

Fishing from 1B

dog days of fishing:

- Fish early in the morning when waters are cooler and fish are more active.
- Look for fish in deeper water, where it's cooler.
- Focus on warmwater species like bass, crappie, bluegill and walleye.
- Travel to higher elevation lakes and streams where the water, and you, will be cooler.
- Consider a trip to the coast where ocean and bay fishing can be good throughout the summer.'

MID COAST LAKES: Mid coast lakes stocking schedule for this year is posted online. Stocking of mid coast lakes began in February. **Siltcoos Lagoon** will not be stocked this year due to continued low dissolved oxygen. Trout scheduled to be released in Siltcoos Lagoon will be diverted to **Cleawox Lake**. In addition, fishing for warm-water species such as bass and

other panfish should improve through June as water temperatures warm and these fish get more active. **Ollala Reservoir, Mercer Lake, Siltcoos Lake and Tahkenitch Lake** have warm water species available.

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SILETZ RIVER: *Steelhead, spring Chinook, cutthroat trout*

Summer steelhead are in the river. Fishing is good in the lower gorge. Casting spinners,

drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

Spring Chinook are available in the Siletz. Be aware of the regulations for the Siletz, 1 wild Chinook per day and two for the season through July 31.

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- **Note:** The 3.5 mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is *now* open to motorized vehicles, but is only open to public vehicles on the weekend.

Anglers can walk/bike in the road during the weekdays. If anglers do walk in they can park at the one mile gate and start from there.

SIUSLAW RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

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WILSON RIVER: *Steelhead, spring Chinook, trout*

Summer steelhead are present in decent numbers. Low clear water can make fishing for summer steelhead challenging, but there can be some good action at first and last light, or on those drizzly overcast days. Concentrate on deep pools and deeper riffles. Drift fishing, spinners, and flies are good choices. Light line, small presentations, and fishing the riffles and deep pools at first and last light can increase success.

There are still a few spring Chinook available in the Wilson River, although numbers will be very low, especially considering the low runs we are seeing on other basins.

Cutthroat trout can be found throughout the river, with sea-runs beginning to enter tidal areas. Fishing should be fair to good, with spinners or flies good bets for success.

YAQUINA RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

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COOS COUNTY LAKES/PONDS: *Trout*

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trout stocking begins around March 1 (see stocking schedule).

COOS RIVER BASIN: *Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish, trout*

Streams and rivers are open to trout fishing. Trout anglers are having success using small spinners or flies. Anglers can use only artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater. The daily limit for trout in streams is 2 fish per day and they must be 8-inches or longer.

Recreational fishing for bottomfish is open in the ocean along with bays and estuaries.

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