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Member Catch of the Month



Chapter member Tom Blank shows off the Yaquina tidewater Chinook that he and fellow member John Sandberg caught on October 22nd. They were trolling wiggle warts.

Fishing Report

Success for fall Chinook on mid-coast tidewater has been spotty, at best, during the last month. With the recent rains, many fish have moved into the lower rivers and are now fortunately off limits. The Siletz is closed for Chinook above Morgan Park and the Alsea is closed above Five Rivers (RM 21). I would personally like to see ODFW take a good look at these regulations for the future. If full spawning and recruitment potential is ensured by these permanent deadlines, it might be a wise insurance policy when ocean conditions are poor. When survival is good it could only result in a lot of returning adults and great tidewater fishing. Lots of returning adult fall Chinook in coastal streams would not be "wasted fish" in my mind. Most are poor table fare anyway. Just my two cents.

The Deschutes River is experiencing the best run in about ten years. Plenty of fish are available from Warm Springs to the mouth. These fish hold their quality in both fight and eating. The weather is drier too!

Fish Counts

As of October 26th, 1,312 Fall Chinook have crossed Willamette Falls. This compares to 2,486 by this date last year and only 150 fish in 2007. The Coho count is now at 23,356. This compares to 3,625 last year and 976 by this date in 2007. Coho jack counts are almost as high as last year, so there should be plenty of Coho in the upper Willamette system again next year.

Radio tagging of some of these Coho should tell ODFW where these fish end up spawning. If suitable spawning habitat is available, we should see decent runs of these wild fish on into the future. Now, if we can figure out how and where to catch them!

The Foster Trap is closed due to spill-gate repairs.

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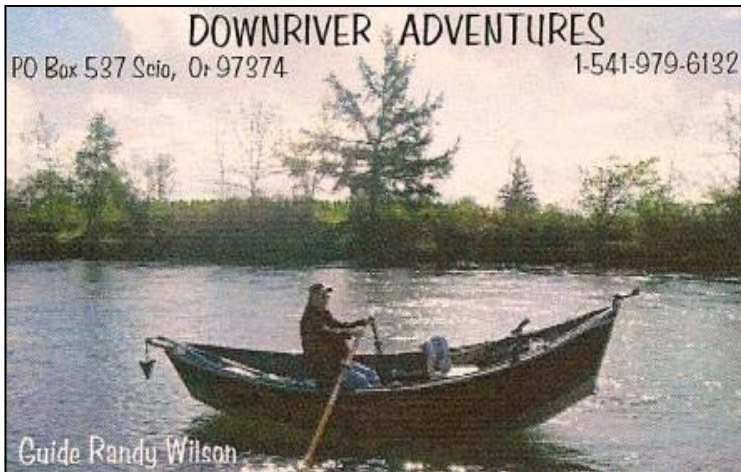
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South Santiam Steelhead Spawning Season Coming


Brett Boyd says that the spawning season should start the second or third week of December. They'll know for sure in early December, after checking the brood stock.

There will be a notice emailed when we know more. Talk to Don Wenzel if you need more information (926-8146).



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November Program
November 4th at 7:00 pm Albany Senior Center

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Mark Your Calendars!

November 4th– Chapter meeting at 7:00pm
November 18th– Chapter Board meeting at 7:00pm
December 2nd - Chapter meeting at 7:00pm
December 16th– Chapter Board meeting at 7:00pm
January 6th– Chapter meeting at 7:00pm
January 15th– Cub Scout Lock-In

ODFW Needs Help

Volunteers are needed to help with processing adult salmon and steelhead at the Oregon Hatchery Research Center, located west of Corvallis near Waldport. Up to 5 volunteers are needed for each shift. The work is outdoors and entails handling large adult fish repeatedly. Each fish will have a scale sample removed for age analysis, length measured, digital photo taken, species and sex identified, and tissue samples taken for analysis.

Dates: From late October thru April, Mondays & Wednesday's.

Time: All day or half day shifts available. 7:30 to 4:30pm with a 1 hour lunch break, please bring a sack lunch.

Where: OHRC is located on Fall Creek road off Hwy 34, 12 miles west of Alsea.



Supplies: Please dress according to weather and bring your own raingear & waders if you have them. OHRC does have some gear on hand if needed.

To sign up: Contact Ryan Couture at 541-487-5510 x100 or by email ryan.b.couture@state.or.us to sign up for a shift and get more details.


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2009-2010 ANWS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

For nearly fifty years the Association of Northwest Steelheaders has been effective as a result of these efforts:

- Advocacy
- Conservation
- Membership
- Fundraising
- Communication

To be effective in the next 50 years, we must recruit new members. As an **incentive**, we are launching a membership campaign that **will reward those members who help us reach our goal!**

Our goal is to grow membership by 50 percent! To do that we will employ several different strategies, including introductory memberships, direct mailings to existing and lapsed members, extensive print ad utilization (*Salmon Trout Steelhead* and *Salmon Steelhead Journal*), radio air time (Outback Angler), physical appearances at various shows and events, and more.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The ANWS Membership Drive will reward members who recruit new members starting immediately, and running until February 10, 2010. Valuable prizes will be awarded to those who help us achieve our goal; every new member signed up is good for at least one chance in our quarterly drawings. These awards include:

- Guided Fishing Trips
- Rods
- Reels
- Tackle
- Limited Edition Art Prints
- And more gear!

There are several ways to gain additional chances. Remember that each new member gained automatically earns you one chance in the drawings. Should you recruit a new Business or Life Membership, you gain ten more entries. As an added bonus for those who recruit 10 new members, they will automatically receive an additional ten chances for every ten members they recruit. Top recruiters will also be recognized for their efforts!

QUESTIONS, RULES, ETC.

Full "Rules" copies will be available at the Member's Meetings, or by notifying Richard Smith at 541-924-0248. Good luck and let's help GROW ANWS!

