

Fishing from 1B

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Trout fishing in the Siuslaw basin (including Lake Creek) is open until Oct. 31 and provides a great, often overlooked opportunity into the fall months.

ALSEA RIVER: Fall Chinook, cutthroat trout

Fall Chinook fishing remains steady on the Alsea with some days better than others but anglers are catching fish every day. The lower sections of the tidewater have slowed down as many of the fish are now holding in the upper portions of the estuary.

Last week's rain pushed some fish up into the river but the majority of fish are still staging in the tidewater. The warm and dry conditions this week will keep fish staging in the estuary waiting for the next rain event.

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Cutthroat trout fishing is open on the Alsea River until Oct. 31.

SALMON RIVER: Cutthroat trout, fall Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing improved on the Salmon River with last week's rainstorms. Many fish moved up into the river and into the hatchery providing some good opportunity for the bank anglers. This week's low and dry conditions will hold the majority

of fish in the estuary waiting for the next rain event scheduled to arrive late next week.

SILETZ RIVER: Summer steelhead, fall Chinook, cutthroat trout

Summer steelhead fishing is still slow but conditions are good right now to catch a late summer steelhead. The recent fall rains have cooled the water temperatures and will have the summer steelhead on the bite once again.

Fall Chinook fishing continues to be steady on the Siletz. Anglers are catching fish every day and are now spread throughout the system. Last week's rain pushed a good number of fish up into the river but the river dropped quickly and now the majority of fish will continue to hold in the estuary waiting for the next big rain event.

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Cutthroat trout fishing is open in the Siletz basin until Oct. 31. This is a great time to target the larger sea-run cutthroat that move into the rivers this time of year.

WILSON RIVER: Chinook, steelhead, cutthroat trout

The Wilson is predicted to come up almost a foot with this week's rains; that should be enough to start a few Chinook upstream.

Summer steelhead fishing has been slow should pick up with this week's rain and provide a good opportunity. The rain and change in temperatures can get fish that have been holding and lock-jawed more active, and increase the odds of hooking up. Also, most of the swimming recreation activity has let up, so fish shouldn't be as spooked.

During recent resting pool counts, the number of summer steelhead in the Wilson River was up slightly from last year, but still well below the 10-year average. The majority of fish observed were in the upper river.

YAQUINA RIVER: Fall Chinook, cutthroat trout

Fall Chinook fishing has been fair on the Yaquina River as of late. Last week's rain storms

moved a few fish up into the river but the majority of the fish remain staging in the estuary waiting for more rain. Fish are now spread throughout the tidewater up to Elk City.

Anglers are reminded that due to low forecasted returns for the 2020 season bag limits have been reduced on the Yaquina/Big Elk Rivers. The bag limit for the Yaquina/Big Elk is 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the 2020 season.

COOS RIVER BASIN: Trout, marine perch species, salmon

Fishing for rockfish in the lower Coos Bay estuary has been decent while fishing along the jetty and submerged rock structures. Smaller jigs with a twister tail or 1-ounce jigging spoons have been working to catch rockfish and greenling. The daily bag limit for marine fish was recently increased to 7, which for boat anglers cannot include any copper, quillback, China rockfish, or cabezon.

Bank anglers can still retain one copper, quillback or China rockfish and 1 cabezon as part of their daily bag limit. Boat and bank anglers are also allowed 2 lingcod per day.

Temporary wild fall Chinook regulations are in effect starting Aug. 1 for salmon anglers fishing in Coos Bay. Anglers cannot harvest no more than one (1) adult wild Chinook salmon daily/five (5) for the period of Aug 1 - Dec 31 from all waters of Coos River basin, Floras Creek/ New River, and Sixes River. See specific rules for Floras/New River and Sixes.

Salmon fishing was slow over the past week. The anglers having the best

success are trolling the SOMAR to the forks of the Millcoma/South Fork Coos rivers.

TENMILE LAKES: Trout, warmwater species, largemouth bass

Topwater bass fishing has been very good the past week on Tenmile Lake. Anglers have also caught bass using shallow diving crankbaits or wacky rigged stick baits. As the aquatic vegetation starts to die off, largemouth bass will move to harder structures like submerged logs.

Yellow perch fishing has been excellent this past week. Yellow perch have been in 15-18 feet of water and are biting on small jigs or a worm on a hook. Some of the yellow perch harvested have measured up to 13 inches long. If you fish and area for 10-15 minutes without a bite, it's time to move to another location.

The wild coho fishery opened on Tenmile Lake on Oct. 1. Anglers are allowed to harvest 1 wild coho per day and 5 for the season in aggregate with Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes. A couple anglers were trolling for coho this past weekend on Tenmile Lake but the water level is very low, and it will be a while before significant numbers of coho arrive.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: CLOSED

The entire South Umpqua and tributaries closed after Sept. 15 as part of the annual closure to protect salmon.

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

Bottomfishing is open to all depths. The daily bag limit for marine fish was increased to 7 through the end of the year. But anglers must release all cabezon,

copper, quillback and China rockfish when fishing from a boat.

Anglers are also allowed 2 lingcod per day.

Anglers may also choose to fish the offshore long-leader 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 yellow-

tail, widow, canary, blue, deacon, redstripe, greenstripe, silvergray, chillipepper, and bocaccio rockfish.

No other groundfish are allowed and offshore long-leader fishing trips cannot be combined with traditional bottomfish, flatfish or halibut trips. Find information about a longleader setup here.

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