

The Guide's Forecast - volume 16 issue number 19

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

Forecasting for the fishing week of **May 9th – May 15th, 2014**

Willamette Valley/Metro – Fishery managers met by phone on Tuesday, granting sport anglers an additional 2 days (Friday and Saturday, May 9th and 10th) for spring chinook on the mainstem Columbia, downstream of Rooster Rock State Park. Bank anglers have access all the way to Bonneville Dam and action should be great for both parties. Additional opportunity is likely in mid-May.

Willamette flows have continued to moderate as the water has cleared. Water temperatures are rising to the upper 50's at the Falls. About 300 springers were counted on 1st of May for nearly 3,500 total as of that date. Nearly 1,600 summers had also crossed the Falls. Bank fishing has been slow, yielding steelhead on occasion. Last week was slow for springers but it picked up over the past weekend. Back-trolling small plugs has been picking up a few while a number of trollers have dropped the flasher to hook salmon on plain, cut-plug herring. Others are using prawn spinners and anchor fishers are taking some in the lower channel. Oregon City has produced the most hookups recently but many have been lost to sea lions. Diver and egg/shrimp combos are producing in the Garbage Hole. Catch-and-release sturgeon fishing has been good on anchovies or herring in the lower river below Sellwood Bridge or in the harbor but avoid the stretch from Willamette Falls to the Lake Oswego-Oak Grove Railroad Bridge which closed May 1.

McKenzie flows have been fairly stable over the past week. Fishing for reddsides is fair to good and a few steelhead have been landed on jigs. March browns are on the wane but BWOs will be a staple for a while and nymphs are always a productive alternative.

The Santiam system will be dropping and clearing but the next storm front due over the coming weekend, will impact flows. There are steelhead in the river with a few summers taken on the North Santiam and summers reported as high as Foster Dam on the South. The best bet will be the lower river this early, however.

Clackamas water levels will be dropping through Friday this week but are forecast to be on the rise this coming Saturday with the next weather system moving through. There are spring chinook in the river although hookups have been few. Summer steelheading is slightly better with jigs or spinners taking fish, particularly in the Gladstone stretch.

Sandy water levels have been dropping with water clarity improving. A few steelhead have been taken this week by anglers drifting bobbers with suspended baits of cured roe.

Northwest – Spring chinook are starting to show in better numbers in the Tillamook district but we're still a week away from more consistent catches. The low tide exchange this weekend will offer lower bay trollers the best opportunity. The Trask River saw a shot of chinook on the last rain freshet; action is likely to be best close to the hatchery.

The ocean is expected to be angry for the first few days of the Central Coast halibut opener but should calm by Saturday. Catches should be fair out of Garibaldi but north of Cape Falcon, halibut action was slow last year; it's anyone's guess this year.

Southwest- Bottom fishing out of Depoe Bay and Newport continues to reward sport and charter boats whenever offshore conditions allow. Ling cod catches have been particularly robust lately. This week will mark the first all depth halibut fishery which opens Thursday through Saturday this week. Further opportunities will occur every other week until the quota fills or summer season starts in August.

Halibut season opened May 1st south of Humbug Mountain, a location newly-titled the Southern Oregon Subarea. With just 3,712 pounds in the quota for this fishery, it is likely to be a short season. At the opener, a dozen or so were returned to the dock in Brookings.

Surf perch fishing has continued to pick up but shoot for those days when the ocean lays down a bit. Look for a steeper beach where waves break closer to shore. Throw baits of shrimp, clam necks or prawns during the last two hours of incoming tide.

Spring chinook fishing has been fair on the Umpqua mainstem although there have been occasional flurries of action.

When the ocean has laid down, boats launching out of Charleston have been catching chinook offshore. Bottom fish catches have been very good, particularly for lingcod. Crabbing has remained slow inside Coos Bay.

While rough ocean conditions prevented offshore boats from launching out of Gold Beach over the weekend, it was smooth sailing late last week. Nearshore bottomfishing was very good, producing many lingcod limits and decent numbers of colorful rockfish. Chinook are moving through the lower Rogue in schools, creating sporadic good catches for anglers in the Agness stretch. Middle river steelheaders are taking mostly dark fish now with springer catches slow to fair, best below Rainie Falls and at Hayes Falls. Spring chinook are entering the upper river with catches very good for this early in May. Good flows on the upper Rogue have contributed to anglers' success. Back-bouncers are hooking up with plug-pullers wrapping with anchovy rather than sardines here to good effect.

Trout catches have continued to improve at Diamond Lake as spring weather increases water temperatures. Bait fishing continues to be most productive.

Eastern – As the month of May progresses, few March Browns will be in evidence on the lower Deschutes with Mayflies becoming predominant. In addition to Mahogany Duns, Blue Winged Olives will be hatching mid-day to mid-afternoon. Trout fishing has been tough lately but the big bugs will show soon.

Crooked River flows are dropping to the 200 cfs mark. Many fly fishers prefer it when the river is at lower level.

Anglers trolling white or orange hoochies behind a flasher at 20 to 30 foot depths are taking good numbers of kokanee at Wickiup.

Trollers are taking fair numbers of kokanee at Green Peter. Hoochies and wedding rings have been effective.

SW Washington- The Drano Lake and Wind River fisheries are producing peak season catches. With strong passage continuing at Bonneville, action should remain strong at these locations.

The Cowlitz is the bright spot of the lower Columbia tributaries; action is fair to good on a consistent basis.

The Lewis and Kalama are far from escapement goals at their respective facilities.

Soapbox Update: Have you signed up for the Sandy River Classic yet? This fun fundraiser is designed to keep our hatcheries functioning, especially on the Sandy River. Fishing for chinook and steelhead is open anywhere within a 100 mile radius of the Sandy, allowing anglers to maximize their chances for success in this event. **Pro guide Trevor Storlie** started this event over a decade ago and now he's

graciously handed it over to the [Association of NW Steelheaders](http://nwsteelheaders.org) to run. For more details, go here: <http://nwsteelheaders.org/sandy-river-spring-chinook-classic/>

Columbia River Fishing Report – With no history of activity on the mainstem Columbia this week, there is little to report other than numbers keep passing by Bonneville in great gobs and fishery managers gave sport anglers some additional opportunity this Friday and Saturday! Here is the official press release:

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States OK two more days of Chinook fishing on lower Columbia

CLACKAMAS, Ore. – Sport fishermen will get an additional two days to get out and catch a Chinook salmon on the Columbia River below Bonneville Dam under a season reopening approved today by fishery managers from Oregon and Washington.

Spring Chinook fishing will reopen on the lower Columbia on Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10 according to rules adopted during a joint state hearing of fish and wildlife officials from the two states.

The joint state action is based on a revised estimate of salmon returns issued on Monday and current harvest data. The latest forecast provides an additional 1,669 upriver spring Chinook salmon for sport fishermen in the Columbia below Bonneville. The revised forecast is for a minimum expected return of 185,000 upriver Chinook, compared to the pre-season management run size of 159,000 upriver Chinook (70 percent of the 227,000 predicted return). Another run update is expected next Monday.

“As the run progresses and we gain more certainty regarding the actual run size, we are able to provide this additional fishing opportunity,” said John North, ODFW’s Columbia River Program manager.

Previously, the lower Columbia had been open to Chinook retention through April 14, followed by a one-day extension on April 19. During those seasons, sport fishermen caught approximately 91 percent of the Chinook available to them at the buffered run size.

Under the rules approved at today’s hearing, the season opens to both boat and bank fishing from Tongue Point upstream to Rooster Rock, and bank fishing only from Rooster Rock on up to Bonneville Dam. The bag limit is two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids (salmon or steelhead) per day, of which only one may be a Chinook. Shad may also be kept. All sockeye salmon must be released unharmed.

Above Bonneville and upriver to the Oregon/Washington border, Chinook and steelhead retention fishing will continue through May 9 as previously planned.

For more information, visit ODFW's website at www.dfw.state.or.us.

So while we're unable to provide much information on how fishing on the mainstem Columbia *was* last week, we'll be spending some time telling you how good it will be this Friday and Saturday.

Anglers that have been fishing in the upstream impoundments, The Dalles and John Day in particular, have been doing quite well for ample numbers of migrating chinook. There was talk of halting fishing for a few days but the bump in run size allowed managers to allow the season to run its course. This fishery will close after May 9th. Here are the creel numbers from last week:

The Dalles Pool:

Weekly checking showed 55 adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook kept, plus 31 unclipped spring Chinook and one unclipped steelhead released for 261 bank anglers; and 14 adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook kept, plus four unclipped spring Chinook released for 15 boats (35 anglers).

John Day Pool (Columbia River above John Day Dam and John Day Arm):

Weekly checking showed seven adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook kept, plus seven unclipped spring Chinook released for 72 bank anglers; and 16 adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook, plus six unclipped spring Chinook and one unclipped steelhead released for 46 boats (106 anglers).

Back down in the estuary, bottomfishers only had a small window of opportunity to target bottomfish along the south jetty this week. The tide series was favorable but a rough ocean kept sensible anglers at bay for most of the week. Lingcod and sea bass fishing is excellent when conditions allow.

The Guide's Forecast – With the Friday opener, a rare one during peak passage times, angler excitement and success should be running pretty high right now. Anglers will have good options this weekend with water conditions running a bit high, allowing for bank anglers and boaters working the shallower currents to likely score results.

There are a few factors to pay attention to on this opener:

- Passage is still peaking, giving anglers the best opportunity of the season on Friday and Saturday,
- Flows are high so target the slower current in the shallower water, bank anglers should do well,
- The river has been closed for a long period of time so Friday should produce the best results as the first day of a re-opener often does,
- Herring trollers were not scoring great results towards the close of the season, at least not below Rooster Rock. Anchor fishing can often produce the best results under the current river conditions,
- There are at least 3X the number of fish migrating in the mainstem Columbia now, then when we were last fishing it. Over 5,000 per day are crossing Bonneville Dam when upon our last closure, we saw about 1,500 per day crossing. Theoretically, we should have 3 times better chance for catching.
- Bank anglers at Bonneville should do quite well under these conditions.

Armed with this information, target the technique and area that you have the most confidence in. Of course not everyone will catch fish but this should be one of the best opportunities of the season. If you're going to anchor fish, which is what I recommend, you should be able to catch fish in water

anywhere from 8 foot to 31 foot of water. Keep in mind that even though I suggest you target the river's edge, some of those "edges", occur in deep water. Also, just because it's 30 feet deep, doesn't mean the water is running fast. Current on the bottom of the river is always a bit softer than in the main water column. Just keep your offerings close to the bottom of the river where the fish will be running.

I recommend anchor fishing with plugs, wrapped with sardines or tuna bellies. You'll want to change out your bait wrap consistently as anchor fishing (plunking) is really the only technique where the fish have to come to you. For this reason, you'll want to give them the best incentive to strike. Keep your baits fresh!

Keeping in mind that you must fish downstream of Rooster Rock, you still have lots of options for success. There were a few trollers that scored good results just downstream of the deadline (and a few that scored results on the upstream (illegal) side of the deadline too). Know where you're going! Anchor fishing from I-205 to Brookfield near Astoria should produce good results, especially on Friday. The gillnet fleet did fish on Wednesday, making the lower reaches more attractive for this short, 2-day season. Most folks will have an idea as to where they have the most confidence in catching. It's just a matter of fighting the boat launches and getting on the water. It should be fun!

Willamette, McKenzie & Santiam Rivers Fishing Report – Anglers trying for spring Chinook have been out in force with river and weather conditions decent this week. Spring Chinook passage at Willamette Falls has been picking up, with daily passage topping 1,000 and over 6,200 counted through May 3rd. The summer steelhead counts reached 1,800 on May 3rd. Lower Multnomah Channel was productive for some anchor fishers on Wednesday this week. Rain starting to fall had little effect on boater effort according to **Pro guide Chris Vertopoulos: (503) 349-1377** who did a drive by on the Sellwood Bridge the morning of May 8th.

McKenzie levels have continued dropping this week with flows moderating to 4,000 cfs at Vida as of mid-day on May 8th. Water temperatures are in the mid-40s. With so many bugs hatching now, it will pay to pack a variety. In addition to dries and nymphs, take some conventional wet flies for swinging.

Santiam water levels and flow have been good but fishing has been poor to slow. Many of the summer steelhead and spring Chinook bound for the river are currently staged at the mouth. Fishing for summers has been fair at times with jigs or spinners as the better part of the season is yet to come. It remains to be seen just how well that turns out. Fish counts are ramping up at Willamette Falls.

Detroit Reservoir has been fishing well over the past week, producing some large trout. Bank anglers have been scoring in the area of the pipeline and from the bridge.

Bethany Pond, Commonwealth Lake, Dorman Pond, Halderman Pond, Henry Hagg Lake, Progress Lake, Salmonberry Lake, Sheridan Pond, St. Louis Pond. Blue River above Reservoir, Blue River Reservoir, Carmen Reservoir, Clear Lake, Detroit Reservoir, E. E. Wilson Pond, Fall Creek, Foster Reservoir, Freeway Lake, East, Green Peter Reservoir, Junction City Pond, Leaburg Lake, McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam, Quartzville Creek, Roaring River Park Pond, Salmon Creek, Walling Pond and Walter Wirth Lake were planted with trout this week.

The Guide's Forecast – According to **Robert Campbell at Fisherman's Marine in Oregon City (503-557-5600)**, Oregon City has been the most productive stretch of the lower Willamette and at times it has been "pretty good." For the most part, the stretch below Sellwood downriver to Portland Harbor has been slow. Cut plug herring will continue to produce at the head of Multnomah Channel and fluorescent plugs have been taking some nice steelhead inside the Channel. Prawns with a green spinner blade fished with a two-foot dropper and a five-foot leader will fool fish but warmer water will mean more trash fish rather than salmon taking your prawns. This seems to occur once water temperatures hit the

56 degree mark. For those fishing where sea lions are problematic, be aware that pinnipeds have a penchant for the flesh of anadromous fish and they are smart critters. To reduce loss, stay seated when a fish is hooked if at all possible in order to avoid alerting sea lions in the area, which will be on the lookout for just such commotion. Keep the net low and inside the boat until the last possible moment. Doing so will mean more fish for you and fewer for the fur bags. Shad fishing will start any day. With the first shad over Bonneville on May 3rd, it won't be long for them to show en masse at Oregon City.

Despite what the calendar says, plenty of March Browns abide on the Mac as well as their more recent brethren, the Green McKenzie Caddis. A recent addition to the riverbanks, as well as some of our homes) is the carpenter ant, a terrestrial which trout find most appealing. With that information, anglers should stock boxes accordingly but also arm themselves with Prince Nymphs, Golden Stone Nymphs and Possie Buggers, any of which are effective on their own or as a dropper.

Although salmon and steelhead are poised to enter the Santiam system, only modest numbers have been available to anglers. Counts were 85 summer steelhead and 14 spring Chinook at Bennett Dam as of the end of April and just 179 summer steelhead and 44 springers at Foster Dam as of May 6th. As water drops and clears following the freshet this weekend, fishing will resume with somewhat better odds as the increased water flow will surely have encouraged staged fish to enter the system.

Clackamas and Sandy River Fishing Reports – Clackamas flows, level and color are darned near perfect for fishing right now. **Robert Campbell at Fisherman's Marine in Oregon City (503-557-5600)** described it as being in "great shape" with a "fair number of summer steelhead and a few spring Chinook." Quick, go get 'em before the rain starts and spoils everything. Summer steelhead are scattered throughout the system and early springers are being hooked periodically on the lower river.

Water levels on the Sandy are continuing to drop this week with the river quite clear. Anglers have been so frustrated at times so as to declare the waters devoid of fish. While this is, of course, untrue, there don't seem to be a lot of them around although the fresh summer steelhead which are currently scattered throughout the system seem to require a combination of right time, right place and an extra degree of finesse.

The Guide's Forecast – Rising water on the Clackamas over the coming weekend won't do much for fishing for a few days. The good news is that the rainfall and higher water should encourage a good slug of springers to enter along with additional summers which will be most entertaining as the flows moderate and the color improves.

Rain will impact the Sandy over the weekend but recovery is expected to be fairly rapid. Those who wish to try it should do so as the water starts to drop. Summer steelhead love to chase spinners and this seems to have been their weakness recently. Fishing early or late in the day will improve an angler's chances as will taking advantage of shadows and any other low light opportunities such as cloud cover. Steelhead will be more likely to be fooled by your fake if it is not well-illuminated. Jigs, corkies & yarn and pink plastic worms have also taken fish at times. A few are being taken on roe and sand shrimp beneath a bobber. Everyone hopes that spring Chinook start showing in catchable numbers following the freshet.

North Coast Fishing Report – Spring chinook, although still early in the season, are starting to show with a bit more consistency. The Trask River has been holding the most promise, with the river still carrying decent flow and the bulk of the fish destined for the Trask hatchery. Reports of success are still sparse but that will likely start to change in the near future.

You won't hear us talk much about steelhead anymore but summer runs are still far and few between on the Nestucca and Wilson systems. Better numbers likely won't show until June.

Bottomfishers have been doing well when the weather has been cooperating. The Garibaldi fleet is working the Three Arch Rocks area mostly, picking up a plethora of species. This area should remain productive for several more weeks, especially if the weather keeps the fleet from fishing it on a consistent basis.

Crabbing remains poor in the estuaries although the weekend weak tide series could improve prospects. Ocean crabbing is mediocre at best.

Big Creek Reservoir-1, Cape Meares Lake, Carter Lake, Cleawox Lake, Hebo Lake, Munsel Lake, Sutton Lake and Town Lake are scheduled for trout stocking.

The Guide's Forecast – It's a weak tide series this weekend for spring chinook anglers. This means that lower bay herring trolling will offer up the best chance for success for the few that are motivated enough to try their luck. If you're only going to go for a few hours, target the mid-afternoon, bottom of the outgoing tide bite from about 2:00 until 4:30 on Saturday; an hour later on Sunday. The ocean looks like it will still be a bit big so don't count on going offshore for bottomfish or any chinook that may be within our reach. Here is the offshore forecast:

FRI

SW WIND 15 TO 20 KT WITH GUSTS TO 25 KT. WIND WAVES 4 FT.
W SWELL 8 FT AT 9 SECONDS. SLIGHT CHANCE OF TSTMS IN THE MORNING
THEN A CHANCE OF TSTMS.

FRI NIGHT

SW WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 3 FT. W SWELL 8 FT
AT 9 SECONDS. CHANCE OF TSTMS...MAINLY IN THE EVENING.

SAT

SW WIND 5 TO 10 KT. WIND WAVES 2 FT. W SWELL 7 FT AT
10 SECONDS.

SAT NIGHT

NW WIND 5 TO 10 KT...BECOMING N AFTER MIDNIGHT.
WIND WAVES 2 FT. W SWELL 6 FT AT 10 SECONDS.

SUN

NE WIND TO 10 KT...BACKING TO N IN THE AFTERNOON. WIND
WAVES 1 FT. W SWELL 5 FT AT 9 SECONDS.

SUN NIGHT

NW WIND 10 TO 15 KT...BECOMING N 5 TO 10 KT AFTER
MIDNIGHT. WIND WAVES 3 FT. W SWELL 4 FT.

MON

N WIND 5 TO 10 KT. WIND WAVES 2 FT. W SWELL 4 FT.

TUE

N WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 3 FT. W SWELL 4 FT.

If you're going to stick to the rivers, pick the Trask if you want the best chance but the Wilson should also be holding fish right now. You won't have the traffic on the Wilson that you will the Trask and the scenery is much easier on the eyes. Here's what the water is supposed to be doing:



It'll be a little higher than optimal over the weekend but falling early next week. This should bring in more fish to these systems and if you're a bank angler, targeting the Trask River hatchery would be a wise thing. It's getting to be the time of year when we find out how the bay fishery is going to perform. If we continue in a wet weather pattern and chinook have continual access to the Trask River due to high water conditions, our bay fishery will suffer. By next week, good numbers of chinook will start entering the bay! It's time to think Tillamook springers!

Crabbing and bottomfishing along the jetty can be good on the tides we're going to see over the weekend. If you have fresh crab bait, you should score some fair results in Tillamook Bay anyway. Sunday may offer up some ocean opportunity for crab and bottomfish.

Central & South Coast Reports – Offshore conditions will be mixed this week, probably preventing ocean forays Friday and Saturday this week but, with moderating conditions Sunday and Monday, trips across the bar should be possible.

Sport and charter vessels which have been able to get out of Newport and Depoe Bay this week have enjoyed fair to good fishing for rockfish but excellent results for lingcod. Ocean Chinook fishing has continued spotty with fish scattered.

All depth halibut fishing started today, May 8th with this round of fishing open through Saturday, May 10th. Additional opportunities will occur on every other Thursday through Saturday until the quota fills or the summer season opens in August. There have been no catch reports as of yet.

Crabbing might not be worth the effort in Winchester Bay but the South Jetty has been quite productive for rockfish and hot at times for lingcod. The highly anticipated arrival of pinkfin perch occurred this week. Anglers have been repeatedly frustrated by roller coaster water levels on the Umpqua during the spring Chinook season this year. Just as the fishery starts to pick up steam, another freshet roils the water. As levels fell this week, fishing picked up around Elkton, rewarding one angler with a 40-pounder. Mag-Lip plugs and Rogue River Rigs with anchovy have been most effective in hooking springers. Rainfall over the next few days will once again add considerable volume to the Umpqua mainstem which will shut down fishing for several days. Another opportunity will present itself as precipitation stops and the waters drop and clear in the coming week. Shad fishing has started and produced scores of fish at Sawyers Rapids on some days. Smallmouth bass fishing was improving earlier this week. These fisheries will also resume as the river recovers from weekend rainfall.

While crabbing is slow in Coos Bay, persistence will produce a few legals. Fishing is fair to good for rockfish and the occasional lingcod along the jetties.

With spring Chinook scattered in the low, clear waters of the lower Rogue, anglers have been plying the deeper runs and holes with mixed success. Conditions are forecast to change over the coming weekend however, as the water level increases with a passing storm front. Fishing should be good as the river recovers in the coming week. Springers are moving through the middle Rogue and a few will be caught but these fish tend not to linger on their journey upstream. While winter steelhead are available, they're dark and are not worth pursuing. There are bright steelhead on the upper river but darned few of them. The best bet is to target the fresh spring Chinook which are entering now. The best chance of a hookup is from the hatchery down to Shady Cove.

Trout fishing continues to improve at Diamond Lake as the water warms. One angler took a four-pounder fishing from the charter boat this week.

Clearwater Forebay #2, Lemolo Reservoir, Bowman Pond, Sru Lake, Expo Pond, Reinhart Pond, Emigrant Reservoir, Spaulding Pond were stocked with trout.

Central and Eastern Oregon – Trout fishing has been slow to fair on the lower Deschutes but will improve as the water warms. Golden Stones and Salmon Flies are in the nymph stage on the lower Deschutes now. Imitating this stage of the insect can be productive but very soon the most highly anticipated fishery of the year will occur as these big bugs start to hatch which should start in the coming week. The hatch will be delayed by cool weather, accelerated if it's warm.

Trollers using large plugs are taking bull trout at Lake Billy Chinook. A kayaker recently landed one just over 29 inches.

Crooked River flows have continued gradually moderating ever lower, approaching the 200cfs mark. This popular little waterway certainly gets the pressure at times.

Trollers at Green Peter Reservoir are taking a mix of rainbow trout and kokanee but not a great number of either specie.

Kokanee results have been good for trollers at Odell who have been enjoying a very rewarding morning bite with many limiting before noon. While most anglers have been targeting kokanee, a few have been deep trolling for Mackinaw with decent results.

ODFW sez. "Kids will have a chance to practice their fishing skills are a free youth fishing event at the McNary Channel Ponds near Hermiston on Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. The event is co-sponsored by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

"To give kids the best opportunity to catch fish, the event is open to only youth 12 years old and younger from 10 a.m. to noon. The ponds will be open for families to fish starting at noon.

"Kids will have a chance to learn and do everything from baiting a hook to landing a fish," said Bill Duke, ODFW district fish biologist. "The McNary ponds offer lots of bank access for young anglers, lots of fish to catch and there will be lots of volunteers to help the kids get started."

"ODFW will provide loaner fishing rods and reels, tackle and bait for youth that don't have their own gear.

"Under Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations anglers ages 13 and under can fish for free while those 14-17 will need to have a \$9 juvenile angling license, available at license outlets. Licenses will not be sold on site the day of the event.

"The McNary Channel Ponds are a few of more than 350 water bodies in Oregon that ODFW regularly stocks with trout. Anglers can learn more about how and where to fish throughout Oregon at ODFW's website, located at www.dfw.state.or.us under the "Fishing" tab.

"To get to McNary Channel Ponds from Hwy 370 in Umatilla, turn north onto Brownell Blvd. just west of I-82). Proceed to W. Third St. Turn right on Third St. and proceed through the I-82 underpass. The ponds are north of Third St. between I-82 and McNary Dam. There are several well-signed vehicle access points. For more information about this event, call Bill Duke, ODFW district fish biologist, at (541) 276-2344."

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<http://www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/PacificCoastViewerTable.shtml>

Properly Lighting your Boat: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/BoatLaws/pages/equipment.aspx>

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