

Second Opening Day Set Saturday For Trout Anglers

Special Regulations Listed For Umpqua River System

Anglers are expected out in full force Saturday to celebrate the opening of the general trout season in the Umpqua River system.

Special regulations and closures affecting fishermen in the North Umpqua River and its tributaries are listed under Zone 3 of the Synopsis of Oregon Angling Regulations for 1963.

The North Umpqua is closed to all angling from or on any boat or floating device between Winchester Dam and Soda Springs Dam, and on Lemolo and Toketeer reservoirs above posted deadlines established by the Game Commission.

Closures to all angling include the stretches of water from Winchester Dam down to the old Highway 99 bridge and from Soda Springs Dam down to a point 50 yards below Soda Springs Power Plant.

The North Umpqua and its tributaries are closed to angling in any manner other than with an artificial fly from the presently established deadline near the mouth of Rock Creek upstream to a point 50 yards below the Soda Springs Power Plant.

Steamboat Creek and all its tributaries are closed to all angling. The Copco impoundments above Soda Springs Dam have been open for fishing since April 20, with reports of fair to good catches being made. The warm weather has improved and fishing over the opening weekend when mostly small catches were reported.

The main Umpqua and its tributaries below the confluence of Elk Creek will open for trout not less than eight inches Saturday, while a six inch minimum holds for the remainder of the Umpqua River system.

The season will last through October 31 on the main Umpqua, the North Umpqua to Mott Bridge and the South Umpqua to Jackson Creek. On the North Umpqua the season will last till Sept. 2 from Mott Bridge to Soda Springs Dam, and the same holds true on the South Umpqua above Jackson Creek.

In addition to the trout season, the steelhead season also opens Saturday in the Main Umpqua, the North Umpqua and the South Umpqua. The same open season dates are in effect for the North and South Umpquas regarding steelhead and trout.

The spring salmon season will close June 3 on the main Umpqua and the North Umpqua below the narrows at Rock Creek. The chinook season opened in March.

The fall salmon and jack salmon season is scheduled for Aug. 24 to Oct. 31 on the Umpqua, the North Umpqua below Rock Creek and the South Umpqua below Jackson Creek.

Winter regulations for trout, jack salmon and steelhead not less than 12 inches include an open season Nov. 1 to Feb. 28, 1964.

Aggregate bag limit for trout is 10 fish per day with not more than five over 12 inches or 20 fish in seven days (or in possession) with not more than 10 over 12 inches. For salmon and steelhead 20 inches or over it is 40 fish in any calendar year, with not more than 20 steelhead or salmon. Daily limits include two fish over 20 inches or four in seven days.

In addition to the Umpqua, Smith River will also open. Smith River is closed to angling from any boat or floating device from a point 200 feet below the falls. Lakes opening Saturday in the local scene include Fish Lake, Diamond Lake and all high lakes in the National Forest area.

Fish Lake will be open to Oct. 31, except for that portion extending east of a line beginning at a point 400 feet north of and extending to a point 400 feet west of the mouth of High Rock Creek. This portion of the lake will be open July 1 to Oct. 31.

All tributaries to Fish Lake are closed to angling. Special regulations for Diamond Lake are listed in a story on page 6.

For complete and specific angling regulations fishermen are advised to consult the 1963 Synopsis published by the State Game Commission.



DIAMOND LAKE will be the scene of much activity Saturday when the trout season opens in the high lakes. The fishing at Diamond Lake should be vastly improved over last year's opening as plenty of scappy rainbows have been planted to test the ability of the angler. Pictured is the opening day catch of three successful fishermen who tried their luck several years ago.

County Outlook Bright For Successful Fishing

The time of the year has arrived once again when "fishing fever" is running wild among the residents of Douglas County.

Busy preparing for the opening of the general trout season Saturday, local anglers can be found limbering up their favorite rods and oiling the reels rather than attending to business.

Comes Saturday the quickest cure for "fishing fever" will be at work — that being a trip away from the bustle and bustle of city life to a favorite spot along one of the streams or lakes. While most fishermen have a favorite spot for opening morning, chances are that few will be alone as a record number of rod and reel enthusiasts are expected to turn out to celebrate the opening of the general trout season.

High lakes in the National Forest areas of the Cascade Mountains (including Paulina and Siskiyou Mountains) will open Saturday, along with streams in the coastal area (Zone 1) and most streams in the Umpqua and Rogue watersheds.

Favorite spots opening in Douglas County include Diamond Lake and the North and the South Umpqua rivers.

The outlook for opening day is excellent — especially if the fair weather holds through the weekend. With the absence of any recent big storms water in the rivers and creeks is clear and plenty of fish are waiting to test the skill of the agile angler.

Diamond Lake is serenely awaiting the influx of victims of "fishing fever." Always one of the top attractions on opening day, Diamond Lake offers a variety of recreational opportunities for the hardy outdoorsman.

Fishing guides have their boats launched and are ready for the opening day crowd, while small boats and motors can be rented at the fish house located near the lodge. The lodge is open, as are the stores and restaurants around the lake to serve the nimrods.

Diamond Lake should prove good to excellent fishing on opening morning for both kamaloops and rainbows. The lake was stocked with rainbows last summer after investigation resulting from a poor opening showed that one year's plant of kamaloops had been lost. However, the fighting kamaloop should be back strong this year to provide plenty of excitement along with the rainbow. Fish 14 inches and over will be in abundance.

Artificial lures, including caddis flies and small spinners, should prove to be tops at Diamond Lake. However, for the bait enthusiast, worms and eggs should also produce.

Heavy plants in the North and South Umpqua should provide good fishing in both rivers. The North Umpqua from a point just above the mouth of Rock Creek to

Soda Springs Dam is restricted to fishing with artificial flies. Recent warm weather has produced heavy hatches of flies along this stretch of the river and the fish are feeding near the surface.

In the lower section of the North Umpqua and in the main Umpqua bait will probably work best. Eggs or worms should lure the wily trout, while fly fishermen should also have fair to good success. The same holds true for most of the South Umpqua.

Smaller streams in the area should provide good fishing for those taking advantage of these. While the fish may be somewhat smaller in these streams, anglers wanting to get away from the crowds will find this more to their liking.

Among the high lakes that will be popular opening day is Twin Lakes. Located between the North Umpqua and Little River watersheds, Twin Lakes is accessible from either side with good trails leading into the area. A shelter is available at the lake and an out-rigger is there for the earliest arrival.

Road conditions into most areas is excellent, and is likely to remain so if the weather stays good.

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Canadian Lakes Becoming Popular

While the local fishing will be foremost in the minds of Douglas County anglers Saturday, many still long for a trip north to test the fabled Canadian waters.

At a recent Sport Show in Portland much interest was shown by local sportsmen in the exhibit sponsored by Barney's Ball Lake and Gods Lake fishing camps. These lodges can be reached only by float plane out of Kenora, Ontario, which is 135 miles east of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Ball Lake is located 50 miles north of Kenora on the English River. At the point of Ball Lake the English River consists of a chain of lakes with moving clear water which assures good fishing during all seasons.

Catches include walleyed pike averaging four to six pounds and running as large as 15 pounds. The Northern Pike averages 15 pounds and some have been caught as large as 30 pounds.

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of Kenora and the fish in this area run even larger than at Ball Lake. Species caught at Gods Lake include lake trout, walleyes, giant pike and eastern brook trout.

From Roseburg it is 1,500 miles to Kenora by car or the trip can be made by private plane. Winnipeg is the closest commercial airport.

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Boating Questions

(Editor's note: Answers to questions by Bill Smale, Evinrude Outboard Engineer.)

Q. My friend and I both own identical 15-foot runabouts powered with identical 40 hp outboards. His will go about 3 mph faster than mine. How come?

A. Assuming both engines are tuned-up and running efficiently, the reason could well be your propeller. Check to see if you are using a propeller with a different pitch. Also check your boat bottom for marine growth or distortion. A boat that has not been stored properly or that has been carried on a poorly fitted trailer will sometimes develop a "hooked" bottom which can cause performance problems.

Q. I read somewhere that fuel left over from the previous year should not be used in an outboard motor. What's your opinion on this?

A. I agree. In fact, old fuel should not be used in any type of motor. Gasoline stored for long periods tends to lose its ability to ignite properly. Using it can cause hard starting and fuel system fouling. Always use fresh fuel.

Q. I've seen hundreds of pictures in magazines and catalogs showing outboard runabouts pulled up on the shore. I think it's better to anchor a boat in a few feet of water close to shore. Which is the right way?

A. It depends on the beach. If it's sandy, it won't hurt the boat to pull it ashore. Rocky beaches, however, are a different story. Personally, I would rather anchor any time. It's easier to drop and pull up anchor than to pull the boat ashore and then push it back into the water.

ENTER CLEVELAND OPEN

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player have entered the \$110,000 Cleveland Open golf tournament at the Beechmont Country Club, June 27-30.

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WHILE MOST ATTENTION will be focused on the high lakes and the streams of Douglas County this weekend with the opening of trout season, Salmon Harbor will be preparing for the first big influx of deep sea fishermen Memorial Day. A quartet of prizes shown by the two fishermen above shows what can be expected from a trip to Salmon Harbor.

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