

Trout from 1B

other locations will receive an additional 55,000 trophies before trout stocking ends in the fall.

First reactions to the program have been positive. At Timothy Lake, a mid-elevation Trophy Trout lake on the Mt. Hood National Forest, biologists are tagging both 8-inch

and trophy-sized trout in an effort to get them to call with information about their fishing experience.

With stunning views of Mt. Hood, Timothy is generating some buzz among anglers both for its trophy trout and kokanee salmon.

"Almost every angler we talked to was very happy about their fishing experience at Timothy Lake," said North

Willamette District Fish Biologist Todd Alsbury, who would like to see the program expanded even further.

Alsbury said he expects angler enthusiasm to grow throughout the summer as the larger fish begin to move around in the lake and anglers begin to discover effective methods of catching them.

Bill Duke, the district fish biologist in Pendleton, report-

ed similar results.

"So far the angler response has been excellent," said Duke, who also implemented a tag reward program on one of the other Trophy Trout lakes — Willow Creek Reservoir, where anglers have returned six of 15 tags worth \$50 each.

"Anglers seem to be putting in considerably more angling effort than I was expecting," he said. "They are very positive about the larger-sized trout."

Trophy trout are generally two years old, according to Jake Rice, manager of ODFW's Roaring River trout hatchery. He noted that as the fish get larger they need more space and food to minimize stress from rearing densities. As with bigger fish, they take more food based on body weight.

The additional time in the hatchery means staff needs to keep an eye on potential disease issues longer with the additional year of rearing. All of the fish are inspected monthly by a pathologist, and feed programs are updated on a daily basis to account for size, density, water flow, water temperatures and release date.

"We really stress the importance of health fish, and this take a little more effort and time over the additional year of rearing," he said, noting there are additional costs asso-

ciated with bigger fish. There are extra costs associated with raising larger fish but he sees the benefits.

"Our biggest compliments come from the quality of our trophies," he said.

Trophy trout comprise a small portion of the 2 million trout catchable trout that ODFW releases in more than 300 locations around the state every year.

The vast majority of these are referred to in the agency's Trout Stocking Schedules (www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/trout_stocking_schedules) as "legals" — which are released as soon as they are 8 inches long and meet the legal minimum size for retention fishing in Oregon.

Fishery managers believe that shifting hatchery production to a higher percentage of larger fish may help spur interest in trout fishing in Oregon, which ODFW is promoting as a family-friendly outdoor activity through its Trout 365 campaign, 36 Family Fishing Events, and the Weekly Recreation Report.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 2017 Trophy Trout release numbers in the Florence area:

Alder Lake (180), Cleawox Lake (822), Dune Lake 180, Munsel Lake (600), Siltcoos Lagoon (141).



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