

Wake from 1B
The proposed rulemaking for

waterway markers will describe the characteristics and standards for regulatory and informational markers (buoys and

signs) used on the waters of this state that convey official messages to boat operators. Additionally, the rules will

establish procedures for public bodies and individuals to apply for a permit to place approved waterway markers of their own (those markers not placed by the U.S. Coast Guard or the Oregon State Marine Board). These existing rules and definitions have been carefully considered and vetted by two external advisory committees and law enforcement marine

patrol over the last two years. The public is encouraged to submit written comments on the proposed rule language. The comment period closes April 21, at the close of hearing. Written comments are submitted by email to osmb.rulemaking@state.or.us or by U.S. mail to: June LeTarte, Administrative

Coordinator, 435 Commercial Street NE, Suite 400, P.O. Box 14145, Salem, OR 97309-5056. Comments will not be accepted by telephone. To review the hearing notice and proposed rule language, visit www.oregon.gov/OSMB/Pages/admin/OSMB_Rulemaking_Newpage.aspx.

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week as the river levels being to drop. Lake Creek typically clears up more quickly.
ALSEA RIVER: Steelhead
The winter steelhead fishery is slowing down for the season down but fair numbers of fish can still be found in the upper river, especially after a rain event. Native fish tend to be prevalent this time of year. Casting lures, bobber and jig/bait or drifting beads along the bottom can be very effective techniques.

SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead
Steelhead fishing is slow to fair. Fish are being caught in most sections depending on river conditions. This time of year tends to produce a good percent of native fish and/or post spawn fish. Typical steelhead tactics apply such as side drifting, bobber and jig / bait, or casting spoons or spinners.
WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook
Winter steelhead fishing should be slow to fair. Last weekend's rain brought good

numbers of fish into the system. Fish will be holding ups as flows are low. Bank anglers can find success throughout the river. Boaters should fish the lower drifts until more rains come. Use lighter gear in the clear water. Spring Chinook fishing opens April 1, but few fish will be present for several weeks.

YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead
The winter steelhead fishery is slow in the Big Elk. The fishery is typically very slow for the rest of the season. Anglers are advised to watch for private property. Typical steelhead fishing tactics apply but the Big Elk is bed rock dominated and does have a lot of snags.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead
Fish have been caught in the Canyonville area and hatchery fish have been reported.

The hatchery program for winter steelhead is centered in the South Umpqua, which offers the best chance for catching an adipose-fin clipped steelhead for harvest.

Most hatchery fish are caught from Canyonville downstream.

All wild fish must be released unharmed. Plunking should be good at places such as **LAWSON BAR, MYRTLE CREEK** and behind Seven Feathers. The water has been low making it harder for long boat drifts, but still suitable for bank anglers.

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