

# OREGON, WASHINGTON SET 2019 SUMMER, FALL SALMON SEASONS

Oregon and Washington fishery managers recently announced seasons and regulations for 2019 summer and fall Columbia River fisheries.

Although coho returns are projected to be much better than recent runs, below-average projections for summer Chinook, fall Chinook, sockeye and upriver summer steelhead will require another year of reduced seasons and bag

limits, and in some cases closures for these runs.

The summer season will be limited to steelhead retention. The weak summer Chinook forecast of 35,900 fish returning to the Columbia River would be the lowest return since 2000 and too small to provide for directed harvest in non-treaty fisheries.

Similar to 2018, sockeye retention will also be prohibited due to projected

low escapement.

The fall seasons will start Aug. 1 based on a projected return of 349,700 fall Chinook, which is almost 20 percent higher than the actual return of 293,400 last year.

This year's forecast includes 159,250 upriver bright Chinook, compared to a return of 149,000 in 2018. The allowed harvest rate of 8.25 percent on this stock is down from 15 per-

cent available during many recent years, resulting in shorter fall Chinook retention seasons.

"The reduced harvest rate for upriver bright fall Chinook has made it challenging to design fall recreational fisheries the last two years," said John North, fisheries manager for ODFW's Columbia River Program. "Working with the public in the recent season-setting pro-

cess, we tried to balance opportunity with management constraints for fall Chinook and steelhead."

Due to the low projected returns for upriver summer steelhead, additional protective regulations are needed this fall including a one steelhead daily bag limit and area-specific steelhead retention closures. The rolling 1- to 2-month closures start in August and progress upriver

following the steelhead return to reduce take of both hatchery and wild fish. These closures affect the main-stem Columbia and the lower reaches of specific tributaries.

For more information about upcoming Columbia River seasons, including regulation updates, visit ODFW's online fishing reports at [www.myodfw.com](http://www.myodfw.com).

## Athletes from 1B

**Elijah Blankenship**; Mapleton sophomore **JJ Neece**, a three-sport, all-

league athlete at Mapleton who went to state in four events at the 1A state track meet this year; **Ryan Jennings**, a three-sport sophomore athlete at

Siuslaw who advanced to state in wrestling and track; Siuslaw sophomore **Skyler Loomis**, a three-sport athlete and all-leaguer in basketball and track; Siuslaw

junior **Brendon Jensen**, a cross country and track standout with all-league nods in both sports; **Matthew Horrillo**, a three-sport athlete at Siuslaw

who advanced to state in wrestling; Mapleton junior and three-sport athlete **Nate Neece**, who received all-league honors in football and basketball.

This year's awards dinner, and announcement of the 2018-19 Athletes of the Year, will take place June 6 at Siuslaw High School.

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## Fishing from 1B

Bobber fishing with jigs/bait, casting lures, and drift fishing are great techniques to catch a Siletz summer steelhead.

Fishing will improve in May and peaks mid-June through July/August and then continues to produce fish until the heavy rains come in the fall.

The 4.0-mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is 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.

Trout fishing will re-open on the Siletz next week on May 22, time to get the trout gear ready for the 2019 season.

**SILTCOOS and TAHKENITCH LAKES:**  
*Warmwater species*

Warmwater fishing has been improving on Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes. The recent warm weather is warming up the water and getting the warmwater fish more active. The spawning season is in full swing and many fish will be found in the shallows creating some good fishing opportunities.

Siltcoos also gets stocked rainbow trout, check the stocking schedule for numbers and dates of stockings.

**ALSEA RIVER:**  
*Cutthroat trout*

Trout fishing in streams opens next week on May

face. Good luck, have fun and say 'thank you' to all the ODFW volunteers you see out there because they make these events possible," Boyles added.

Each Family Fishing pond will be regularly stocked with trout by

22, time to get the trout gear ready; winter steelhead fishing closed for the season on April 30.

**WILSON RIVER:**  
*Steelhead, Chinook, cutthroat trout*

The summer steelhead run is starting on the Wilson River and a few fish have been caught. Hopefully the light rain and cooler temperatures will improve catch rates this week.

The run will improve through this month and June, and fish will be available throughout the summer. Bobber fishing with jigs/bait/beads, casting lures, and drift fishing are great techniques to catch a summer steelhead.

The river is low and clear, so fishing light tackle and starting early are keys to success in this fishery.

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**TENMILE LAKES:**  
*Trout, warmwater species, largemouth bass*

Conditions should be prime for bass, crappie, bluegill, and brown bullhead catfish angling at this time. Anglers also use small jigs or a worm on a hook fished near the bottom to catch yellow perch this time of year.

The Tenmile Lakes have been stocked with legal-size rainbow trout. Tenmile Lakes provide some nice holdover trout this time of year, and some can measure over 17-inches long. Try trolling slowly with a "wedding ring" type lure, tipped with a worm, to catch these larger trout.

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ODFW. Anyone unable to participate in these fishing events can explore many other fishing, hunting or wildlife viewing opportunities at ODFW's recreation website, including classes and workshops held for all ages, at [MyODFW.com](http://MyODFW.com).

The river is closed to all fishing during the annual shutdown from May 1 through May 21. The river opens to bass and trout fishing May 22.

**WINCHESTER BAY:**  
*Bottomfish, perch*

Fishing in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful.

**PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES:**  
*Bottomfish, salmon, halibut, surfperch*

Bottomfishing has been good when the ocean lays down and anglers have been able to make it out.

Bottomfishing is restricted to inside the 40-fathom regulatory line. Fishing for lingcod and rockfish has been good when the ocean is calm enough to fish. The daily bag limit for marine fish is 5, plus 2 lingcod. The retention of cabezon is closed until July 2019.

Anglers may also choose to fish the offshore longleader fishery outside of the 40-fathom regulatory line, which is open year-round.

The longleader fishery has a daily bag limit of 10 fish made of yellowtail, widow, canary, blue, deacon, redstripe, greenstripe, silvergray and bocaccio rockfish. No other groundfish are allowed and offshore longleader fishing trips can not be combined with traditional bottomfish, flatfish or halibut trips.

Ocean salmon fishing for Chinook salmon from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt is open. Chinook must be a minimum of 24-inches long. The ocean is closed to coho salmon.

• **PACIFIC HALIBUT:**  
The all-depth halibut season off the central coast opened with success for many anglers, although fishing was scratchy at times, and halibut were reportedly not in the typical areas.

• **SHORE AND ESTUARY FISHING:**  
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opportunities to catch surfperch and baitfish and to drop crab pots (but check first for crab health safety closures).

Surfperch are available in the surf year-round along sandy beaches and rocky shore, with the best fishing (and safest fishing) occurring when swells are small.

Spring is traditionally a great time to fish for bay perch. Striped seaperch, pile perch, wall-eye surfperch, white seaperch, and shiner surfperch can be found near rocks, docks or pilings in bays.

Some bay anglers use a #4 or #6 hook secured 24-30 inches below a 1- to 2-ounce sinker on 8- to 10-pound line.

Baits include sand and kelp worms, sand shrimp, clam necks and mussels. Keep the line close to rocks or alongside pilings.

• **RAZOR CLAMS:** For the Central Coast area, diggers have been able to harvest limits on some specific sandbars, but until the beaches build up through the spring, the flat sandy areas with a good abundance of clams will be accessible only at tide levels well below 0.0.

Diggers report mixed success at Newport beaches as well as difficulty seeing shows at times.

• **BAY CLAMS:** Bay clamming is open along the entire Oregon Coast from the Columbia River to the California border. Always call the ODA shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 before harvesting for the most current information about shellfish safety closures.

• **CRAB:** Central coast crabbing in Alsea and Yaquina bays has been fair to moderate by boat with less success for Dungeness from shore. In addition to Dungeness crab, another Oregon native present in some of Oregon's estuaries is the red rock crab.

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