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Agustin Pedraza hits a home run during Little League play at the Warm Springs ball fields.

Hood River chinook fishing open till July

Hood River is open to spring salmon subsistence fishing with a good return anticipated.

There is expected to be around 1,100 adults returning with 800 available for harvest, said Ryan Gerstenberger, monitoring biologist for the Branch of Natural Resources Hood River Production Program.

The Hood River spring chinook salmon season will be open through July 15 this year for subsistence fishing.

The fishery is open to Warm Springs tribal members, and subject to regulations set forth by the Fish and Wildlife Committee.

In the Hood Basin this means continuously attended gear may be used to harvest fin marked salmon. The main-stem Hood River is open except within 100 feet of the fish trap at the Dee Mill.

The West Fork is open up to Green Point Creek. Roger's Creek, in the Middle Fork drainage, is closed to all harvest. Complete regulations are available at Natural Resources and the Hood River Production Program field office at 6030 Dee Hwy in Parkdale.

Regulations and information are posted on an information board next to Punchbowl Falls.

Punchbowl Falls

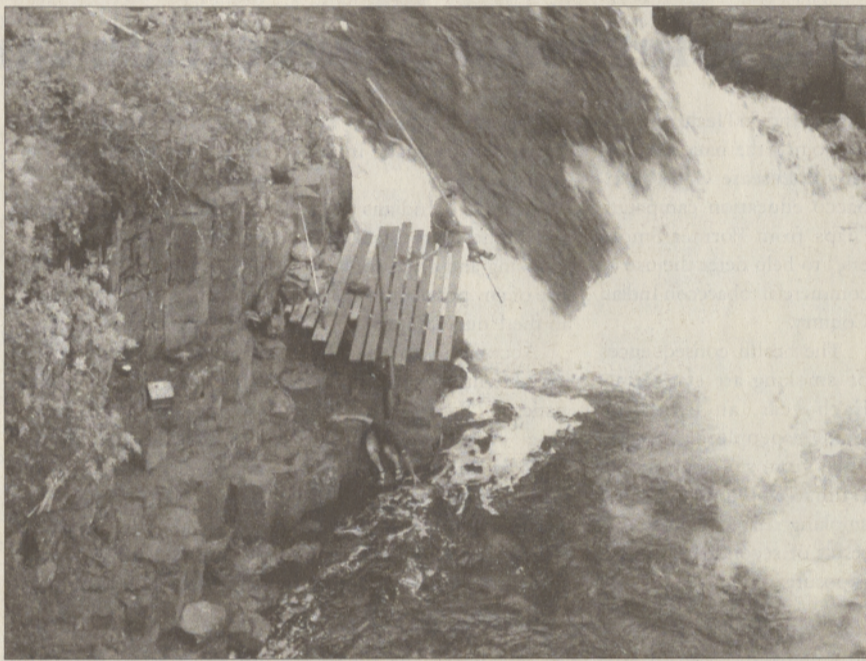
Punchbowl Falls on the West Fork, just below the bridge on Punchbowl Road, is the most popular fishery in the Hood Basin.

Fish school up in a large pool below the falls and are eager biters for hook and line fishers. The best fishing occurs during late May and June. Here fishers can harvest in seclusion since the Punchbowl is only open to Warm Springs tribal members.

However, this year Natural Resources staff will be collecting adults at Punchbowl Falls for the hatchery brood stock on one or two week days per week throughout the run.

This will ensure the Parkdale Hatchery has sufficient eggs to raise smolts for release back into the Hood River during 2015.

Natural Resources (BNR) used to collect broodstock at a fish trap at Powerdale Dam. But since the dam was removed in 2010, the BNR has been scrambling to meet their eggs needs from salmon returning to the Hood River. This will be a temporary measure



Courtesy of Natural Resources Branch.

Fisherman at the popular Punchbowl Falls.

only.

The BNR is nearing completion of a fish facility in the West Fork upstream of the Punchbowl. The facility consists of a fish ladder fitted with a fish trap and four acclimation ponds to release smolts.

This year will be the second release of smolts from the facility however the fish trap will not be operable until this summer.

"We had hoped to have the Moving Falls fish trap online by now, but challenges with site construction have postponed completion until July" said Chris Brun, Hood River Production Program coordinator.

Once completed the tribes hope to conduct all hatchery operations entirely with the Hood River basin. Currently, half of the eggs are raised at Round Butte Hatchery then returned to the Hood River for release.

With the completion of the facility the tribes will have the capacity to conduct

full term rearing completely in basin.

"This will be better for the fish and allow the Tribes full oversight of hatchery operations" Brun said.

The tribes operate the Parkdale Fish Hatchery near the town of Parkdale. In addition to conducting all salmon fish culture in basin another goal of the program is have the facility operated by tribal members. Currently two of the three full time employees are tribal members and it is expected to be fully staffed with tribal members by 2014.

The tribes' hatchery operations and habitat restoration efforts are paying off.

Not only are there consistent harvest opportunities but the wild run is rebounding as well.

Prior to inception of the Hood River Production Program in 1992, the native spring salmon run was extirpated.

The tribes initially reseeded the river with smolts

from the Deschutes and collected eggs from some returning adults for hatchery rearing while the majority spawned naturally in the wild.

Concurrently, the BNR has worked to repair degraded streams and restore water flows. Spring salmon spawning are now spawning in all major Hood River streams.

For more information please contact Chris Brun at 541-352-9326 or stop by the HRPP field office.

Sherars Falls fishery open

The 2013 Sherars Falls spring fisheries is open Wednesday to Saturday up until May 25.

From May 26 until July 15, fishing is allowed seven days week.

When wild fish retention is not permitted, all unmarked fish must be released to the river unharmed.

All non-fin clipped steelhead incidentally caught with any type of approved gear must be released and returned to the river unharmed unless regulations are adopted to allow harvest.

In recognition of the traditional methods of fishing, fishing from scaffolds, using hoopnets, dipnets and setnets will be allowed according to the schedule above. Nets and hoops must be attached to a pole.

Setnets and hoopnets must be attended continuously and will be strictly enforced.

Hook and line fishing, one pole containing up to two single hooks per person, will be permitted.

The Branch of Natural Resources will be responsible for the biological monitoring and enforcement of the fishery.

All harvest must be made available to Natural Resources staff for biological monitoring and enforcement. This is set out in Warm Springs Tribal Code 340.310 (11).

Intentional snagging of fish is prohibited. Fish that are snagged incidentally and are in viable condition must be returned to the river unharmed.

Pursuant to Warm Springs Tribal Code 340.310 (13), the use of alcohol or drugs is prohibited.

Penalties for violations will be strictly enforced to ensure the rules and regulations will be complied with. This will be pursuant to Warm Springs Tribal Code 340.700 and 341.140.

Pursuant to Warm Springs Tribal Ordinance No. 68, Section 490.520, Section 490.510 (8) and 340.010 (9):

The sale, exchange or trade of fish caught for subsistence purposes to non-Indians is prohibited. Sale or exchange of fish with Treaty Indians must be for their personal use, commercial sale of fish is not allowed unless and until permitted by additional future regulation.

Sisters Wild West Show looking for Native participants

The Sisters Wild West Show which will be August 24-25 is looking for volunteers to represent Warm Springs Native Culture.

Please contact Richard Esterman at 541-549-8905 to learn more; or email: centraloregonshows@gmail.com

The Chasan R. Walker 2013 Memorial Men's Basketball Tournament will be held November 29 - December 1. It is a 16-team, double elimination, all-Indian plus 2 tournament. For entry info, contact Jake or Julie Suppah at 480-734-8690.

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