

Fishing from 1B

trap, this season. These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience.

Once in the lake they are considered "trout" and do not require a Combined Angling Tag. Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20 inches may be retained, and these fish will almost all be in that size range.

Mid Coast lakes been stocked with trout throughout the spring. Trout stocking is over until the fall but there still should be fish around to catch. Water temps are great and fish should be hungry.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Chinook, trout

Fall Chinook angling continues and fishing is picking up in tidewater. Trout season continues with some nice cutthroat around. Remember the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8-inches.

Anglers are reminded the two-rod validation is only valid while angling in standing water bodies excluding coastal lakes with wild coho seasons.

Two rods are prohibited on all coastal rivers, tidewater, estuaries and bays.

ALSEA RIVER: Chinook, trout

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SALMON RIVER: Chinook, trout

Fall Chinook fishing is starting to pick up in the estuary and upriver to the hatchery. Trout season continues and there should be some nice cutthroat around. Remember the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8-inches.

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SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook, trout

The Siletz River remains open for fall Chinook and fishing is starting to pick up in tidewater.

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WILSON RIVER: Chinook, steelhead, trout

Fall Chinook fishing opened on the Wilson River Sept. 16.

With the recent rains, there are

probably a few fish sneaking in. Bobber fishing bait, back-bouncing, back-trolling plugs or divers and bait, or casting spinners can all be effective methods.

Anglers are reminded the Wilson River is closed to salmon angling until Dec. 31, upstream of Jordan Creek (River Mile 21.9).

Summer steelhead fishing on the Wilson has been moderate to slow, but there are good numbers of fish throughout the system.

Late September can be a great time to target these fish as cooler nights lower water temps, and fish that have been holding get more active. 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.

Trout season continues with some cutthroat around, but fishing for them in the Wilson's clear summer flows can be tough. Remember, the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8 inches.

YAQUINA RIVER: Chinook, trout

Chinook is open and with the rain early this week fishing is starting to pick up in tidewater. Trout season opened May 22, and there should be some nice cutthroat around.

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COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: Warmwater fish, trout

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.

Rainbow trout are scheduled to be stocked in **POWERS**

POND, BRADLEY LAKE, BUTTERFIELD LAKE, EMPIRE LAKES, and SAUNDERS LAKE during the month of October.

COOS RIVER BASIN: Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish, salmon

Streams and rivers are open to trout fishing until Oct. 31. Anglers are allowed to use bait in streams above tidewater.

Anglers may harvest two trout per day that are a minimum of 8 inches long.

Anglers were catching Chinook salmon from the BLM boat ramp in the lower

estuary up through the Coos River and South Fork Coos River. The bite was best a couple hours before the slack tides.

A few wild coho have been caught lately. There is not a wild coho season inside Coos Bay this year so all wild coho must be released but anglers may keep an adipose fin-clipped hatchery coho.

Salmon anglers are having the best luck trolling cut plug herring behind a flasher.

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