



Summer Newsletter

This years cool wet weather has everything a bit late. The spring run salmon are still in both the Columbia and Willamette in very good numbers. The rivers are acting more like it is late May than late June. Because of these cool wet conditions and the huge snow pack the rivers will stay cooler than normal with higher flows. These are prime conditions for salmon fishing all summer long and into the fall months.

Willamette River Spring Salmon: Still lots of fish in the Willamette. Most likely a couple good weeks left for a Willamette Springer. Limit is two per person.



Columbia River Summer Chinook "King" Salmon – June Hogs: Mid June is the start of our summer chinook fishing season. These fish are some of the biggest and best eating of any salmon anywhere. A June Hog as they are also known on average weighs in around 35 lbs going up to and over 60. These fish are incredible and this years run is going to be a good one. With the late spring salmon season the two runs will overlap making for even better numbers of fish. The summer fish historically went over 100 pounds (see photo below). We do not have any of those fish left but the ones we do have are still huge. They are very aggressive biters and very hard fighters. The bonus is that they bite small lures that the ½ million steelhead that are swimming with them like as well. So you catch steelhead and big king salmon at the same time. The season this year will be late June through July. The limit on these is 2 fish per person. We will still be salmon fishing into Aug but after August 1 the rules change to fall chinook rules. I do have some





Illustration 1: A little historical June Hog info

open dates for this one if you would like to catch a big salmon in some of the best weather we have here in Oregon. **The season for these is mid June to early August with this year July being the best month.**

A big sturgeon catching some air, notice boat in the background, that's a big boat.



Giant Sturgeon: We have been catching the big sturgeon since early May. Again this years cooler wetter weather will have the early peak season which is usually May and June extending into mid July. The shad run is still going strong so we will have some great giant sturgeon fishing in July. Our second peak season that runs September to early November is always a good one. The September season is the first month we can fish the spawning sanctuary in the Columbia river gorge. This is a very popular fishery so early booking is a very good idea. These big fish average 8foot 300 lbs and often go over 13feet 1000 lbs. A typical day is several of these giants hooked per day. We fish both the Columbia and Willamette for these big fish. In September it is possible to do combo trips for fall king salmon and giant sturgeon. We have plenty of bait all loaded in the freezers for you to catch the biggest fish of your life.



September is one of the best months for the giant sturgeon, June and July is prime time for summer king salmon and steelhead call us today to reserve your dates

Fall King Salmon – Columbia River: The Columbia river fall king salmon run this year is going to be one of the largest we have had in many years. The limit this year for fall king salmon is going to be two fish per person and wild fish are OK to keep. We haven't had a two fish per person limit on fall kings on the Columbia river for decades. These fall fish are made up of many different runs of salmon from many different rivers feeding the Columbia. The prized salmon on the Columbia in the fall run is the Upriver Bright which is the last healthy run of totally wild fish on the Columbia. **This years run is predicted to be around 800,000 fish. These are the big 50 pounders and this year you can keep two after early September.** The run starts in Astoria in August at the popular buoy 10

fishery in the Columbia river estuary where its a mix of ocean fresh chinook (king) and coho (silver) salmon. Late August the chinook fishery shifts upriver where its mainly a king show. Reserve early for this one its going to be a good one. We will be fishing for the Columbia river fall fish from late August into early October this year. Peak season is September.

Columbia River Walleye:

This year we will be offering Walleye trips in late July and August for those that want to chase some really good eating fish.



Call us today to reserve your dates

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