permits are available online, by phone (1-866-246-9453), and from sporting goods stores and other retail license dealers around the state.

Many of the waters opening April 1 are within the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, including the Pillar-Widgeon chain of lakes, which should provide fair to good **rainbow trout** fishing. One refuge fishery – Para-Juvenile Lake, seven miles northwest of Othello on the Adams-Grant county line – opens April 1 only to anglers under 15 years of age. It's a good spot to take kids to catch **bass** and **sunfish**.

North and South Teal lakes, among the "Seep Lakes" south of Potholes Reservoir, were rehabilitated in 2010 and restocked each year since with rainbow fry, which have grown to 12-inch catchables. Fishing at both should be good, Jackson says.

Some of the best fishing on the April 1 opener should be at Dry Falls Lake at the north end of Grant County near Coulee City. "This is a selective-gear-rule fishery with an internal combustion motor prohibition and a one-fish daily catch limit, so there's a lot of catch-and-release fishing," Jackson said. Most anglers catch more than 10 fish during an outing. Most of the catch is made up of yearling trout ranging in size from 12 to 14 inches, but several carryovers of up to 20 inches have been reported. In addition to rainbows, Dry Falls gets stocked with brown and tiger trout."

Upper and Lower Hampton Lakes, north of Othello on the wildlife refuge, are usually good producers in this early season, but Jackson said they are in need of the rehabilitation work tentatively planned for this fall. "We need to remove nuisance fish species that impact trout fry survival," he explained. "There might still be some decent trout in these lakes for the patient angler who wants to find them."

Two Okanogan County lakes also open April 1 – Spectacle Lake, just south of Loomis, and Washburn Island Pond, a diked oxbow lake off the Columbia River near Fort Okanogan State Park due east of Brewster off Highway 17.

WDFW Okanogan district fish biologist Bob Jateff of Twisp says anglers can expect to catch rainbows in the 10-14 inch range at Spectacle. Washburn Island Pond is a warmwater fishery that provides anglers opportunities for **largemouth bass**, **bluegill**, and the occasional **channel catfish**. Combustible engines may not be used while fishing Washburn.

Several other Okanogan County rainbow trout fisheries shift to catch-and-release only fishing under selective gear rules on April 1. These include Campbell, Cougar, Davis, Green and Lower Green, and Rat lakes.

Jateff notes that Davis Lake, near Winthrop, is still frozen, so anglers should check with local sources before making a trip. When it is ice-free Davis should provide good fishing for rainbows in the 10-14 inch range.

Rat Lake, near Brewster, should provide good fishing for rainbows and browns up to 14 inches. The Green lakes, west of Omak, should provide rainbows in the 11-13 inch range.

Many other trout lakes open April 27, when the single biggest fishing season in the state gets under way.

Jateff said the best bets in Okanogan County will likely be Pearrygin Lake, near Winthrop, with 10-13-inch rainbows; Conconully Lake and Reservoir in the town of Conconully, with lots of rainbow trout and kokanee; Alta Lake, just west of Pateros, rehabilitated in 2011 to remove goldfish, now with excellent fishing for rainbow trout to 15 inches; and Wannacut Lake, near Oroville, with 10-13-inch rainbows.

In Chelan County, a good the opener may be Wapato Lake, with quality rainbows from last year's fingerling plants, plus yellow perch, **bluegill** and **largemouth bass**, said Travis Maitland, a WDFW district fish biologist. Other Chelan County waters opening April 27 may see catchable-size trout plants delayed, depending on weather, including Wenatchee Heights Lakes, Beehive Reservoir, and Clear, Black, and Lilly lakes. Anglers can check the Catchable Trout Plant Weekly Reports at

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/plants/weekly/> .

In Douglas County, Jameson Lake is still a popular fishery and should have some good sized carryovers available. "We also stocked it last fall with about 10,000 catchable-size rainbows that should be very nice size for the opener," Maitland said. "In addition, Jameson will get 600 large "triploid" rainbows just before the opener."

Southcentral Washington

(Benton, Franklin, Kittitas and Yakima counties)

Trout fishing takes center stage in April as the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) continues planting thousands of **rainbows**, **kokanee** and **cutthroat** in regional lakes and ponds for the second straight month. Rotary Lake, Tims Lake, Yakima Sportsman Pond, Fio Rito Lakes, Matton Lake – these are just a few of more than two dozen lakes scheduled to receive fish this month. A complete list is posted on WDFW's [trout-stocking website](#).

Most of those fish run from one-third to a half-pound each, but some weigh in at 1½ pounds, said Eric Anderson, a WDFW fish biologist based in Yakima.

"We're putting some hefty, great-looking fish out there this year," Anderson said. "This is a good time to get outdoors and celebrate spring by catching some."

Anderson notes that all anglers 15 and older must have a 2013-14 fishing license to fish for trout and other species after March 31, when 2012-13 licenses expire. Licenses ranging from a three-day razor-clam license to a multi-species combination license are available [online](#), by phone (1-866-246-9453) and from sporting goods stores and other retail license dealers around the state.

Meanwhile, the **spring chinook salmon** got off to a slow start in the lower Columbia River this year, but the upriver run should start arriving in area waters in mid-April, said Paul Hoffarth, a WDFW fish biologist based in the Tri-Cities. "Anglers should keep an eye out for emergency rules that open and close fishing on short notice," he said. For updates, he recommends checking the [department's website](#), the Fishing Hotline (360-902-2500) and local news media.

Sturgeon anglers are also advised to stay abreast of new regulations. As of late March, anglers could still catch and keep legal-size sturgeon in Lake Umatilla (John Day Dam to McNary Dam), but that fishery will close as soon as the 500-fish quota for those waters is reached.

Most **steelhead** sport fisheries are now closed in the Columbia and Snake rivers, although a "bank only" fishery adjacent to WDFW's Ringold Springs Hatchery near the Tri-Cities is open April 1 through April 15. The daily limit is two hatchery steelhead along the Franklin County shoreline from the WDFW marker a quarter-mile downstream from the Ringold irrigation wasteway outlet to the marker a half-mile upstream from Spring Creek.

Rather catch warm-water fish? Catch rates should continue to improve on area rivers for **smallmouth bass**, **channel catfish** and **walleye** in April right through spring.

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All Oregon Family Fishing Events for 2013 in one place:

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/education/angling/family_fishing.asp

McKenzie River Fly Pattern Library from Caddis Fly: <http://oregonflyfishingblog.com/fly-tying-videos/mckenzie-river-fly-pattern-library/>

How to fillet Trout:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=WjxAF139SGg

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