

Fishing from 1B

fishing has picked up a bit on the Wilson River and is fair. There are fish throughout the system, and fresh fish are still coming in. Target riffles and the top of pools during

first and last light, and concentrate on deeper holding pools once the sun is on the water.

Fishing stealthy, with light gear, and targeting first and last light is often the key to success with these fish.

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COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: Trout, warmwater fish

Largemouth bass fishing has been good in many of the area smaller lakes. Bluegills can be found in area lakes right along the weed lines.

A few anglers are still catching a few trout in both Lower and Upper Empire Lakes using PowerBait or trolling a spinner in the deeper water.

ODFW is implementing a tag reward trout study on Empire Lakes for 2017 in which anglers will be asked to report tagged trout that are caught. Anglers can report tags on the ODFW website.

Some of the tags will be worth a \$50 gift card. This study is an effort by ODFW to compare stocking of "larger" trout to last year's stock-

ing of "legal" size trout.

PACIFIC OCEAN AND BEACHES: Bottomfish, surf perch, crab, salmon, halibut

Recreational crabbing is open along the entire Oregon coast.

The nearshore halibut season (inside 40 fathoms) is now open seven days a week except when there are All Depth Halibut days. The next All Depth Halibut days are August 4-5. As of July 9, there is 43 percent of the Nearshore quota remaining.

Recreational Chinook salmon fishing is open from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain. Anglers may have two salmon per day but is closed to retention of coho except during the selective and non-selective coho seasons.

The selective coho season is open and will remain open until July 31 or until the 18,000 marked coho quota

has been met. Anglers have reported catching both Chinook salmon and hatchery coho in the Charleston area early last week.

As of July 9, there is 94 percent of the selective coho salmon quota remaining.

CLOSURES:

- Razor clams remain closed along the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid. This includes all beaches and bays.

SHELLFISH

Call the ODA shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 before harvesting for the most current information about shellfish safety closures.

Additional information is available from ODA's Food Safety Program at 503-986-4720

- The Central Oregon Coast Pacific halibut spring all-depth fishery is now closed.

- Mussels are closed from Tillamook Head (just north of Cannon Beach) to Cascade Head (just north of Lincoln City).

OCEAN SALMON

Ocean Chinook fishing effort and catch have been slow so far this season; however, some ocean Chinook were landed in Garibaldi, Pacific City, Florence, and Winchester Bay last week.

The Selective Coho (fin-clipped) season between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain opened on June 24 and will run through the earlier of July 31 or an 18,000 marked coho quota. The bag limit is two salmon per day, and all coho must have a healed adipose fin clip.

Best success was observed for anglers fishing out of Florence, Winchester Bay and Charleston. Most salmon being encountered are coho at all ports. Indications are that coho salmon will be moving up the coast in the next few weeks with expectations for better catches in more northerly ports from Newport to Garibaldi.

BOTTOM FISHING

Bottomfish fishing continues to be good out of most ports along the coast. Anglers were averaging close to one lingcod and four rockfish per trip. Remember to know and understand the new bag limits (see below).

New bag and sub-bag limits for 2017: To stay within Federal allocations, and try to provide for year-round fishing opportunities, there are some changes to daily bag limits. Canary rockfish has been declared rebuilt and is now part of the 7 fish marine bag limit (no sub-bag limit).

Black rockfish have a sub-bag limit of 6 fish (out of the 7 fish daily bag, no more than 6 may be black rockfish). There is a 4 fish sub-bag limit for blue/dacon, China, copper, and quillback rockfish combined (out of the 7 fish marine bag, no more than 4 may be these species combined).

PACIFIC HALIBUT

In 2017 vessels fishing for or retaining halibut are required (1) to have onboard a functioning rockfish descending device, and (2) use it to descend any rockfish released when fishing outside of the 30-fathom regulatory line.

The 2017 halibut quota is up 16.7 percent from 2016, which should allow for some additional fishing days, depending on weather and catch rates.

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The Salvation Army – Cascade Division Western Lane County

Q: Describe your organization.
A: Lives are being changed one day, one food box, one smile at a time. Each year over 350,000 people are being served in Oregon – in every ZIP code of the State. In Western Lane County food, clothing and emergency services are offered through partner organizations and agencies.

Q: What are your greatest accomplishments so far, this year?
A: The Salvation Army in Western Lane County has established a dedicated trust fund. Bequests and other gifts can be dedicated to this fund so that your donations are restricted to serving others in this area. Contact Bill Olson to learn more about such giving.

Moneys raised in Western Lane County, unless designated for other purposes, are allocated to partner agencies and organizations and provided by volunteers. Rural services such as food, clothing, transportation, prescriptions and shelter are offered through the Service Extension Program. Over 15,000 individuals in rural areas were served last year.

Q: Do you have a personal story that describes the impact your organization has had in the community?
A: In both 2016 and 2017, the Red Kettle Campaign led by local resident Janet Snow raised over \$15,000 which was among the highest per capita successes in Oregon and nationally for a rural community.

Q: What is your current greatest need?
A: Building a local network of volunteers who support The Salvation Army and its services is our number one need. We do our 'good works' to glorify Jesus Christ and to meet human need and suffering in His Name – join us!

Q: Describe your organizations personality in three words.
A: OTHERS – OTHERS - OTHERS

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